



**TADCASTER COUNTRY WALKING CLUB
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2016
AT TADCASTER SOCIAL CLUB**

1. The Annual General Meeting was opened at 7.30pm, by the Chairman, Michael Arnold, welcoming all members, particularly the new ones.
2. The meeting was attended by 28 members, and apologies were recorded for a further 19.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 16th March 2015 have been seen and agreed as a true record. Proposed by Martin Nulty, seconded by Maura Hunt.

4. Chairman's Review

Michael reported that the Club had completed more than 70 walks in the last year. Some of the most memorable walks were the Yorkshire Three Peaks in May, the Morecambe Bay Crossing led by the Queen's Guide to the sands, and the Pembrokeshire Coastal Path, 186 miles in 13 days. The club has enjoyed another successful year, and the Chairman thanked everyone who has helped to make it so. Roderic for managing the website, Edward for launching the photos on the website, the drivers, the email buddies, John for the Christmas Lunch/walk, Sue and Dave for the Annual Dinner, the members of the committee, and most of all the Walks Leaders.

5. Walk Co-Ordinator's Review

Ken reported that out of more than 70 walks this year, almost all had gone as planned. Walks have ranged from 6 to 14 miles, covering many areas of Yorkshire and some in Derbyshire. Attendance ranged from as low as 3 or 4 up to 26 people, the higher numbers being associated with the shorter, easier local walks.

6. Membership Update

Seven new members have joined this year. They are Graham Auton, David Gigg, Joyce Gaffney, John and Elaine Chapman, Caroline Hedington and David Sutcliffe.

We now have 85 members, 6 fewer than in March 2015. The decrease in numbers is due to the membership review last year, when all members were required to update their details and re-affirm their interest in the Club.

7. Treasurer's Annual Review

Kath presented the Financial Statement for the year ending 31 January 2015, which showed in summary that the Club had begun the year £182.84 in credit, and ended £191.98 in credit.

8. Election of New Committee

Ken has reluctantly decided to step down as Walks Co-Ordinator, after two years, due to difficulties in managing the programme during his long absences from home. The meeting agreed that Ken has done a good job of pulling the programme together, and is to be thanked for all he has done.

The three remaining committee members were willing to stand for a further year, if supported by the club. They were unanimously re-elected following a Proposal from Martin, seconded by John.

There was one nomination for walks co-ordinator, which was Sue Howard, proposed by the Committee, seconded by Edward and carried unanimously.

Ordinary Meeting

First there was a light-hearted award to present. Steve Dove could not be with us at the Annual Dinner, but was available tonight to collect his award.

Items for discussion were as follows: -

1. The Walks

Since the collapse of the bridge, we now meet and park on Tuesdays at the Social Club car park, and at weekends at the Falcon Car Park.

2. Walks for the coming year

We still need more walks to fill up the Summer Programme, which is due out soon.

3. Car share costs

Car mileage to remain at 25p per mile, divided between the passengers. The meeting voted in favour.

4. Joining Fee

Members voted in favour of a £2 fee for all new members.

5. Christmas Walk and Lunch

Having organised this event for several years, John said he would now like to hand over the task to someone else. The event has always been popular, and won John our award for the best attended walk. The chairman thanked John for all he has done, and the meeting showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

Other options for the Christmas walk and lunch were discussed, and Geoff Ballance offered to look for a local venue for next Christmas.

6. Annual Dinner

With more people attending each year, this year's Yorkshire themed evening and fun quiz was a great success, so Sue and Dave were asked if they would be willing to organise the event next year.

7. Any other business

The members congratulated Jean and Barry Hanby on their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 3rd March.

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