

Oakley

Ramblers Club



Affiliated to HF Holidays Limited

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7.30 pm
Held at Oakley Village Hall, Andover Road.

Attendees:	Peter Shead	Chairman	Roy Yeoman	Committee
	Sandy Steele	Secretary	Lynn Martin	Committee
	Carolyn Currie	Treasurer	Christine Williams	Committee
			Pauline Shead	Committee
			Pauline Haynes	Committee

22 members in total were in attendance despite the knowledge that Covid 19 was still very active. All had been asked to take a lateral flow test before attending. A very credible turnout in the prevailing circumstances.

1. Peter Shead opened the meeting at 7.35p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies

Were received from:

Pauline Hughes, Annie Vicars, Sue and Matt Zanbuni and Steve Savage.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the AGM, held on Monday, 8th February 2021, were accepted as an accurate and true representation by the attendees and signed by Peter Shead.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Chairman's Report

This is my 2nd year as chairman and I must say it is good to see things getting back to normal.

Membership is also up from 42 this time last year to 48 at the end of the year.

Covid restrictions meant that we only had walks from April onwards and 17 walks completed; 3 on Saturday, 3 on Sunday, 6 on Wednesday and 5 on Friday. Average attendance was down to 8, down from 10 last year and distances ranged from 3.5 miles to 13.5 miles, which hopefully caters for all. In

September we have our annual weekend away with HF holidays at Malhamdale with 17 attendees. A lovely area to go to with some great walks at all levels. Well done Roy for organising.

In order to fill up our walks diary we are always looking for new leaders. You don't have to be on the Committee to lead a walk, anyone can lead one. Our only requirements are :length, between 3 and 15 miles ,within 30 minutes' drive from Oakley and that the lead reconnoitres the walk up to 1year before leading it.

I would like to thank the Committee for all the hard work and support over the year and especially the following who are standing down – Pauline Shead , 9 years as website coordinator , Roy Yeoman , over 15 years in total on the Committee, 10 years of which as Treasurer, Sandy Steele, 1 year as our stop gap Secretary and myself 2 years as Chairman. Roy will however continue to organise the HF weekend walk this year in St Ives.

However the future of the Club looks promising with some new blood on the Committee and several experienced new members joining. Wishing you all both a safe and enjoyable year of Rambling.

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report - 2021

Membership

The number of paid up members at the end of 2020 was 42. Several members chose not to renew their membership going into 2021 but we were able to welcome 10 new members during the year. This saw our membership total rise to 48 at the end of 2021. The income we received from subscriptions was £147.50.

Subscriptions

With the uncertainty of Covid and walking together in 2020 It was decided to suspend the payment of subscriptions until June 2021. A decision was then made to charge only half the membership fee (£2.50) to those members who had paid the full amount of £5 in 2020 but had only received the opportunity to walk for approximately 6 months of the year.

AGM

The 2021 AGM meeting was held by Zoom, kindly arranged by Roy Yeoman, so no costs were involved.

Annual Costs

The annual renewal fee of £65.50 was paid to the Ramblers Association.

The Website annual fee remained the same at £15.

Protectivity Public Life Insurance Cover

As a club affiliated to HF Holidays we had been entitled to free Public Liability Insurance. HF Holidays however decided to cease this benefit to all clubs on 31 October 2020. Protectivity, who specialise in activity insurance, was considered the best option to cover our needs.

The sum of £10.00 was spent on a retirement gift for Christine Williams who was stepping down from the position of Secretary at the AGM.

Skittles

With the restrictions around Covid 19 and the lack of pubs available with a Skittles Alley we were unable to make any arrangements for a Skittles evening

2021 Walking Weekend at Newfield Hall, Malhamdale

In September 17 club members enjoyed a weekend away at the HF Holidays Country House Newfield Hall in Malham. As we were a group booking HF Holiday deducted from our invoice the cost of one room and their usual Admin fee of

£10. The members who went on the holiday therefore received a deduction of £20.20 from the cost of their holiday.

Christmas Meal

Lynn Martin arranged a Christmas meal at The Wheatsheaf, North Waltham and was enjoyed by 17 of our members

HF Holiday Shares

Interest from the shares for the year 2020 - 2021 amounts to £1.78. Our £100 of HF shares are now worth £120.91.

Conclusion

We unfortunately made a loss of -£40.40 at the end of the year. This was partly due to having to pay for Public Liability Insurance cover. As our end of year bank balance on 31/12/2021 was a very healthy £635.36 we will keep the annual subscriptions at £5 for 2022. We have the sum of £2.21 cash in hand. The Accounts were presented prior to the meeting.

They were proposed by Pat Dominey and Seconded by Peter Shead (post event).

7. Election of Committee.

Chairman: Tim Parry proposed Peter Shead seconded by Chris Williams elected by the meeting.

Secretary: Pat Dominey proposed Sandy Steele, seconded by Roy Yeoman, elected by the meeting.

Treasurer: Carolyn Currie proposed Roy Yeoman, seconded by Pauline Shead, elected by the meeting.

Committee

Julie Shawley: proposed Pauline Hayes, seconded by Richard Wilson, elected by the meeting.

The remaining committee members Pauline Haynes, Lynn Martin and Christine Williams were unanimously re-elected by the meeting. Christine Williams intimated that she would retire from the Committee after this final tenure.

8. Walks Programme for 2021

Peter ran through the latest walks diary which had been compiled and circulated earlier by Pat Dominey our walks coordinate. So far 12 walks shown through the year had 12 leaders signed up but the next walk on the 16th February had as yet no leader identified. The Chairman reiterated the request that it would be useful if more walks leaders could come forward to fill out the dates on the walks list still vacant. He said that if this remained the picture then some walks may have to be cancelled.

Roy reminded us that the HF walking weekend on 17 – 20 September had 14 members going but that we had a few spaces left. The price was £389 per person.

9. Any Other Business

- Social Events Secretary Lynn Martin said that she had made provisional enquiries for a club dinner at the Spruce Goose on 29 April 2022 at 6.30pm. Basically watch this space.

- The idea of another long distance walk over 2 days was aired. These had been very successful in the past. No specific venues were identified by the meeting and it was agreed that the new committee would take the matter on.
- To close proceedings various presentations were made. Pauline Shead was thanked for her 9 years as a valuable member of the committee and in turn thanked every one of her lovely flowers. Roy Yeoman also thanked for his 15 year of solid service to committee and Club. Beers were gratefully received Peter, Roy and Sandy on their departures from the committee.
- Tim reminded the new committee members that the next committee meeting will be on February on a date yet to be decided.

10. Date of Next AGM

Wednesday 8th February 2023 at a venue yet to be decided.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

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