

**MINUTES OF THE GEDLING & DUKERIES GROUP RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE MEETING ROOM RICHARD HERROD CENTRE**

**PRESENT:**

Mick Rawdin	Val Disney	Jonathan Ankers
Malcolm Costello	Jim Norris	Brian O'Neill
Brian Torr	Graham Dicker	Liz Pritchett
Alex McGowan	George Wood	Pat Rogers
Ann Staples		

**APOLOGIES:** Heather Darwent.

**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

Proposed George Wood, seconded Val Disney, and passed.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Jim Norris had written the annual report for Area.

**3. MEMBER'S REPORTS**

Chairman's Report

Although held at short notice, the Group's Christmas Fuddle was again a success. The number of raffle prizes donated more than covered the hire of Papplewick Village Hall. Perhaps under AOB we should think about this year's fuddle, to make sure the date goes in the walks programme. So can we as a committee come back at the next meeting with ideas for this year's location and date.

The presentation to Ann Staples for her service to the group as Coach Secretary finally went ahead after the Thursday walk on 24<sup>th</sup>.November.

Since the last committee meeting I have on behalf of the group sent cards to the following members :-

Ann Staples

Diana Mackintosh

Peter Dawson

Aubrey Gamble

The Area AGM takes place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>.February 2017, with several vacancies on the Area Committee. I shall attend. The venue is Greasley Parish Hall / Sports Centre hosted by Broxtowe Group. There is a guest speaker from Ramblers HQ- a Paul Rhodes. This could turn out to be one of the most important Area AGM's for many years, due to the number of vacancies. I shall report back at our next meeting in March.

There was an Area Management meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup>.January 2017 when it was agreed in principle to Mansfield & Sherwood Group taking on the postal code of the area covered by the Dukeries Group . Following the Mansfield & Sherwood Groups AGM,the decision by the members present was not to take on the Dukeries name in their group title - just the postal code area. The Area meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 will ratify what has been agreed at ours

and Mansfield & Dukeries AGM's. It's a pity the Dukeries name will be lost forever. At our Group's AGM in November a further vote will have to be taken to remove the name Dukeries from our constitution.

Finally I have obtained a copy of the Notts Wolds Way, free of charge, from Notts. Footpath Preservation Society.

### Secretary's Report

1. London's City Hall has announced the appointment of a Walking and Cycling Commissioner for the capital.
2. Following the results of the Big Pathwatch, our biggest ever footpath survey, we've embarked on an ambitious week-long path maintenance project to fix problems along the popular national trail Offa's Dyke.
3. Several Area Officers will not be standing for re-election at the Notts Area Annual General Meeting on Sunday 5th February 2017. The officers standing down are:

Keith Wallace	Area Chair
Rod Fillingham	Area Vice Chair
Jenny Fillingham	Area Secretary
Jenny Fillingham	Area Minutes Secretary
James McGill	Area Groups Officer
Vacant	Area Publicity Officer
Peter Revill	Area Walking Environment Officer

It is very important that the Area Chair and Area Secretary positions are filled as these are two of the main Area posts.

### Treasurer's Report

Balance £761.80. £50 deposit had been paid for the coach and the fuddle had been self-financing.

### Walks Programme Editor

There had been no word from Chris Thompson about putting walks in the next programme. Information was being gathered. Graham suggested listing the free dates but this was rejected as it might discourage walk leaders from submitting walks in time for the programme.

### Footpaths Secretary's Report

The Friends of Ethel Avenue problem was to be referred to the Council as the developer was proceeding with the work despite objections.

## Membership Secretary's Report

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2016**

Total	229
Annual Individual	127
Annual Joint	95
Life Individual	5
Life Joint	2
Payments Pending	4
Members no longer in the group	2
New Members	2
Members Reinstated	0

A letter from Norman Barnes had been received regarding his lapsed subscription.

## Social Sub Committee Report

The fuddle raffle made £90. Pat suggested buying better prizes next time, rather than accepting donations.

The charity donation in place of sending Christmas cards had only raised £25 at the fuddle; possibly due to people not being aware of the collection. A letter of thanks from the Air Ambulance was circulated. The collection would be made known next year.

It was suggested to move the annual dinner from Ramsdale to the Mapperley Golf Club. For this year it was agreed to go ahead with Ramsdale as Ann had already booked 6<sup>th</sup> May at £14.95 per head with no room rental. Ann thought that a rent might be added in 2018. The entertainer would be Trevor Lee, who talks about music halls and plays the ukulele. The audience are encouraged to sing. **This was agreed.**

The offer of Lambley walks by Margaret Meadows was discussed. Val would phone Margaret.

## Coach Secretary's Report

The next trip is to Skegness on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>.July.

## Publicity

Malcolm said that leaflets had been left in pubs on walks.

Go Outdoors would be having a day in March or April where we can have a table.

Val would contact Rufford about having a promotional stand and to assess the suitability of the Seminar Room.

## Area Liaison Officer's Report

There has been no Area meeting since the last report.

## Webmaster's Report

Difficulties were being experienced with Firefox compatibility. The web hosting company were unlikely to take any action.

Jonathan would send final copies of recent minutes for inclusion on the website.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **It was agreed** to hold the 2017 AGM at Lowdham Village Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Jonathan to book.
2. **It was agreed** to have a Christmas fuddle. Ideas were requested for agreement at the next meeting.
3. Ann thanked everyone for the flowers and vouchers presented to her.
4. Malcolm asked if it were possible to have a Ramblers car sticker. This was deferred to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 2045.

#### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017.