

**DRAFT MINUTES OF 62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2009 AT ST LUKE'S CHURCH HALL,
WILLASTON, CREWE AT 19.30 HRS**

PRESENT

Committee	Bryan Roe(BR) Chair	Grace Harding (GH)
	Ken Willington (KW)	Ken Elkins (KE)
	Kath Conroy (KC)	Mavis Thorpe (MT)
	Peter Winby (PW)	Keith Nowell (KN)
	David Langford (DL)	Marilyn Norbury (MAN)
	Jan Boulton (JB)	Phil Boulton (PB)
	Joan Yarwood (JY)	

24 General members present

1 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Bryan Roe started by welcoming everybody to the meeting & then went on to request a minutes silence in remembrance of members who had passed away during the year, in particular Mike Warrington.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Barbara & Geoff Vaughan, Cindy Johnson, Joyce Edgecombe, Keith Hallows, Harry Nottingham, Stan Thomason, Jill & Brian Hayes, Sylvia Gregory, May Jewell, Lorna Langford, Pam Coyle, Julie & John Colclough, Brian & June Arthurs, Olive Ward, Margaret Harvey, Sybil Hackling, Ray & Brenda Gladden, Gordon Fleet and Andy Mills.

3 Minutes of previous meeting—20th February 2008

The minutes of the AGM on 20 February 2008 were approved (proposed P Winby, seconded P Thorpe) with the following amendments:

- 1 - Correction to the spelling of Harry Nottingham's surname
- 2 - The inclusion of Phil Boulton having been elected as Membership Secretary
- 3 - To note Barbara Waters had subsequently resigned as a general committee member as all meetings were held on Tuesday evenings and she was not available on Tuesdays.

The minutes of the 2008 AGM had been circulated on a recent ramble coach and published on the club website - this had now become standard procedure and only a few copies for reference purposes were made available at the meeting.

4 Matters arising from the minutes - 20th February 2008

4.1 Donation to Talking Newspaper - Payment of this had been overlooked during 2008/09 and

JB, Treasurer undertook to rectify this.

5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman opened by thanking the committee for their help and support during the year. Joan Yarwood, Keith Nowell and Peter Winby were stepping down from their roles and

breaks/ their sterling work was acknowledged - in particular Joan for organising club holidays. The new blood on the committee following the last AGM had ensured the survival of the club - all three members had provided good input and brought ideas to the meetings. All new general members were welcomed and existing members thanked for ensuring they settled in.

fares had New and returning members had ensured some full coaches but reluctantly coach that to be increased to £8 in November 2008 as a result of rising fuel prices. It was noted prices had not, however, come down when fuel returned to a more acceptable price.

Burland as the As noted at the 2008 AGM significant advantages had been gained by using coach provider, however, when quotes were obtained for Winter/Spring 2009 Burland quoted 30% more than Happy Days with whom the business of the club had now been placed. Prices had therefore been kept at £8 although the club was sad to lose the services of Tom, our old friend and respected driver. Happy Days were currently providing an excellent standard of coach and service.

his BR continued to report on the change of the club website address brought about by internet provider withdrawing free web hosting. The new club web address was <http://www.creweandnantwichramblingclub.org.uk> which cost the club approx £5 a year and was hosted with no charge. The site was regularly visited particularly prior to rambles.

other club Bryan concluded by again thanking all members for their support of the club and in particular Gill Stanley for her proof reading skills in respect of the newsletter and correspondence.

6 Treasurer's Report & Annual Accounts - Year ended 31st December 2008

Jan Boulton opened her report by thanking Vic Ward for verifying the accounts and Pauline Vawdrey for her all assistance during her first year in the role.

JB took members through the expenditure and income. There had been 24 walks during 2008. The walks had shown a loss of £1,573.50 which could be attributed to the rise in fuel cost.

Average attendance on walks had remained the same as 2007 - this was 43. 'A' walks averaged 11 members, 'B' walks 18 and 'C' walks 14.

A total of £45 had been paid in expenses to organisers of club holidays, photocopying and officers' expenses were up by £38.37, membership fees were up on 2007 by £130.00, a

£100 donation had been received, interest received from the Abbey bank was £210.84. The forgoing left the accounts showing an overall loss of £566.66. Balance in the bank was £3,697.99. The Chairman moved that the report be received - proposed by G Harding, seconded D Langford.

7 Auditor's Report

The Auditor, Vic Ward, reported that he had found the accounts to be all in order and a good job had been done by JB in her first year as Treasurer.

8 Membership Secretary's Report

Phil Boulton opened by thanking Keith Hallows for the smooth handover which had enabled him to have a good understanding of the position. Membership had risen from 142 to 165 - an increase of 23. PB felt the team of people who distributed cards and newsletters also needed to be acknowledged for the important part they played. Subscriptions were now due and receipts for those paid would be issued in due course.

9 Ramble Organiser's Report

PW reported on behalf of himself and Keith Nowell who had worked together as Ramble Organisers for the last few years. They had decided to step down from the position and were not seeking re-election. It was becoming increasingly difficult to get leaders for walks and showing 'leader required' on the printed programme was not something they were comfortable with but the cards need to be printed on time. There was a knock on effect with the coach quotes which could not be obtained without an accurate destination.

The suggestion was made to include the 'walk board' within a newsletter so as to reach those members who did not regularly join the walks.

A request to stick to the alternate Crewe/Nantwich start points was made but it was explained the forgoing was the reason for this not always flowing smoothly - if a walk was offered it had to be taken up regardless of direction.

A further request was made for all members to receive a printed walk card - not just those who were not on e-mail - agreed committee would discuss the best way address the request.

10 Club Weekends/Holiday Breaks

Nerja - 10 March 2009 -Joan Yarwood advised that participants would be getting final details shortly.

Patterdale - 10 - 15 May 2009 - Grace Harding - 38 members were booked and final details would be available very soon. Visits to Windermere and Keswick had been arranged.

Autumn 2009 - No arrangements - members not free to organise.

Gisland - May 2010 -Grace Harding - In early stages but a possibility of more single rooms than usual.

There was a request that the committee consider re-introducing weekend breaks.

11 Election of Officers & Committee

POSITION	NAME	PROPOSER	SECONDER
CHAIRMAN	Bryan Roe	Peter Norbury	Pete Winby
TREASURER	Jan Boulton	Maurice Hackling	Wilf Capper
CORRES SEC	Kath Conroy	Ken Elkins	Joyce Dawson
MIN SEC	Marilyn Norbury	Peter Norbury	Marie Leeke
M'SHIP SEC	Phil Boulton	Jan Boulton	Mavis Thorpe
NEWSLETTER	Bryan Roe	Keith Nowell	Sylvia Elkins
RAMBLE ORG 1	Mario di Bratto	Bryan Roe	David Langford
RAMBLE ORG 2	Paul Harvey	Kath Conroy	Beryl Warrington
COMMITTEE 1	Grace Harding)	
COMMITTEE 2	Mavis Thorpe) Phil Boulton	Pete Winby
COMMITTEE 3	Dave Langford)	
COMMITTEE 4	Ken Elkins)	
COMMITTEE 5	Marie Leeke	Mavis Thorpe	Joan Yarwood
AUDITOR	Vic Ward	Grace Harding	Barbara Waters

The Chairman welcomed the new members to the committee and MAN undertook to provide them with the minutes of the last meeting. The new committee would join the next meeting the club at the Iris Centre, off Edleston Road, Crewe on 31 March at 7.30 pm

Close of meeting 8.43 pm