

Mansfield & Sherwood Ramblers



Minutes of Committee Meeting, 10th January 2023

The Redgate Inn, Mansfield

Present:

Roy Adkins, Julie Casey, Pete Dring, Cat Gill, Heather Jowett, Julie Lawson, Terri Lawton, Dawn Morley, Sue Rick, Brian Tuffnell, Keith Walker, Joy Walker, Val Woolley

Apologies:

Stephen Bramley, Helen Cornwell, Alex Ellis, Denise Garley, Sharron Hartshorn, Richard Lord, Eileen Matthews, Robert Matthews, Yvonne Rek, Jan Rek, Chris Taylor, Helen Ward

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 13th September 2022 we approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Julie Lawson, seconded by Joy Walker.

Matters Arising

Vanessa McGrath is experiencing issues with her clothing supplier and at present unable to supply any branded shirts. An alternative would be to source our own shirts and Vanessa could get them embroidered with our group logo. There are set up costs for this. Ramblers have their own branded clothing and Brian will send out information where these items can be purchased.

Finance

In communications regarding the donation our group received Richard Lord raised concerns that the funds were not being used in accordance with the wishes of the donor in that it should be only used for the benefit of our members. Furthermore, that the use of the donation, in particular the Christmas party, had not been recorded in any meeting minutes. Going forward, until the donation has been fully spent, this will be included as an agenda item at all committee meetings. This agenda item will also cover the funds we hold in our social account.

Julie Lawson has since had a message from the donor as follows:

Morning Julie, I am totally happy with what you decide. It's causing too much trouble with different views. I gave to Mansfield and Sherwood Ramblers to make people happy. No restrictions. We are all nice people aren't we? Of course we are. Happy New Year, anonymous donor.

Sue suggested to use the funds, currently standing at £507.50, for a coach trip to Howarth in June (July & August are more expensive months). This would be free to those members who were unable to go on our earlier trip to Bridlington and everyone else, including family and friends, would pay a £10 contribution. Julie Lawson proposed the trip and was seconded by Brian. All members of the committee agreed to the proposal. Sue will contact Redfern Travel for a quote for the trip.

Sue asked for permission to use our social fund to buy cards and small gifts such as flowers to send to our members with significant birthdays or who had taken ill. Previously Sue or Julie had bought these cards with their own money. It was proposed by Brian, seconded by Julie Lawson that Sue should buy a few birthday/get well cards. This was agreed by all members of the committee.

Social Events

Julie Lawson passed around a list of proposed events for everyone to indicate whether they would attend.

Other suggestions were:

Trip to Brimham Rocks/Fountains Abbey

A Skittles evening with buffet

A solstice walk to see sunrise/sunset

A YHA weekend, possibly in April

Yvonne, through Brian, asked if anyone was interested in a Kate Bush tribute act at Ravenshead Village Hall on 24th February. Tickets £16.

Brian gave some options for our next holiday in October. It was agreed that this should be to Kendal. Base price is £340pp.

Publicity

Following on from our presence at the Southwell Ploughing Match and our stall at the Shirebrook firework display Sue suggested that we should look at having a stall at the Warsop Carnival on Sunday 2nd July. Area has a gazebo and display boards we can use. This would be a chance to show not only what we do as a group such as walks, social events and holidays but also the work Ramblers undertake in keeping footpaths open for all. There have been some local success stories. We could also put on some short walks around Warsop. Volunteers will be needed for the event. It was agreed that Sue should look at the cost of having a stall and booking the area's resources.

If anyone else knows of local shows or events we could attend please let Sue or anyone on the committee know.

Ravenshead & Hucknall

Sue explained that at our AGM the group voted against plans for Ravenshead and Hucknall group moving to a Flexigroup but we now need to decide if we are willing to accept members from Ravenshead and Hucknall should that group close. Sue proposed that we should accept their members but that we should not change our group name to incorporate Ravenshead and Hucknall name. This was seconded by Brian and all agreed with the proposal.

Walks Programme

We have a few walks planned for 2023 and Brian provided a sheet for leaders to record any walks they are willing to lead. Brian reminded the meeting that although Sunday is our main walking day, leaders are welcome to lead a walk on any day and that these would be welcomed by some members who are unable to attend our Sunday walks.

Sue will be leading a walk in Ashbourne for the annual football match. We will also be going to Malham again in August and are looking at possibly making this a weekend away.

A.O.B

Brian told the meeting that Area and Central Office have approved our name change. We can now 'officially' start using Mansfield & Sherwood Ramblers in our communications and publicity. New logos will be available shortly. Look out for these being added to our Facebook page.

After the AGM Teri Lawton expressed an interest in serving on the committee. She was a great help at the Southwell Ploughing Match and has offered to help out with other events. The committee can co-opt new committee members and Julie Casey proposed accepting Terri as a member with Val Woolley seconding the proposal. It was agreed by all to elect Terri as a committee member.

Sue told us that after the Area Council meeting next Tuesday, 17th February, Adrian Amer (Newark Vice-Chair) will be giving a talk on climate change and everyone is welcome to attend. Brian asked if anyone else was interested in attending the meeting as a representative of our group. Each group is allowed to have two voting representatives at council meetings but as Sue is Area Chair, she is unable to vote. Joy Walker said that she would attend. It was suggested that a different person attends each meeting to experience what Area does. It does not have to be a committee member.

The Area AGM is on Sunday 5th February, hosted by Southwell group at Epperstone Village Hall. There are three walks on offer on the day and there will be a guest speaker at the meeting. To encourage our members to attend, we will not be putting any walks on that day.

Next Meeting

11th April 2023 at The Red Gate Inn, 7:30pm

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Brian Tuffnell

Group Secretary, Mansfield & Sherwood Group

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