

Hike Norfolk – Committee Meeting
Hotel Nelson, Norwich

5 January 2012

Chairman: Richard May (RM)
Minutes: Amy Lees (AL)

Attendees: Tim Arnold (TA), Adele Dodgson (AD), Graham Finlayson (GF), Ian Hardicker (IH), David Lees (DL), Jonathan Smith (JS)

Apologies: none

No	Agenda Item	Agreed Actions (and member responsible)
1	Welcome by the Chairman	
	RM welcomed the committee members.	
2	Apologies	
	RM noted that no apologies were given.	
3	Minutes of previous meeting (30 June 2011)	
	<p>RM asked the group to check the minutes of an earlier committee meeting held on 30 June 2011.</p> <p>RM and AL to sign minutes of this and the previous meeting at next committee meeting as there were still outstanding items.</p> <p>Richard May –</p> <p>Amy Lees –</p>	AL to bring copies to next meeting.
4	Matters arising from previous meeting (30 June 2011)	
	<p>Considering the actions from 30 June meeting, the following were:</p> <p>8 – Group conduct</p> <p>10 – Walk programme</p> <p>Next meeting – 23 February 2012 date to be moved into early</p>	<p>AL to bring for discussion to next meeting.</p> <p>RM to e-mail all HN members to see if others would like to lead walks.</p> <p>RM to set up Doodle</p>

	March so GF can attend.	dates and e-mail to committee members.
5	Committee member updates	
	<p>a) Chairman –</p> <p>RM noted that the group was maintaining reasonable momentum but that progress may have been impacted by the ending of the Race to Scafell competition.</p> <p>TA added that several longstanding group members had also stopped walking since summer 2011 and this may have impacted on group member numbers.</p> <p>b) Membership Secretary –</p> <p>AL noted membership data was being sent through from Norfolk Area Ramblers on a monthly basis, and membership numbers stayed fairly consistent (c. 45) from May-November 2011.</p> <p>There were regular walk attendees (3 of them walk leaders) who did not have Ramblers membership affiliated to Hike Norfolk and a discussion took place as to how this could be resolved where there insurance could be invalidated due to non-membership.</p> <p>c) Treasurer –</p> <p>TA reported that the annual return to Ramblers had now been completed, and shared a statement with the committee.</p> <p>The group's Paypal account had been accessed and would be retained in case if needed for further use.</p> <p>The group's financial statement need to be verified by an independent examiner (who can be a group member who is not a committee member). Jon France had agreed to do this and would meet with TA shortly to do this review.</p> <p>A discussion took place on how HN funds could be used. RM commented that Cotswold had volunteered to sponsor the new HN competition (Norfolk Tour), and had offered the use of their library for future AGMs.</p> <p>d) Walks Secretary –</p> <p>IH noted that the current programme was now full but had</p>	<p>AL to contact Derek Goddard for Ramblers information.</p>

	<p>reccys in close proximity to the walk itself.</p> <p>The group discussed whether it was always policy to do a reccy for a walk, and agreed that though it was best practice, there was no reason why unreccyed walks could not form a component part of the walk programme as long as walk attendees were notified on the walk leader's post.</p>	IH to add reminder to next walk programme post.
11	Estimated walk timings	
	<p>GF raised the issue of walk timings for discussion, as he had experience of similar walks where the pace had differed by up to an hour and half in a day.</p> <p>The group agreed that this information should be added to each walk leader's post to give attendees an idea of what to expect.</p>	IH to add reminder to next walk programme post.
12	Representation at area AGM & area council	
	<p>RM noted that area AGM was on 18 February 2012 and all committee members were welcome to attend.</p> <p>RM was due to attend the area council meeting on 10 March 2012 but there would be one space available if committee members were keen to attend. AD requested that RM send an e-mail to committee members about this date.</p>	RM to send e-mail to committee members.
13	Upcoming multiday events	
	<p>RM noted that there were no current multiday events in the walk programme but some were at the planning stage:</p> <p>TA – EHW/equivalent trip in early May 2012 RM – Sussex trip on June Bank Holiday weekend 2012</p>	
14	AOB	
	There were no items raised by committee members.	
<p>Next Meeting - The next Committee meeting will be held in early March 2012 – date to be confirmed and agreed between committee members.</p> <p>The remaining committee dates until autumn 2012 are as follows: 28 June 2012 28 October 2012 (next AGM)</p>		