

Hike Norfolk – Committee Meeting

15/05/2013

19:30 Hotel Nelson, Norwich

Chair: Tim Arnold (TA)

Minutes: Adele Dodgson (AD)

Attendees: David Lees (DL), Hanna Cannell (HC), Clive Manwaring (CM), Graham Finlayson (GF) and Richard May (RMa).

Apologies: Ian Hardicker (IH) and Rosemary Moore (RMo)

No	Agenda Item	Agreed Actions (and member responsible)
1	Welcome by the Chairman	
	TA welcomed the committee members. Particular mention was given to CM who was attending his first meeting and congratulations to RMa who had been successfully elected onto the Ramblers Board of Trustees.	
2	Apologies	
	Ian Hardicker and Rosemary Moore	
3	Minutes of previous meeting (Date: 20/03/2013)	
	TA asked the group to check the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on the 20 th March 2013. Section 5c) Treasurer: the Hike Norfolk bank balance was amended and initialled by AD from £351.59 to £351.77. Thereafter, the minutes were signed by TA and AD as an accurate reflection of the meeting.	
4	Matters arising from previous meeting (Date: 20/03/2013)	
	Following the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ TA has distributed the email correspondence regarding the sustainable growth group to committee members.▪ TA has emailed all Hike Norfolk members to remind them of the new Social programme and the opportunity to suggest events for it.▪ HC continues to distribute Ramblers promotional leaflets (entitled 'Share our Passion for Walking') to potential new members.▪ RMa has provided AD with the walk leaders form for the Wells-next-the-Sea walk on 17/02/2013, the Race to Ben Nevis was updated with the results.▪ RMa has altered the Race to Ben Nevis settings to permit corrections to the walk 'Location' and 'Date' fields.▪ AD has forwarded the Norfolk Area Ramblers meeting minutes held on 16/03/2013 to Hike Norfolk Committee members. Group discussion regarding repeat attendance on walks by new members or those who have yet to join Ramblers.	TA to update 23/01/2013 meeting minutes. RMa to contact Ramblers central office - could they provide him with more leaflets? RMa to run a cross reference search between Hike Norfolk forum and R to BN to extract new member details who have joined recently.
5	Committee member updates	
	a) Chair: TA: The trip to Cairngorms, Scotland Sat 6 th to 13 th April 2013 was an enjoyable week.	

<p>b) Membership Secretary: AD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">AD has contacted Ramblers and remaining references to NYWG have now been removed and replaced with Hike Norfolk website, 'Chair' and 'Membership' email addresses. <p>Membership statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Based on monthly membership list, dated 01/05/2013 – 51 members so membership has reduced slightly compared to March meeting.Total number of members includes 3 No new members who joined, 2 No former members who have resigned and 3 No whose membership has lapsed during April 2013.Several new trial members have joined walks over the past couple of months.The 'Membership' e-mail address received 3 No enquiries which AD has responded to accordingly and continues to maintain a spreadsheet of correspondence. <p>c) Treasurer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Hike Norfolk Bank Account Manager has been replaced and HC notified. <p>d) Walks Secretary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">IH absent, nothing raised via email to TA to discuss at meeting. <p>e) Social Secretary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">RMO will publish and encourage next social programme to coincide with forthcoming walks programme. <p>f) Webmaster: Nothing to report.</p> <p>g) Ordinary Member: RMA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reported that Ramblers General Council in April 2013 was a very successful meeting chaired by Jonathan Kipling Chairman & Trustee of the Ramblers, with Nicholas Crane guest speaking. The meeting minutes are available for download from The Ramblers website.Thanked the committee for their support of his new Trustee role which he was awarded at the Ramblers GC.Approximately 10 members on Board of Trustees, plus Chair and Honorary Trustees. Of these, approximately 4 members are of a 'younger' demographic including the Vice Chair.He attended two Workshops entitled 'Mission Statement' and 'Social Media' and an evening working session regarding 'Young Walkers Groups' (coincidentally the average age of other members attending this session was 40's, similar to the Hike Norfolk average age demographic).There is the potential for Ramblers to re-introduce the 'Hike' brand to appeal to younger age groups.The Hike Norfolk trip to Eastbourne, Sussex Fri 3rd to Mon 6th May 2013 was an enjoyable weekend. <p>CM & GF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nothing to report.	<p>AD & TA to review new Ramblers members and those who are trial members. TA to send out mailing to encourage them to attend a walk soon.</p>
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6	Race to Ben Nevis update	
	<p>A summary of the race results was provided by TA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CM noted to be presently leading the race with 195 miles, Jo second with 156 miles and Hanna third with 140.7 miles. <p>The following ideas were agreed as prizes for the competition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertake prize giving at the 2013 Hike Norfolk AGM ▪ Walk leaders raffle winner £30.00 Cotswold Outdoor voucher (1 entry per Walk Leader) ▪ Greater than 12 walks attended raffle £20.00 Cotswold Outdoor voucher ▪ Provide certificates for the first, second and third places (and back-date for previous race winners) <p>The idea of interactive competitions to be held at the AGM was also briefly discussed. DL suggested Hike Norfolk Ramblers members could nominate via forum individuals who had led the most challenging/interesting/scenic walk.</p>	AD & HC to visit Cotswold Outdoor to ascertain if they would be interested in sponsoring the voucher prizes.
7	The future of the forum	
	<p>Some alternative ideas to the current forum were briefly discussed.</p> <p>RMa (from Ramblers General Council)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Meet Up' – a type of social media/network focused on groups, potentially a fee associated with setting up a group. It is not a membership group; more 'Pay as you go' and apparently someone who charges for leading walks complained that it is outside the format of Ramblers. ▪ DL/TA briefly discussed Google Sites and Google Plus which can be adapted to Hike Norfolk's requirements. ▪ It was agreed that the Forum current provides the best functionality for Hike Norfolk members but alternatives will be reviewed in the future. 	All Committee members to familiarise themselves with 'Meet Up'
8	Hike Norfolk funds	
	<p>A query was raised by a Hike Norfolk member to HC regarding the use of Hike Norfolk funds for footpath enhancement projects.</p> <p>Discussed that Norfolk Area Ramblers have their own (not insignificant) funds which they use to support various projects in collaboration with Norfolk County Council Highways Dept. Although Hike Norfolk is keen to show its support, the group does not feel it could currently provide financial support and maintain a sustainable balance for future group activities e.g. autumn 2013 AGM.</p>	HC to respond to Hike Norfolk member clarifying position.
9	Area Business	
	<p>Potential opportunity for Hike Norfolk to host Area AGM in 2015 was agreed unanimously by the Committee.</p> <p>The need to confirm a date, venue, guest speaker and provision of cakes for delegates were briefly raised and will be discussed in greater detail in the future.</p>	AD to provide confirmation to Norfolk Area.
10	Time of future meeting and possibility of limiting meeting time	
	Ideally meetings should finish no later than 9pm, so future meetings will specify a 7pm for 7.15pm prompt start.	
11	Date of next meeting	
	To be agreed via Doodle Poll	TA to circulate

12	AOB		
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<p>Next Meeting Update:</p> <p>The next Committee meeting will be held on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August 2013 at Hotel Nelson, Norwich, 7pm for a 7.15pm start.</p> <p>Future meetings will be held at roughly two monthly intervals.</p>			