

MINUTES OF THE CREWE AND NANTWICH RAMBLING CLUB 74th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

DATE: Monday 21st February 2022

Number attending: 27

LOCATION: Brittles Pavilion, Church Lane, Crewe Road, CW2 8EZ

1.0 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

I would like to welcome you all to the 74th 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:

Julie Colclough, Maurice Hackling, Sybil Hackling, Gordon Fleet, Stan Thomasson, Brian Hayes, Peter Norbury

All were Walk Leaders, 5 were Committee Members, 3 held the post of Ramble Organiser and Peter was Chairman as well.

I would like to extend a welcome all new members who have joined the club since the last AGM.

2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Kath Conroy, Harry Pritchard, Howard Gibson, Peter and Mavis Thorpe, Annette Cope, Beryl Warrington, David and Lorna Langford.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST AGM.

The minutes of the last AGM were approved.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM.

There were no matters arising.

5.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

As we are all aware the last two years have been a very difficult years for all and our club has been no exception. We have been through many ups and downs but hopefully we are through the worst now and things are getting back to normal or what will be the new normal.

There was no AGM for 2021 but thankfully the committee agreed to stay on and continue in their roles.

Walk organisation was difficult over the last two years but we managed with local walks around Crewe and Nantwich. Some Thursday walks took place also.

This year we have resumed Sunday Coach Walks and Thursday Walks and so far these are going well.

I would like to thank the committee for the work they have done over the last two years.

I am pleased to announce that the majority of the committee is standing for re election. I feel that this is good for the continuity of the committee.

I would 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. Annette has stood down for personal reasons.

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 Walks throughout the last two years. Richard has also acted as Membership Secretary and worked hard introducing new members into the club.

Phil Mellor also took over the responsibility of the 2022 Club Holiday.

Kath Conroy for her work before standing down for personal reasons.

Marilyn Norbury for helping with the organisation of the 2022 Club Holiday and Reminisce Lunches.

Peter Winby for organising Skittles and Bowls Evenings.

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

Howard Gibson for helping with the organisation the 2022 Club Holiday.

Phil Mellor is now leaving the committee after several year and I would like to thank him for all his work during this time.

I am please to announce new members of the committee who are;

John Moreton and Peter Johnson who are joining as Ramble Organisers.

John Chambers who will be taking over the 2023 Club Holiday.

Deborah Ronson who is taking over looking after the First Aid Kits.

Kath Conroy who is rejoining the committee to look after our safety.

6.0 TREASURERS REPORT AND ACCOUNTS ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021

The club has had a difficult couple of years with Covid restrictions forcing us to postpone our walking programme over several months in 2020 and 2021.

The accounts in 2020 were audited even though we had limited walking. The club however still have expenditures that needs to accounted and audited yearly.

Thank you to David Cattell for Auditing these accounts. For information purposes we held 5 walks in total on the coach, and 5 non-coach walks.

It was with great relief that the club were able to start walking again in 2021.

We were only able to offer non-coach walk to begin. 5 walks took place starting in April 2021.

On 1st August 2021 the coach walks were able to resume.

We had then 10 coach walks in 2021 with members sometimes reluctant to attend. We therefore made a total loss of £302.00 on the price of the coach.

Throughout these 2 difficult years the club still has to run and we have below the yearly expenditures that need to be met:

- 1.0 Web hosting (Internet Fees)
- 2.0 Public Liability Insurance
- 3.0 Newsletters/Stamps/Stationery
- 4.0 Room Hire
- 5.0 First Aid Kits restocking costs

Our income is largely made up from the annual membership subscriptions.

The coach prices are met by the members attending the walks. The club at the moment are able to absorb the deficit.

On a positive note it was so lovely that we were able to hold a Skittles lunch at the Bickerton Poacher. The raffle made a profit of £32.00

We also arranged our annual meal walk which was self-funded but the turnout was poor and the coach made a total loss of £154.00

We have at the moment a healthy balance but as a committee we are aware that we need to make plans for the coming year with continuing price increases and sadly the lack of members attending the walks at the moment.

The Accounts have been Audited, thank you again to David Cattell for Auditing the accounts

7.0 AUDITORS REPORT.

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

8.0 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY.

Total Membership for 2021/22 is 136, this includes 12 Life Members and 14 new members. Enquiries from potential new members are coming in on a regular basis.

9.0 RAMBLE ORGANISERS REPORT.

It has been a difficult 2 years for the club and for the organisation of the walk program.

After our walk at Over Haddon walking was cancelled due to Covid 19 and again after Christmas 2020 resulting in rescheduling both walk programmes.

As soon as we were able to start walking in 2021 we started local with walks which were very well received then again when we were able to start using cars for walks the Cheshire East restrictions placed a damper on our plans.

For the Autumn / Winter 2021 program we started coach walking with a program I had selected our from popular walks but again 50% of this was altered as we had to find destinations for non walkers etc.

As an A walker I have struggled with choosing destinations for the other groups using the coach and especially scrapping all the work I had prepared for the walk programmes and walk cards therefore I am standing down from the committee.

Being a long distance walker I am not in tune with the majority of the club and I am sure John Moreton and Peter Johnson who will be taking over from me will be more able to support the majority of the club Sunday coach users.

10.0 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The committee was elected as follows:

CHAIR	BRYAN CLYDESDALE
TREASURER	JUDITH RUFF
SECRETARY	STUART WATKINSON
MEMBERSHIP	RICHARD FARRALL
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	BRYAN ROE
RAMBLE ORGANISER 1	JOHN MORETON
RAMBLE ORGANISER 2	PETER JOHNSON
CO-OPTED MEMBER REMINISCE	MARILYN NORBURY
CO-OPTED MEMBER PUBLICITY	LYNN RICHARDS
CO-OPTED MEMBER FIRST AID KITS	DEBORAH RONSON
CO-OPTED MEMBER CLUB HOLIDAYS 2023	JOHN CHAMBERS
CO-OPTED MEMBER SKITTLES AND BOWLS	PETER WINBY
CO-OPTED MEMBER SAFETY	KATH CONROY.

11.0 MOTION RE CLUB CONSTITUTION AND COMMITTEE

This year we carried out a review of the **CNRC CONSTITUTION AND RULES** which were last reviewed four years ago. This is a normal procedure and it allows us to keep our club documentation up to date.

CLUB RULES.

We reviewed the CLUB RULES and did not find any changes that we would like to propose.

CLUB CONSTITUTION.

We reviewed the CLUB CONSTITUTION and have two proposals for changes.

6.0 COMMITTEE

This states "In addition to the above mentioned Officers there will be a committee of six elected at the Annual General Meeting. The new committee shall commence office at the first committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting".

This paragraph is not really clear as it appears to contradict Paragraph 5 before.

So we propose to remove Paragraph 6 and to amend Paragraph 5 to make the intentions easier to understand.

5.0 OFFICERS

We have found that it is becoming more and more difficult to get Committee Members. We have been repeatedly told by Members that they would like to help but **DON'T WANT TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE.**

So we have proposed a system where the position of GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER is to be replaced by CO OPTED MEMBER. The definition of this is:

"Co-opted members are people who are chosen by the appropriate body to represent a

specific area of interest or issue of consideration. These representatives are not elected members of the Committee, and are appointed because of their level of knowledge and experience.

We believe that this will help us to attract club members to help with the club organisation without having to attend Committee Meetings.

The motion was passed.