

RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION: WIGHT SOLE GROUP

The Wight Sole Group Annual General Meeting (AGM)
to be held at
Bargeman's Rest Newport
on
Tuesday 28 February 2006
commencing at approximately 19.00.

Minutes

Present : -

Gary Clarke, Dave Aitken, Spencer Wood, Tracey Darch, Alison Cardy, Geoff Long, Martin Darch, Trish Mills, Alf Damp

1. Apologies for absence

Hilary Corr, Ann Damp

Minutes of the last and inaugural AGM, held on Monday 9th May 2005
Minutes accepted.

2. Matters arising from the previous Minutes

Website achieved – well done to Dave.

Gary asked 'Do we think 3 weekly walks are OK'. Most said yes, more would be too much. Also there are other group walks with RA we can go on. The turnout generally has been good considering the size of membership.

Draft constitution – was accepted – proposed Gary, seconded Martin. The constitution needs to be signed by the Chairman and dated, then taken to the next area meeting. Query what the * on some para's were for.

3. Chairman's Annual Report

Geoff said he thought it was a good report.

Some discussion on how to increase membership – walking festival – do we want to publicise the group there? maybe go to launch event and hand out flyers.

Summer shows – TD had been informed that the Agricultural show will now be in August.

Themed walks – haven't really happened.

DYW & WWW walks – links are good with the mainland groups and we have had a few good walks with them.

4. Treasurer's Annual Report

No report for last year as our accounts were not setup until after the year end.

We have had a cheque for £200 from area, and only a couple of bills to be paid from that.

Geoff suggested we need to ask for more funds from area for the current year.

T-shirts for special events – eg walking festivals, walk the wight, maybe with our website on them? Geoff thought HO may pay for these.

TD to contact David Skelsey from Group re getting forms with 20% saving for the walking festival, which could go with our flyers. Geoff also had some small coloured RA leaflets from HO, on which they would print our words. Spencer to follow up with HO regarding obtaining these and wording. Spencer also suggested update to the wording on our flyer to make the website more noticeable – he will amend the flyer.

5. Election of Group Committee Officers

The Treasurer in the Chair for the election of the Chairman.
Chairman & Secretary – Gary Clarke, proposed by Martin, seconded by Spencer.

Chairman in the Chair for the rest of the election.
Treasurer & Webmaster – Dave Aitken, proposed Gary, seconded Trish.
Alf Damp agreed to be Deputy Webmaster on an informal basis

7. Election of Group Committee Members

Membership Secretary – Ann Damp, proposed Alf, seconded Spencer.
Cttee member – Tracey Darch, proposed Gary, seconded Spencer.
Cttee member & Publicity Officer – Spencer Wood, proposed Gary, seconded Martin.
Cttee member – Alison Cardy, proposed Gary, seconded Martin.
Cttee member – Trish Mills, proposed Martin, seconded Tracey.

8. Appointment of Auditor

The Auditor can be a member of the RA locally, but can't be involved in the running of the group or the a/c's. Geoff suggested we approach the same person who currently audits the group and area a/c's. Geoff to let Gary know who this is.

9. Any Other Business

Publicity drive – to be at start of walking festival, which is closely followed by the evening walks around Carisbrooke and the trip to the lighthouse (still to be confirmed) which finishes at the Buddle.
We need to think how to target younger groups – especially schools, leisure centres, hospital, IW council, doctors surgeries. TD suggested a list of all possible be bought to the next cttee mtg which could be divided between the cttee members who would visit each place and ask if they will display our poster or flyers.

Meeting closed at 20.12

