

**SOUTH LAKES WALKING CLUB  
MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013**

The Club President, Joan Meakin welcomed the 39 members present and especially welcomed Ray Holmes, the previous President who was unable to attend the 2012 AGM due to illness.

**Apologies for Absence**

Monica Baynes, Nick and Sheila Andrews, Laraine Earle, Pauline Goodridge, Fereshteh Emani, Dennis and Margaret Pook, Jim Lawson, Brian Meakin, Jenny and Alan Paley, Avril Hallam, David Forrest, Dorothy Bayliss, Hazel Kent, Sheila Watson

**Minutes of last AGM held 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

The Minutes were approved, declared accurate and signed by Joan Meakin

**Matters Arising**

Archiving – Nigel to display the information he has received from Club members

Joan thanked Les Fielden for his work on programme printing over many years and Nick Andrews for setting up and running the first Club website.

**Report from General Secretary**

Pauline reported that her work had been much reduced and savings made on postage since e-mailing Club information to about 2/3rds of members; she thanked Nigel Markham and John Watson for their work on the e-programming.

**Report from Sunday Rambles Secretary**

Nigel reported a good year with all destinations met. The next programme is being prepared. He particularly thanked Mike Jackson for leading many walks.

**Report from Coach Secretary**

Brian reported that the numbers on the coach dropped during 2012 to an average of 47 per trip. This had meant that the £7 fare was not covering the cost of running the coach and hence the increase to £8. The coach company regular driver had been very efficient. Brian thanked members and committee for their help and assistance.

**Report from Saturday Rambles Secretary**

Yvonne reported a good year with 26 walks – 1x 'A' 9x'B' 6x'C'. Average number on walks was 13. She thanked walk leaders. The next programme is being prepared but leaders are still needed. Yvonne will resign from her position at the 2014 AGM.

**Report from Evening Walks Secretary**

Alice reported 14 successful walks with an average of 12-21 members attending. The next programme is being prepared and some leaders are still needed.

**Report from Social Secretary**

Beryl reported successful social events in 2012 – Birthday meal at Newby Bridge Hotel, summer meal at Rusland Pool Hotel, Christmas Meal at Castle Green Kendal all well attended and enjoyed. 40 members enjoyed the annual weekend away at the Royal Goat Hotel in Beddgelert in Wales.

**2013 Events**

17<sup>th</sup> February – Birthday Rambles Meal at Belsfield Hotel, Bowness

21<sup>st</sup> July – Summer Meal at Horse and Ferrier, Threlkeld

27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September – Annual Break at Lee Wood Hotel, Buxton, Derbyshire

17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Meal at Carus Green Golf Club

### **Report from the Treasurer**

John presented the audited accounts for 2012. The Club account at present stands at £2774.48. As the coach fare of £7 was not covering the cost of running the coach due to falling numbers, the fare was increased to £8 per person per trip on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013. If coach numbers increase and a balance of £3000+ is achieved, the Committee will review this. Officers' expenses have been reduced, mainly due to money saved by e-mailing. The RA affiliation fee is to increase from £45 to £55. The civil liability insurance premium was £215 in 2012 (figure not yet known for 2013) but without RA affiliation it would be £495! Not all members have paid 2013 subscriptions and some may not wish to renew. John re-iterated that deposits for bookings are non-refundable and coach seats not cancelled by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday coach, must be paid for. John thanked Rupert Connell for auditing the accounts, adding that Rupert is willing to continue for another year.

### **Election of Officers**

Pauline Lawson resigned as General Secretary.  
Raymond Holmes resigned from the Committee.  
All other Officers and Committee members were re-elected – proposed by Les Fielden and seconded by David Harrison  
Ria Akster was elected as General Secretary – proposed by Pauline Lawson and seconded by John Watson.  
Joan thanked Pauline and Ray for their services and presented them with a card and present.

### **Club Website**

John Edmondson introduced the new website which he has set up and is free. In January he recorded an average of 29 hits daily. It is linked to other walking club websites. He would welcome comments from Club members.

### **Electronic mailing**

Joan referred to a letter received by the Committee from a Club member expressing concern about the legal obligations of e-mailing to protect personal information of members. The Information Commissioners Office has been contacted and all is in order provided that information is circulated by 'blind copy'. Members were reminded that by supplying an e-mail address they are giving permission for information to be received electronically.

### **Any other business**

John Edmondson is planning the Wainwright 191-mile coast-to-coast walk to be undertaken in stages. The programme will be tailored to suit interested members and those wishing to partake should inform him.

The issue of allowing 'assistance dogs' on walks was raised. This has been approved by the coach company. It was agreed that the wording on the programme will change from 'No dogs allowed on walks' to 'No dogs except 'assistance dogs' allowed on walks. Motion proposed by Nigel Markham and seconded by Terry Doherty

Alice Kramer thanked the Committee on behalf of all present members and Nigel thanked Alice for organising the evening walks programme.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.