

# **Whitchurch Rambling Club**

## **Minutes of Committee Meeting 11 January 2012**

Held in The Bell at 8:00pm

Present: Charles Roach, Richard Cann, Nick Copp, Eve Jordan, Jean Cann, Julie Roach, Barry Thomas, Jill Thomas, Maureen Evans, Brian Bent

Apologies from Jackie Browne, to whom Julie sends best wishes and thanks.

### **1. Minutes of the last meeting**

Chas read these and there were no matters arising.

### **2. Skittles**

Eve had given Chas a brochure for The Phoenix, which would cost from £10 to £12 each. The White Hart, Stoke is still an option. What was the Skittle Alley at The George & Dragon is now accommodation. The Northbrook Arms did not appear to have a skittle alley. The Cart & Horses charge for use of the alley.

Jill reported that coaches would cost around £170 for 17 seats or £200 for 22 seats from Parnhams or £200 for 25 seats from Pikes.

After some discussion it was agreed that the club would subsidise 50% of the transport, the venue would be The White Hart, Stoke on 25 February (or 3 March) – as Jackie had offered to arrange this Chas would talk to her - Jill will find out when coaches would be available, and we would investigate Jurgen's availability (although it would be much preferred not to have multiple trips). We would like transport to leave Whitchurch at 7pm outside the old post office, and depart Stoke at 11pm.

### **3. Walking Programme**

Chas had received no response from members concerning the programme. Julie proposed that Brian and Richard compile the programme of walks at their leisure. The draft list would be circulated to the committee to give leaders the opportunity to volunteer. The programme would be finalised at another Committee Meeting.

### **4. Parties**

Maureen and Jean are still to liaise and decide dates. It was decided that the format of both parties should be the same as last year. Julie suggested that someone other than Maureen be assigned the task of organising The Puddings at the BBQ. Details would be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

### **5. Walking Weekend**

It was thought that the Isle of Wight might be too expensive. We decided not to return to Purbeck, and that Shropshire would be too far to travel.

Julie re-iterated her comment from last year: that we should already have 2012 booked and now be looking at 2013.

Barry suggested that we could re-visit Branscombe and Chas agreed get details, but in the meantime everyone was asked to look for alternatives within a 100 mile radius and preferably charging no more than £100 per room per night for B & B.

The date would be 12 to 14 October.

## **6. AOB**

Maureen asked about Sunday walks (which were ceased a few years ago due to lack of interest) and it was decided to include walks on the 3rd Sunday of the month for 3 months, and that these would be included on the published lists.

Nick mentioned that the uptake of the credit card sized lists had been low, and it was suggested that Jackie distribute these when she receives subscriptions.

Barry offered to investigate the possibility of a picnic in the 'Hidden Valley' near Vernham on a Sunday other than the 3rd in the month.

Julie reminded us that Eve had suggested an outing to see Heather's trees, and it was agreed that this could be one of the Sunday walks.

## **7. Date of next meeting**

15 February 2012

The meeting finished at 21:25