



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 10th NOVEMBER 2016

Present

Jerry Walker (Chairman), Frank Horner (Gen. Sec.), Lynn Watson (Treasurer), John Gooch (Walks Co-ordinator), Julia McNelley (Membership Secretary), Jane Bekker, Liz Hudson, Beryl Leck, Peter Leck, John McNelly, Brian Smethurst, David Watson and Tim Wyles.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from David Bailey, Penny Bailey, David Gibson-Brown, Charles Hacon and John Ling.

2. Melanie Brown, Active Norfolk

Melanie Brown attended the meeting to discuss the role of Active Norfolk and how, from funding received, they could help in pushing ahead walking for health groups. She would class our group as coming under that umbrella. She stated that all groups were different but help could be given if required. She indicated that there was to be a 'Festival of Walks' in the Great Yarmouth area from the 26/12/16 to 08/01/17. There was funding of £500 if we were willing to participate in this festival on the basis we would provide two walks during the period. Walk Leaders would be needed and the route must be accessible by public transport and be circular. They should be walks based on the lists available from Norfolk Trails Website.

In addition she stated they could arrange to include our group on First Aid courses at a cost of £20.00 per person in place of the normal £25.00. They could also provide training for Walk Leaders if required.

Members thanked Melanie for her attendance and said they would consider the points raised after receiving her email to the Chairman listing all the points raised.

3. Minutes of the meeting held 15th September, 2016

The minutes of the meeting held 15th September, 2016, were confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

(i) Hi-Viz Vests - The Chairman confirmed the price for each vest would be £6.25. Members agreed he should proceed with the order and to include XXL and XXXL sizes.

(ii) Promoting Walk East Norfolk - It was agreed this matter should not be pursued at the present time.

(iii) Forthcoming events - The events were noted as the Christmas Lunch, the 'Mince Pie' walk and the 'Seal Walk'. It was hoped that members would be supportive.

(iv) Radios - After discussion the members felt these were not necessary.

(v) Walk Leaders - It seemed there was not always a walk leader at the rear and members confirmed there must be a rear marker at all times. John requested walk leaders share positions in the line of walkers to ensure they all get turns in front and at the rear. This ensures a fairer allocation of positions.

5. Finance Report

The Treasurer reported the organisation had a balance of £1400.00. She asked if the committee would agree for her to ascertain if funds were available to us from Persimmon Homes who were providing monies to local communities. The Committee agreed she should pursue the possibility.

6. Membership Voting

John Gooch raised this matter as he felt the voting carried out for the time of day for the Tuesday walks and the venue for the Christmas lunch was not representative of the total membership. The General Secretary stated all members where email addresses were available were sent the options available and were asked to let him have their choices. These were put on a spreadsheet and the results were utilised. The Tuesday walks were the majority who voted were marginally in favour of keeping the 'status quo'. Of the membership who made contact it was, by a very large majority, to opt for East Coast Restaurant.

After discussion it was agreed the way the 'vote' was carried out was reasonable in the time available and was conclusive. You cannot expect every member to cast a vote and decisions can only be made on the actual preferences received.

7. Any Other Business

(i) New Walks

It was agreed that members should be requested to provide information to enable new walks to be considered. They should be circular, have parking facilities and be at least 2 to 6 miles in length. John was already looking at walks in the Reedham area but had been advised there may be costs in using Reedham Village Hall car park. He would continue to look into this. He was also investigating a walk at Freethorpe/Wickhampton.

(ii) First Aid Training

Members were reminded that a group would be attending First Aid training on 21st November.

8. Date, time and place of next meeting

It was confirmed the next meeting would be held 9th February, 2017, at 2.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Runham.

Chairman _____

Date _____