

Mansfield & Sherwood Ramblers



Minutes of Committee Meeting, 11th April 2023

The Redgate Inn, Mansfield

Present:

Julie Casey, Richard Coupe, Pete Dring, Denise Garley, Martyn Gill, Sharron Hartshorn, Heather Jowett, Julie Lawson, Terri Lawton, Richard Lord, Russ Osborne, Hilary Reeves, Yvonne Rek, Jan Rek, Sue Rick, Brian Tuffnell, Helen Ward, Val Woolley

Apologies:

Roy Adkins, Alex Ellis, Eileen Matthews, Robert Matthews, Keith Walker, Joy Walker

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 10th January 2023 we approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Julie Lawson, seconded by Helen Ward.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

Finance

Richard reminded members that we have two accounts. The Ramblers preferred official one is Unity Trust. This is used primarily for admin e.g., recce mileages, stationary, equipment (litter picking) and AGM expenses. However, we also have a charitable account with Nat West which is used for our various activities and is working well for us. No admin charges are made on this account.

The current position was given as:

Nat West Account balance: £3,177.35

Donation balance: £507.50 (held within the Nat West Account)

Unity Trust Account balance: £531.49.

Based on membership numbers we currently receive £64.50 per quarter.

N.B. The previous Lloyds account, used for activities, was closed 13 July 2022 and the balance transferred to Nat West.

Further notes.

A new heading has been added to the Nat West accounts. Surplus/Deficit. At the present time this shows a surplus of £364.15. This is the combined surpluses from several activities. None were huge overpayments by members so it was agreed that such overpayments would be used as appropriate for new activities, as and when required. N.B. Activities aim to break even.

DATE	ACTIVITY	BALANCE	NOTES
Completed Activities			
01/10/22	Lloyds activity balance	£123.59	b/f from Lloyds 2021-2022
01/10/22	Eastbourne	-£15.00	
01/10/22	Litter Picking	-£9.10	
14/10/22	Llandudno	£26.09	
11/11/22	AGM 2022	£178.90	
09/03/23	IOW 23	£10.10	Daish Isle of Wight trip - March 2023
13/03/23	Osbourne House	£3.62	
17/11/22	Refined	£0.00	
13/01/23	Xmas 22	£45.95	
09/01/23	Panto 23	£0.00	
13/01/23	YHA 23	£0.00	
03/06/23	Theatre	£0.00	Limelight Tour
18/04/23	Balance	£364.15	

N.B. The donation account is to be used directly for the benefit of members taking part in agreed activities and will, eventually, be spent up. It will not be 'topped up' and non-members involved in such activities will need be charged the appropriate amount.

Finally – a reminder that I am stepping down from this role at the next AGM.

Sue explained that we have a number of events coming up where we need display boards to provide information and that we are not always able to use the ones held by the Area. Sue proposed that we to use the group funds held in the Unity Trust account to buy our own boards. This was proposed by Yvonne Rek and seconded by Julie Lawson. The proposal was passed. Sue and Brian are to look at options available and costs.

Social Events

Looking back over the past events since the last meeting

13 January 5th Litter pick - At Vicars Water. Lots of rubbish including many car parts!!

What a busy February with 6 events!

3 February Hospital Troupe Panto - Aladdin at Palace Theatre at 7:15 pm £10. 26 enjoyed an amusing evening.

4 February Ice Hockey at Nottingham Panthers v Sheffield Steelers. 7 enjoyed the thrills of the match. Thanks for Vanessa in helping sort this one.

5 February Area AGM at Southwell - Well supported by our group. 3 walks and limited cakes and drinks.

17 -20 Feb. YHA Weekend at Ilam Hall. 14 of us enjoyed staying at the historic hall and thanks to Sue and Brian for the 3 walks. Well done to the Virgin YHA'ers. Hope the snoring didn't put you off joining us again.

21 February Shrove Tuesday Football Match at Ashbourne. Thanks for the walk, Brian. Certainly an experience not to be missed but not for the faint hearted. Thanks to Brain and Roy for rescuing me!!

26 February CEO of the Ramblers me with us all at Pleasley Pit. Thanks for everyone who pulled this together at very short notice with an excellent buffet and making the CEO welcome. I am sure he will remember out group.

9-13 March Isle of Wight Coach Holiday - 48 of us had another brilliant holiday. Thanks to Pete for the recces and to Russ and Pete for the "For One Night Only" entertainment.

27 March Fire Station Museum Visit - 20 of us had an interesting evening visit learning all about the history of the Mansfield Fire Service and other memorabilia.

9 April Easter Egg Hunt - 19 of us enjoyed the hunt and quiz at Sutton Lawn and King's Mill Reservoir. Lots of chocolate and competitiveness.

Future Plans

Fri 14 April 6th Litter Pick at The Railway Sidings at Mansfield Woodhouse

Sun 30 April Pleasley Pit Visit - £11:00 Short Walk in the morning followed by Songs and Rhymes of the Mines, tour of Museum and Pie & Pea Supper. 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Tuesday 16 May, 6 June or 12 September

Tissington Hall Tour - 2 hours tour followed by Tea/Coffee and Cake in the library - £30

Sat 3 June Limelight Tour - Full but have a Waiting List £12

Sun 30 July Holocaust Centre Museum at Laxton - Broken Stings Musical Play £9.00 (£7.50 for over 65's) Friday ? 4, 11 or 18 August - To be confirmed

Skittles and buffet at Sherwood Ranger - Limited to 20 people £10

Sun 6 August Idle Valley, Retford - Beavers Tours at 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm with short walk in the morning- £18 - (or dusk tour at a later date £40

Fri18-Sun 20 August - Alex Staniforth's Malham Cove Weekend. YHA has 2, 3, 4, and 6 persons rooms as well as 2 person Camping Pods available ranging from £55.50 - £81 for 2 night. Breakfast extra at £9.95 or Continental for £5.95 or sort your own accommodation out nearby.

Sun 22 October Papplewick Pumping Station - 1940's Day £12 (Over 65 £11). Dressing up optional. Also, extra optional visit to Victorian Underground Reservoir.

Future Ideas

Disc Golf King George V Playing fields - £4. Game last 90 minutes to 2 hours, 4 people per team

Howarth Bus Trip - Date to be decided - Free to those who didn't go to Bridlington last year, £10 to those who went for free last time.

Chesterfield Canal Narrowboat Trip. £35 for 7 hours - 6 locks Carolgate Bridge (Aldi) heading west towards Retford. Bring your own picnic and have a go at steering and operating locks under supervision.

Ecton Mine Trip, Quiz Night, Bat Walk, Observatory Visit, Newark Civil War Centre, Burns Night, Sunrise/Sunset Walk, Sound Bath/Reki, Newstead Abbey, Night at The Dogs, Beamish Museum, Summer/Winter Solstice Walk, Night Walk, Barn Dance, Games Day, Weekends Away, Day Trips, Coach Holidays. Long distance holidays. All suggestions and help welcome.

Thanks again for all your support and stay safe

Publicity

Since the last meeting in raising awareness of Mansfield and Sherwood Ramblers I have:

1. Introduced the group to a new residents group of 123 members.
2. Arranged a Family Easter Egg hunt and invited new contacts from Farmilo School
3. Sent an article to local paper re: the litter picks.
4. Requested M&SR a place on Radio Mansfield events page. To follow up.
5. Added M&SR events to Facebook events page.
6. Have agreement with Pleasley Pit Country Park to display our boards over Easter. Further dates every quarter to be agreed.
7. Contacted Mansfield Museum to display our boards during mental health week in May and World mental health day October.

Ravenshead & Hucknall

Sue explained that Ravenshead and Hucknall group, at their SGM, have voted against joining with our group and instead voting to dissolve the group. Central Office have contacted all members of Ravenshead and Hucknall informing them of their options to choose another group following the dissolution of their group. A letter giving information of our group was also included as we had offered to merge with them. This may result in our group seeing some new members.

Notts Area Group Day

On Saturday 15th July Notts Area Ramblers are holding a 'get together' day for all members of Ramblers in the Nottinghamshire area. The Lady Margaret Hall at Holbeck has been booked for the event. There will be a walk on offer as well as fundraising activities, a fuddle and other activities yet to be decided. Sue asked for help in organising this day (other groups have also been asked to help out) and there will be an initial meeting at the White Post Inn, Farnsfield on 18th April at 5:30pm.

Warsop Carnival/Notts County Show

Sue has secured a stall at the Warsop Carnival on Sunday 2nd July and Notts Area have secured a stall at the Notts County Show on Friday 13th May. Both events are an opportunity to publicise not only our group but the work that the Ramblers do. Volunteers are needed to man the stalls and possibly lead some short walks at the Warsop Carnival. We will need to buy tickets for anyone going to the County show.

Walks Programme

We already have a number of walks planned for the first half of 2023 and Brian provided a sheet for leaders to record any walks they are willing to lead. He again 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. Suggestions as to where we may walk were also requested and if any were forthcoming Brian would contact leaders to see if they could lead in those places. Thanks to all our leaders for their continued support in leading our group.

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Next Meeting

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

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Brian Tuffnell  
Group Secretary, Mansfield & Sherwood Group

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