



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 4th February 2020

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 32 members, Michael and Kate Arnold, Mary Auton, Kath and Geoff Ballance, Hilary Batty, Pat and Stuart Bowman, David Buckham-Bonnett, Edward French, Frances and David Gigg, Denise and Steve Gorton, Jean Hanby, Chris Hawkin, Dave and Kaye Howard, Sue Howard, Jillian Lawson, Lyn Parkin, Carol Pettifar, Mary Ramsden, Myra and John Robson, Christine Snowdon, Jane and Andy Steel, Joan and Eddie Thomas, Peter Watkins, and Joyce Webster.
2. Apologies were accepted from Dot Bailey-Hague, Ken and Lavina Beaumont, Steve Cobb, Paul Crossan and Janet Cliff, Jo Curtis, Edna Feenan, Felicity Hill, Joan Horner, Dave Howard, Maura and John Hunt, Joy Ingram, Jean Linley, Adrian and Dee Lockwood, Angela and Derek Marshall, Pat Overton, Roderic Parker and Gillian Rowe.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 5th February 2019, have been seen and agreed as a true record.
4. **Chairman's Review of the past 12 months**

This has been quite a year, with many highs, but unfortunately tinged with some sad losses with the death of Ivan in August and Martin in November. They are both sadly missed.

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the forming of the Club (The first walk was on 23rd January 1999) we chose a date in June to do the original walk, followed by afternoon tea in Bramham Village Hall, with cake and fizz, and a slideshow of memories. A very enjoyable day, despite the persistent rain.

Other memorable walks, all involving water, were the 2nd Morecambe Bay crossing, the climbing of the waterfall at Gordale Scar, and the walks which had to be re-routed because of floods. Members have also enjoyed many events which are becoming a tradition: The Grassington Dickensian market, the Christmas walk and buffet, organised by Kath and Geoff, the Annual Dinner organised by Sue and Dave, and the visit to Cober Hill organised by Pat. Our club website is kept up to date by Roderic, with a photo section maintained by Edward. Thank you, on behalf of the club, to these and all the other members, including walks leaders and car drivers, who have all played a part in the organisation of club activities.

5. Walk Co-Ordinator's Review.

2019 was a good year for walks, with a walk scheduled for almost every Tuesday and Saturday. We have seen a good deal of mud, with walks having to be diverted because of flooding, but also some gloriously sunny days.

The 3-monthly programme is still working well. We have had a good variety of walks ranging from 4 miles (The Daffodil Walk) to 15 miles (Gritstone Edges), with grades 1 to 3, to suit everyone.

Some walks have incorporated the use of buses and trains, the Morecambe Bay crossing being one of the most memorable walks.

Thank you to the walk leaders and car drivers, who are continuing to do a wonderful job.

6. Secretary's Report.

Membership numbers continue to rise. 15 new members joined this year, bringing the total to 109.

This year's new members are Andy Steel, Annette and Tony Shaw, Mark and Lesley Plumtree, Barbara Templeton, Sarah and Lawrence Doyne, Rita and Ian de Faria Dean, Kaye Howard, David Buckham-Bonnett, Paul Crossan, Janet Cliff and Andy Ward.

Many of those on the membership list have had no contact with the club for a year or more, and I believe it is time to ask members to re-register if they wish to remain in the Club.

7. Treasurer's Annual Review.

After the death of Martin, our previous treasurer, Frances agreed to take over.

Frances produced accounts showing that the Club had a turnover of £1667, mainly to do with the Annual Dinner and the Afternoon tea, but the balance in hand is down to £139.95.

Frances suggested that the joining fee should be increased.

8. Election of New Committee

The present Committee were all prepared to stand again if members agreed, and were unanimously re-elected.

Ordinary Meeting

Items for discussion were as follows: -

1. Walks and holidays for the coming year

28 members have booked a 2-night visit to Cober Hill in July, and there are still spaces if anyone else wishes to join. A smaller group are also planning to go to Switzerland.

The occasional use of public transport has widened the scope for linear walks.

Members are happy with the variety of walks on the programme.

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 has remained as a one-off subscription of £2 for the last 20 years, and it was

agreed that, with funds quite low, it is time to increase the joining fee to £5 for new members, with immediate effect.

4. Proposal

Proposal that all members should carry, and provide the Club with emergency contact details. Members were in favour. Emergency contact cards are being produced, and emergency contact details will be required on future membership application forms.

5. Review Constitution

No amendments needed.

6. Christmas Walk and Lunch.

Members enjoyed last year's event so much, that Kath and Geoff were asked, and agreed to organise again this year.

7. Annual Dinner.

Another successful event which members overwhelmingly voted to repeat. Thanks to Sue and Dave for agreeing to book Wetherby Golf Club again.

8. Any other business.

David Gigg has been looking at a better method of keeping the email distribution list up to date, and this is likely to be implemented soon.

Pat holds a collection of OS maps which are available for any members to borrow, and also 3 photograph albums covering the years 2001-2008, available to borrow. Later years are to be found on the club website tadcasterwalking.co.uk

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

Pat Bowman