



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2019
AT TADCASTER SOCIAL CLUB**

1. The Annual General Meeting was opened at 7.30pm, by the Chairman, Michael Arnold, welcoming all members. The meeting was attended by 27 members, Michael and Kate Arnold, Mary Auton, Kath Ballance, Hilary Battye, Pat and Stuart Bowman, Jo Curtis, Edward French, Jean Hanby, Chris Hawkin, Felicity Hill, Joan Horner, Sue Howard, Jillian Lawson, Adrian and Dee Lockwood, Martin Nulty, Pat Overton, Lyn Parkin, Carol Pettifar, Mary Ramsden, Christine Snowdon, Eddie and Joan Thomas, Peter Watkins, and Joyce Webster.
2. Apologies were accepted from Geoff Balance, Ken and Lavina Beaumont, John and Elaine Chapman, Steve Cobb, Edna Feenan, Denise and Steve Gorton, John Haithwaite, Dave Howard, Maura and John Hunt, Joy Ingram, Angela and Derek Marshall and Roderic Parker.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 27th February 2018, have been seen and agreed as a true record. Proposed by Edward French, seconded by Adrian Lockwood.
- 4. Chairman's Review of the past 12 months**
Michael reported that the club continues to run smoothly, with a full and varied programme of walks. We have visited country parks, canals, rivers, waterfalls, the Moors, the Dales, the Peak District, the coast, RSPB reserves, and a 2 night holiday at Cober Hill.
The shorter walks, every alternate Tuesday, attract between 15 and 28 members, whilst the longer walks average 10 to 12 members.
Michael thanked Roderic Parker for keeping the 'Latest news' pages of the website up to the minute. Members were reminded to continue to submit photos for the web photograph album, which is managed by Edward, and is a worthwhile record of walks.
Michael thanked Kath and Geoff Ballance for another excellent Christmas Lunch and walk, also Sue and Dave Howard and quiz-master John Hunt, for a most enjoyable Annual Dinner. These events have become popular landmarks in the Club calendar.
Thanks also went to all the walks-leaders, drivers, and everyone else who has helped to make the club work so well.
- 5. Walk Co-Ordinator's Review.**
2018 was the best year yet for the number of club walks, and after a muddy start, we had a glorious summer. We have walked virtually every Tuesday and Saturday, and covered about 950 miles. The longest walk was the 20+ mile Harrogate Round, led by Maura, the shortest was the Farndale Daffodil walk 3.5 miles, led by Pat Bowman, and a host of enjoyable and varied walks in between.
A huge thank you to all walk leaders, especially Michael, who has led 17 walks.
The 3-monthly programme is working well, as we all find it hard to plan 6 months ahead. Leaders can now reserve a date, and announce walk details nearer the time. Thanks to Roderic, details are posted on our website as soon as they are available.
- 6. Secretary's Report.**
Fifteen new members joined this year, bringing the total membership up to 98. The new members are Jane Berry, Dave Howard the second, Adrian Parkin, Kath Grainger, Maryanne Pritchard, Jo Curtis, Denise

Rodgers, Jane Middleton, Gillian Rowe, Jane Steel, Peter Watkins, Marilyn Gill, Sara Robinson, Karen Burton, and Gill Barber.

90% of members have provided an email address. Those without email are provided with printed copies of walks programmes and certain other club notices, but they should be responsible for obtaining details of walks, either from our website, www.tadcasterwalking.co.uk or through their agreed internet buddy.

We know that there are members who, although unable to come on walks, still wish to be kept informed of Club activities. If you are one of these members, or you are getting too many emails, please contact me.

7. Treasurer's Annual Review.

Martin presented the club accounts for the year ended 31 January 2019. The accounts showed that although £1,056.00 had passed through the account at the time of the Annual Dinner, the Club's only income was £30 in new member subscriptions. After secretarial expenses of £36.76, the Club's reserves now stand at £128.73, which is quite acceptable.

8. Election of New Committee

The present Committee were all prepared to stand again if members agreed, and were unanimously re-elected. Lyn Parkin offered a vote of thanks to Committee members for their work.

Ordinary Meeting

Items for discussion were as follows: -

1. Walks and holidays for the coming year.

Pat reported that a trip to Cober Hill on 8th to 10th July was already booked, but there may still be places available for a few more.

Michael listed many other possibilities, including a descent of Gaping Ghyll, a crossing of Morecambe Bay, and an overnight walk to observe the night sky. Adrian offered to book a climbing hut for an overnight stay. These and other ideas will no doubt continue to be discussed on walks.

2. Car share costs.

Although fuel costs may have reduced, the overall running costs for vehicles are generally higher, so it was agreed that car mileage should remain at 25p per mile, divided between the passengers.

3. Joining Fee.

The joining fee remains at £2, a one-off payment. Proposed by Dee, seconded by Kate.

4. 20th Anniversary Celebration

The Committee have been discussing this, and are proposing a short walk followed by a get-together with food, so past and present members could be involved. This idea gained general approval, and the Committee will proceed with plans.

5. Christmas Walk and Lunch.

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

6. Annual Dinner.

Sue and Dave would like to take a break from organising the Annual Dinner for the next year. There were no volunteers to take on the task, so the matter was adjourned.

7. Any other business.

Edward proposed that the grading of walks be changed. Discussed and Grades 1-3 adopted.

Michael proposed a small change to our Constitution, item 12, to reflect the change from 6 monthly to 3 monthly walks programmes. Adopted.

Joyce Webster reminded walkers that anyone seeking easier walks could join the Health Walks – information at the Doctors surgery, or the WI monthly walks, which are open to all.

With no other matters arising, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.