

Notts Police Fell Walking Section

Annual General Meeting

Monday 26th April 2010 7.30pm

Little John Public House

Ravenshead

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Attendance

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| Jeff Whitmore (Chair) | Ray Stone |
| Dave Shardlow (Secretary) | Mary Hind |
| Steve Burman (Treasurer) | Richard Lord |
| Roy Smith | Tracey Moran |
| Rosemary Smith | Andrew Vickers |
| Pete Humphries | Geoff Cooper |
| Marie Humphries | Tracy Meakin |
| Joan Smithson | |

2. Apologies

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| Bob Litchfield | Ray Clark |
| Mark Webster | Jude Hockley |
| Mike Law | Mike Haines |
| Sam Webster | Pete Akehurst |
| Tony Kanikula | |
| Pete Gilbert | |

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3. Minutes of the Last AGM (8.5.08.)

Andrew Vickers pointed out that the minutes appeared to have been mixed up slightly with the previous years as there were some references to issues in the 2008/9 season. There appeared to be an item missing from Matters Arising regarding the recruitment and use of drivers for the vans both as independent drivers and for driving sections of the walk as one of the walking group. This will be covered later in the minutes at Section 4. Dave apologised for the mix up!

4. Matters Arising

i) Publication of Fell-Walking successes in Force Newspaper.

DS explained that this issue had been discussed at Force Sports and Social Club Exec as the various sporting sections had similar concerns. As a result of this intervention there was now an effort to highlight various sports and social activities including Fell Walking. (see pdf attached to email)

NB: I have contacted the Media Dept and the Force Times has been suspended out of operational necessity for the next few months. I will keep trying when it is re-instated.

ii) The 'flyer' was also discussed again. Dave reiterated that due to the photo's published in it, it remained a 'large file'. As such it was not easily transferable.

Action: DS to discuss this with TK to try and get the flyer into pdf format.

iii) Photo sharing – Dave reported that one or two were now using Picasa (e.g. Bob Litchfield/Roy Smith) and this shows it can't be that difficult.

Action: DS to speak to TK with a view to a user guide being produced and then all photos from the walks being published.

iv) AV raised the issue discussed at the last AGM of more drivers being recruited with a view to a) supported walks being more common and b) walkers being able to drive 'legs' and therefore cutting down distance walked if individuals wanted to.

A long discussion took place around this issue and how it would be facilitated.

Action: DS to email out for more drivers to volunteer and to devise walks which would be published as a walk where volunteer drivers would be required with a view to people putting themselves forward as such before the date of the walk itself.

PH also suggested that walks could be devised to allow people to 'drop out' at convenient points such as pubs, villages etc, to be picked up later. This was considered a good idea and would be similarly explored.

5. Treasurers Report

As Attached

SB reported on a healthy account for which we have not had to draw the full grant this year. We will forego the rest of the 2009/10 grant but we will need this years grant as soon as is convenient.

Action: DS to speak to Julie Read with a view to requesting that the 20010/11 grant be released.

NB: Email sent to Julie Read 27.4.10. asking for the above.

JW thanked Steve for his report and his work in ensuring the accounts balanced.

6. Secretary's Report

As attached

JW thanked Dave for his report and his work in ensuring the accounts balanced.

7. Election of Officials

At this point Ray Stone took over as temporary Chair to over-see the election:-

Chair

Jeff Whitmore agreed to remain as Chair - Unopposed

Tracey Moran - Proposed

Geoff Cooper – Seconded

Secretary

Dave Shardlow agreed to remain as Secretary - Unopposed

Tracey Moran - Proposed

Geoff Cooper – Seconded

Treasurer

Steve Burman agreed to remain as Treasurer - Unopposed

Tracey Moran - Proposed

Geoff Cooper – Seconded

8. Future Walks and Itinerary 2009/10

Dave proposed that, as last year, he would set the agenda by identifying general areas (e.g. Derbyshire, York's Dales etc.) to each month and then inviting individuals to submit walks which would then be considered and allocated accordingly.

Walks proposed on the night were as follows:- Cotswold Way; Clee Hills Shropshire; Saddleworth Moor (abandoned last year); Whastanwell Circular (possibly an own car walk), Monyash; TM also indicated that Pete Gilbert would also organise a winter walk like the splendid Reef Knolls walk last year.

Dave asked for some leeway with the dates until he knows for sure which shift pattern he would be going onto.

It was agreed that the Wales Trip would be the 3rd – 6th October 2010 and the Lakes Trip would be 30th Jan – 2nd February 2011 (subject to availability of accommodation)

At this point TM asked us to review the issue discussed last year regarding the 3rd night eating arrangements for the Lakes Trip and whether this had been successful or not. There was unanimous support for remaining in for the third night as it was felt it had worked particularly well this year.

Wales would remain as per previous years in that the venue at the Vaynol Arms was still considered good and so the third night would be spent there.

● Action: Dave S to organise the 2009/10 schedule, book the Wales accommodation and confirm the Lakes trip.

Otherwise there were no objections to the programme and members looked forward to a full programme for the forthcoming year.

9. Extended Trips Wales and Lake District 2010/2011 – Fuel Subsidies

It was agreed that the funds would allow for the fuel for the above two extended trips.

10. Trail Walker Magazine/Go For A Walk.com Subscriptions

DS asked that as most of our walks are taken from the Trail Walker which also produces other items for dissemination amongst Section members that he is reimbursed for the subscription this forthcoming year. This was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

In addition Dave also showed the group the type of mapping taken off goforawalk.com and asked that his subscription for this also be reimbursed. This was also agreed although RS did point out that the subscription had changed for this website to a 'pay as you go' basis rather than an annual subscription.

12. Any other business

1. Grivel Spider Crampons – Discussed and thought a good idea to buy 12 sets for contingency in the Lakes and other winter walks.
2. Earlier Start Times – snarled up in traffic in winter months. Discussed and believed 7.00am would be the latest start time in the future.
3. A new GPS to replace the existing older version was proposed. Preferably one with OS Mapping. Proposed TM Seconded SB

13. Date of next Meeting

Date to be Fixed April/May 2011. Venue TBA

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting that took place on 26.4.2010

Jeffrey Whitmore (Chairman)

David Shardlow (Secretary)

Stephen Burman (Treasurer)