

Tadcaster Country Walking Club

MINUTES OF AGM

DATE: 6 October 1998
VENUE: Bay Horse, Tadcaster
PRESENT:

POINTS TO ADDRESS

Announce apologies.
Inform attendees that we now have 54 fully paid members.
Summarise points from Committee Members meeting.

COMMITTEE

It was agreed that the existing committee was to remain:

Chairman	Paul Grier
Treasurer	Jill Lodge
Walks Co-ordinators	Derek Jones, Ron Atkinson, Brian Webster, Paul Grier
Secretary	Gaynor Warriner

CLUB MEMBERSHIP/FEES

We have £108.00 membership fees at present in the bank. Money is still to be withdrawn for various running costs.

It was decided that the TWC annual membership should run from January to January. Membership fees are due to be renewed 1 January 2000.

The treasurer to be responsible for money.

INSURANCE

Concern was shown that if we are an 'official club' we may need to include a disclaimer (for liability) on all literature, or that we may actually need some sort of insurance. (If so are the costs for this to be taken from the membership fees?).

MEETING PLACE/CAR SHARING

It was decided at the previous meeting that the default meeting place should be the Main Bus Station Car Park in Tadcaster indicated on the Programme of walks by (**), unless otherwise stated, this arrangement has proven to be very effective.

Suggestions were made that as much 'car sharing' be done as possible, but that some structure for fair payment be advised. For example 10p per mile divided by the number of people travelling per car. No structure has been established, no problems have arisen.

INFORMING THE WALKS LEADER IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND A WALK

Walks leaders have asked that people who wish to join a particular walk get in touch with them, this will enable walks leaders to establish how many people will be going on the walk and organise transport for people who do not have it. Also, if a walk is to be cancelled at short notice, walks leaders can contact the necessary members.

GRADING OF WALKS

The general consensus was that walks should be graded, perhaps using walks already done as a frame of reference. Grades of walk, along with a description of what it might entail, would be helpful. If individuals are unsure they should be encouraged to try easier walks first and work up to the more difficult ones.

SAFETY

- Backmarker** it was agreed that walks should not only have a leader but also a back marker.
- Equipment** a list of essential walking equipment (waterproofs, comfortable –decent walking boots, whistle, etc.) should be available for all members, along with items they may find useful to take along on longer walks.
- First Aid** Paul Grier has a list of 'First Aiders'.
- Register** The walks leader should take a register (or at least head count) of members, prior to setting out on walks.

MAP READING

The map reading course on Wednesday 14 July 1999 went very well. Several members have requested that another course be held.

ALTERNATIVE 'SAME-DAY' WALKS

Alternative routes, or alternative walks on the same day may be arranged as and if numbers of members necessitate.

TELEPHONE TREE

A 'telephone tree' should be established to lower costs to any one individual.

SUGGESTIONS

Anyone who has any suggestions would be more than welcome to put forward their ideas to one of the 'committee members' who will be happy to voice ideas/suggestions.

- Club members to suggest more walks. More walks leaders to come forward/assistant walk leaders.
- It was suggested that a grid reference be included in the walks programme for the start of every walk, then if people would rather meet at the start of a walk in preference to going in convoy, they have the exact starting place to hand.
- Requests for more evening walks. Derek and Barbara Jones would like to lead some Friday evening walks.

PROBLEM FOOTPATHS

Derek and Barbara Jones have a form from the "Ramblers Association" which, if filled in and returned to them, means that they will investigate and chase up any 'problem-paths'.

Paul Grier has contacts at NYCC and Leeds Council.

Advice was given that footpaths in the not too distant future may be closed due to changes to the definitive map.

WEEKDAY WALKS

Have been well-attended (approx. 7-10 people.)

WEEKEND WALKS

Not so well attended but thoroughly enjoyed by attendees. Suggestions were put forward that walks out of Yorkshire should be lengthy to make them worthwhile travelling to.

WALKS PROGRAMME

To be produced bi-annually. This gives walks leaders a chance to see how well walks are being attended and leaves scope for re-assessment.

TADCASTER TWINNING

There is an open evening on 2 November 1999 at 19:30 at the Riley Smith Hall.

There is a possibility that we may be able to arrange walks with our twinned town in France at the expense of individuals.

ADVERTISING

The Yorkshire Evening Press have been advertising our walks.

4 DECEMBER 1999 WALK AT BOLTON PERCY

The walks leader has asked that the meeting place be amended and that members meet in the Britannia Car Park in Tadcaster.