

Whitchurch Rambling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting on 29 August 2012

Held in The Bell at 8:00pm

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

1. Introduction

The Chairman opened the meeting, stating that the purpose was to discuss things that might change as a result of the AGM, and to see if the current committee members were prepared to stand again should the AGM so request.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Chas paraphrased the minutes.

3. Matters Arising

It was noted that arrangements for the 2013 Walking Weekend had not yet been discussed, and decided that it would be raised at the AGM.

4. Changes to Committee

Jackie has decided to stand down as Treasurer, and Nick wants to offload the minute taking part of Secretary, but has volunteered for the Treasurer's job and to continue as 'Webmaster'.

Chas stated that he would be sending out an email prior to the AGM among other things asking for any proposals for the new Committee, but in any case asked those gathered if anyone was prepared to take on the role of Secretary.

After a resounding silence Chas suggested that he could make notes during the meetings and produce the minutes himself.

Julie proposed that we not produce formal minutes, but instead produce 'Next Steps', listing the decisions made and actions to be done. This was well received, and Julie agreed to take that on (subject to the AGM).

Apart from Jackie, who has an increasing workload from the Silk Mill and the Gill Nethercott Centre, everyone else was prepared to remain on the Committee.

5. Wednesday Walks

Chas noted that the Walking for Health walk during the day on a Wednesday appeared to be detracting from our membership, and that the organisers had never contacted us (established since 1955) for any discussion. At the AGM Chas will (if still the Chairman) suggest that he contact Walking for Health to talk about alternative days for them or us.

6. Wednesday Walks Programme

Chas asked if Brian and Richard would be prepared to devise the walking programme again, which they would, and if anyone else would be interested in joining in. There followed numerous comments including several along the lines of making the walks shorter so they could be slower.

7. Sunday Walks

Chas commented that we should remind people about them a week or so beforehand, and that the more popular walks appeared to be those which started at a pub and lasted about 1½ hours.

8. Social Events and AOB

Chas commented that we had settled into a routine of doing Skittles, Christmas Dinner, Summer Party, BBQ and Walking Weekend, and asked for comment. It was felt that the BBQ had been at the ideal time this year.

It was provisionally decided that, rather than asking for suggestions at the AGM, the Skittles be at The White Hart, Stoke, and Chas would investigate Christmas Dinner at The Red House and The Red Lion.

It was generally felt that we needed to publicise everything more. A5 size fliers was strongly suggested.

The next meeting would be shortly after the AGM, on 20 September at The Bell.

Club funds were discussed and it was felt that a balance of around £200 would be sufficient.

The meeting ended at 21:43.