

MINUTES OF THE CREWE AND NANTWICH RAMBLING CLUB 73rd ANNUAL AGM

Date: Monday 24th February 2020 at 19.30

Number attending: 31

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

1.0 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Welcome to you all and thank you for attending the 73rd AGM of the Crewe and Nantwich Rambling Club.

Each year we like to remember any of our members who have passed away since our last AGM. So I would ask you to remember Wilf Capper who passed away in May. He was an active and popular member for many years, leading walks and sometime bringing us a trout caught on his regular fishing trips.

As we open the meeting I would like to express our thanks to the club members themselves who support our walks. These are the most important people in our club and they have made the work of the committee and leaders worthwhile.

On behalf of our club I would like to extend a welcome all new members who have joined the club this year.

2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Peter and Mavis Thorpe, Peter Norbury

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

This has been my third year as Chairman and I hope that my term in office has been acceptable to the membership.

I would like to thank the committee for the support they have given to me and to each other during this time.

I am pleased to announce that whole committee is standing for re election. I feel that this is good for the continuity of the committee and I am very glad that the committee members have been happy enough with their previous terms to re stand and I feel that the club will benefit from this degree of stability.

I would also like to thank:

Judith Ruff for her work in maintaining the club accounts and arranged the auditing of these.

Lynn Richards and Annette Cope for their work on publicity for the club.

Stuart Watkinson who has worked hard on the very difficult job of producing accurate minutes of our committee meetings.

Phil Mellor, John Moreton and Richard Farrall for organising a full program of Sunday and Thursday Walks throughout the year. Richard has also acted as Membership Secretary and worked hard introducing new members into the club.

Kath Conroy for looking after the organisation of club committee meetings and her work providing Get-Well or Sympathy cards to Club Members who are ill or who have lost loved ones or other similar circumstances.

Marilyn Norbury for helping with the organisation of the 2020 Club Holiday and Reminisce Lunches.

Peter Winby for organising a Skittles Evening and a Bowls Evening.

Bryan Roe for his work on the club Newsletter, the Club Website and Facebook page.

Howard Gibson for helping with the organisation the 2020 Club Holiday.

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

We have had a good financial year.

The closing balance for year ending 31st December 2019 stood at £5214.03.

Our main expenditure each year is the cost of the coach which amounted to £9830.00, however we did have a good walking year making a profit of £264.80. We saw many new faces in 2019 which has contributed to this.

A couple of other expenditures to mention:-

1. Public Liability Insurance stayed the same at £140.00
2. Room hire in 2019 was £10.00 but this year (2020) increased to £15.00. We have a special arrangement with Wistaston Sports & Leisure Association. They give us a discounted rate on the hire of the room but only for one booking a month. In February 2019 we hired the room twice in this month so we were then charged the normal rate of £24.00 for the second booking. We have been informed that from January 2021 this special arrangement will end.
3. First Aid Kit was restocked costing £14.85
4. Annual web hosting fees £48.38

Our Income is largely made up from the coach receipts and the annual membership subscriptions.

The meal walk was attended by 39 walkers. This was self funded
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The Xmas meal raffle made a profit of £44.00.

We also had a donation of £31.00. This was from the Rambling Walking Holidays.

The committee have agreed not to increase the membership fees and coach fares this year so these will remain the same as in 2019. Membership fees £10.00, coach fares £12.00.

Crewe and Nantwich Rambling Club would like to thank David Cattell for Auditing the accounts.

7.0 AUDITOR'S REPORT

The auditor approved and signed off on the accounts and found them to be clear concise and accurate.

8.0 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Total membership for 2019 was 136, this includes 13 Life Members and 15 new members. We also have 3 new paid up members for 2020 and more enquiries are coming in on a regular basis.

9.0 RAMBLE ORGANISER'S REPORT

We had a very successful 2019 with the average attendance on the coach being 42. The weather plays an important factor of walkers out on the Sunday and we were lucky as we had mainly dry weather through the year until the Buxton walk where we only had 27 walking. Highlights of the year were May / June when we visited Hartington, Bridgnorth and Conway with 54 attending which gives us a full coach using the courier seat. Our most memorable coach trip was Edale and how we got in and out of the village without an incident was wholly down to the coach driver and the patience of the car drivers coming in the opposite direction. Another success was the meal walk at St Martins and this year we are trying to see if this is even more popular on a mid summer Sunday at Church Stretton. The only issue we have at the present time is support for walk leaders and I must thank those of you who lead walks and also the walkers that support us on the Sunday walks.

10.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The committee was elected as follows:

Bryan Clydesdale	Chairman
Stuart Watkinson	Vice Chairman
Judith Ruff	Treasurer
Phil Mellor	Ramble Organiser 1
John Morton	Ramble Organiser 2
Richard Farrall	Membership secretary
Bryan Roe.	News Letter
Stuart Watkinson	Minutes Secretary
Kath Conroy	Correspondence Secretary
Marilyn Norbury	General Committee 1
Annette Cope	General Committee 2
Lynn Richards	General Committee 3
Peter Winby	General Committee 4

11.0 MOTION FOR AGM RE CHAIRMAN'S TERM OF OFFICE

A member has advised the committee that a decision was agreed at a previous AGM to limit the Tenure of the Chairman to 4 years.

Unfortunately the proposal cannot be located in the minutes

The Committee now wish to make a proposal that there is no restriction on the length of time a Chairman can be re-elected into this position.

As members will be aware it is becoming increasingly difficult to get Committee members and the Committee feel that such a limit is against the interests of the Club.

As normal all Committee members will stand down at the AGM, which is the end of their one years term of office, and every committee position is open for any Club member to stand for.

The motion was passed.