



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2018
AT TADCASTER SOCIAL CLUB**

1. The Annual General Meeting was opened at 7.30pm, by the Chairman, Michael Arnold, welcoming all members.
2. Twenty hardy members attended the meeting, despite the Siberian weather. Apologies were recorded for a further 20.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 28th February 2017, have been seen and agreed as a true record. Proposed by Geoff Ballance, seconded by Felicity Hill.
4. **Chairman's Review.**

Michael reported that the Club continues to run successfully, with good attendance and a full programme of walks. Thanks to Sue for introducing the 3-monthly walks programme, there have been walks scheduled for most Tuesdays, and many weekends. With the majority of members using the internet, we now have the flexibility to add walks or alter them when necessary, as in the recent bad weather.

In addition to the impressive number of around 90 organised walks in the last year, there were several other walking opportunities. A 2 day walking break in Derbyshire organised by Carol, 2 nights at Cober Hill organised by Pat, a week's walking in the Austrian Tyrol, and a very wet Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge. A useful way to find the latest information on walks is the club website, thanks to Roderic, who keeps it well up to date. Members were reminded that the photo section, managed by Edward, could be used more.

The ever popular Christmas walk and lunch at the Arabian Horse, Aberford, with Christmas songs from Wetherby Choral, was organised by Kath and Geoff.

Thanks also to Dave and Sue for the Annual Dinner and Quiz at Wetherby Golf Club, which again went very well.

Thank you to everyone who contributes, in varying ways, to make the club work.
5. **Walk Co-Ordinator's Review.**

Sue thanked all members who had led walks during the year, sometimes stepping in at short notice. Adrian Lockwood was particularly helpful in this respect. Sue thanked to those who have already offered to lead walks for the next 3-monthly programme, which starts on 1st April, and asked for volunteers to fill the gaps.
6. **Secretary's Report.**

Members were deeply saddened by the deaths of Kath Bailey and Martin Overton, who was very active in the early years of the Club.

Membership now stands at 84. Despite a number of enquires about membership, only 2 new members joined in the last year, Dee Lockwood and Josie Glassby. It may be that our walks are more suited to experienced walkers.
7. **Treasurer's Annual Review.**

Kath presented the Financial Statement for the year ending 31 January 2018, showing that the Club began the year £169.99 in credit, and ended £135.49. The secretary's expenses amount to around £20 per year.

8. Election of New Committee

Kath wished to stand down as Treasurer, and members had been asked for nominations for a successor. Martin Nulty was proposed by Edward, seconded by Frances. There being no further nominations, Martin was unanimously elected. Kath was presented with a plant arrangement, a card, and a vote of thanks for all she has done for the Club in the last four years.

The other 3 committee members were prepared to stand again, and were unanimously re-elected.

Ordinary Meeting

Items for discussion were as follows: -

1. The Walks.

Members are happy with the formula of a short walk, say 5-7miles, every alternate Tuesday, and walks of any length on the other Tuesdays and at weekends.

2. Walks for the coming year.

Members are reminded of the need to keep volunteering to lead walks. The new 3-monthly programme means that members do not need to commit to dates too far ahead.

The programme for 1st April to 30th June is almost complete, but Sue is also accepting walks for July to September. [Note added later by the Secretary. “ the walks programme for 1st April to 30th June was almost complete..” : in fact Sue still needs more walks.]

3. Car share costs.

Members agreed that car mileage to remain at 25p per mile, divided between the passengers.

4. Joining Fee.

The joining fee remains at £2, a one-off payment.

5. Christmas Walk and Lunch.

This annual event went so well that it is hard to see how it can be improved, so Kath and Geoff were asked if they would consider organising the meal once more at the Arabian Horse for next Christmas. Happily they agreed.

6. Annual Dinner.

This year's dinner and quiz, again organised by Sue and Dave, was another success. Once again, the food was excellent, and Dave's quiz so popular, that we would like a similar event next year. Sue and Dave agreed to organise again.

7. Any other business.

Joyce Webster gave the results of this year's "Know Tadcaster" competition, which was organised by Walkers are Welcome.

Pat noted that the Club will have been in existence for 20 years next year and proposed that we do something different to mark this Anniversary, perhaps a meal or get-together. Joyce has records which will provide information about the first walk etc. Pat will look into possible venues and discuss further.

With no other matters arising, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.