

MINUTES OF THE CREWE AND NANTWICH RAMBLING CLUB 71st ANNUAL AGM

Date: Monday 19th February 2018 @ 19.30

Number attending: 25

Location: Brittles Pavilion, Church Lane, Crewe, CW2 8EZ.

1.0 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Welcome to all and thank you for attending the 71st AGM of the Crewe and Nantwich Rambling Club.

Please take a moment to remember Jean Capper and Jim Cadman who walked with us for quite a number of years and have passed away this year.

2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Peter and Mavis Thorpe, Mike Jackson, Mario De Bratto, Anita Mc Bride, Harvey Washburn, John and Nova Chambers, Marie Leeke and Chris England.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST AGM

The minutes of the previous were approved.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM.

There were no matters arising.

5.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Bryan Clydesdale reported: First and foremost I should like to propose a vote of thanks for our Committee Members for all their work during the year.

Organised a full program of Sunday and Thursday Walks throughout the year and produced Walk Programs for these walks. Arranged meetings and discussions with Burland Coaches which has resulted in our Club having the priority use of the 54 seater Auto Coach as first preference due to booking the full 2018 program in advance. Thanks for this to Phil Mellor and Richard Farrall.

Maintained and produced the Club accounts on a regular basis and arranged the auditing of these. Thanks for this to Ruth Beach

Produce a club Newsletter at regular intervals, maintained the Club Website and Facebook page. Thanks for this to Bryan Roe.

Organised Reminisce Lunches for members and ex Members. Thanks for this to Grace Harding and Marilyn Norbury.

For making careful notes at meetings. Thanks to Stuart Watkinson.

Arranged the move to new premises for our Committee meetings which has allowed the full Committee to have a seat at Committee meetings also arranging the bookings for these meetings. Arranging our membership of the WISTASTON SPORTS & LEISURE ASSOCIATION as Committee Members which has allowed us to use this hall at a preferential rate for all meetings including the Club Holiday Sub Committee meetings. Thanks for this to Kath Conroy.

Organised Club Holidays which have been very much appreciated by all who went on them. Thanks to Howard Gibson and Marilyn Norbury.

6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS ENDING 31ST DEC 2018

Ruth Beach reported: We are in a lucky position to have such a good balance in our account at the end of last year. The coach loss was £694.00, but as our general expenses have been kept to a minimum so we only made an overall loss of £225.85.

The committee agreed that we should take out Public Liability Insurance which is an extra expense, but I think a necessity.

We have revised the Walk Leaders Expenses and that they are now based on the distance to the walk location and not the coach cost. This gives a more realistic figure for these expenses.

There was only a slight drop in membership in 2017, from 129 to 124 members. I think therefore we would welcome some new members.

Both the Hooton meal and Xmas meal were self funding and were enjoyed by all.

I would like to thank Bill Kynaston for auditing our accounts for many years. He has been very helpful to me and previous treasurers. Bill has asked that we find someone else to audit the account in future, so if you or any member of the club knows of a suitable person please let me or Bryan Clydesdale know.

So I think we should agree that it has been a good year financially for the Club.

7.0 AUDITOR'S REPORT

The auditor approved and signed off on the accounts. He has requested that we find a new person to take on the role which we are in the process of doing. The committee thanked him for his years of hard work in his absence.

8.0 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Marie Leeke has stepped down as Membership secretary and couldn't attend the AGM. There was nothing new to report.

9.0 RAMBLE ORGANISER'S REPORT

Phil Mellor reported: Last year we had good support for walking with full coaches only being affected by the poor weather as Autumn turned into a wet one. The weather forecast was the main reason for low turnout which in some cases turned out to be better than expected. Going into 2018 the weather again has given us one walk with a low turnout but others have been supported with 38 walking.

For 2018 we have pre-booked destinations with Burland to get good prices for our trips plus we have first choice of the 53 seat coach but this does not stop us changing destinations if required. I have tried to use destinations that we have not used for some time in a way that gives a varied program with the highlights being Snowdon, Ludlow & Malvern.

Walk leaders have been an issue over Winter but we are now looking good for the Summer with only the Car Ramble requiring a destination and B & C walk leaders. For the next program we will soon have to be looking for your support, which at this point I must thank the walk leaders for your support in leading walks with some stepping in at late notice.

10.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The committee was elected as follows:

Bryan Clydesdale	Chairman
Ruth Beach	Treasurer
Phil Mellor.	Ramble Organiser 1
Richard Farrall	Membership secretary
Bryan Roe	News Letter
Stuart Watkinson.	Minutes Secretary
Kath Conroy	Correspondence Secretary

There were three (?) general committee members:

Pete Winby, Marilyn Norbury, Howards Gibson.

11.0 UPDATED RULES AND CONSTITUTION

Bryan Clydesdale explained his reasoning as to why we have updated the club rules explaining out that questions were being asked by new and existing members that we didn't have answers for. The rules have been examined and where there was confusion, or the rule seemed out dated, they have been revised. The rules have also been split into two with general rules and, in the constitution, rules that can only be changed by a meeting of the membership.