

Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Committee: Mike Stock – Chair and Secretary (MS), Angela Dobie (AD), Lorraine Donovan (LD), Pam Duesbury (PD), Trevor Griffiths (TG), Morag Hunter (MH), Hazel Lee (HLe), Howard Lloyd (HLI), Julie Lloyd (JL), Louise Mitchell (LM), Rob Turner (RT) Also present: Adrian Baldwick, Lynn Baldwick, Kathryn Bull, Tim Carney, Joe Colls, Keith Donovan, Christine Downer, Geoff Ellis (GE), Sonia Ellis, Christine Gott (CG), Bill Jackson, Sue Jones (SJ), Lesley Matthews, Steve Naylor (SN), Tony Norcross, Brian Palmer (BP), Ruth Palmer, Jill Pearce, Jeremy Pratt (JP), Martin Smith, Neil Stafford, Chris Sweetman (CS), Alan Wilson (AW)
Where	Kinoulton Village Hall
When	13.45, Sunday 20 November 2022
What	Rushcliffe Ramblers Annual General Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	AGENDA	
0.1	- Chairman's Opening Remarks - Apologies - Minutes of the AGM held 21 November 2021 - Matters Arising - Secretary's Report - Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts - Election of Committee - Appointment of an Independent Examiner - Presentation of Awards - Any Other Business	
1	CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS	
1.1	The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting, mentioning that the Treasurer was unable to attend. He also observed that this was Rushcliffe Ramblers' 34 th AGM, the first one being held in Bingham with 18 members present. He extended grateful thanks to AW for leading the morning walk, and to the cake-makers and helpers for giving up their time.	
2	APOLOGIES	
2.1	Apologies were received from Clare Coxon, Keith Coxon, Elizabeth Dalton, Ceri Griffiths, Mike Hedge, Karen Lewis (KL), Peter Lewis, Lesley Manson, Nicky Newberry, Mary Riddell, Dominic Rouse.	
3	MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD 21 NOVEMBER 2021	
3.1	These were agreed as a true record.	
4	MATTERS ARISING	
4.1	The only matter arising was the subject of risk assessment, dealt with under 5.6 below.	
5	SECRETARY'S REPORT	

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5.1	The Secretary's Report is attached, being MS' tenth and last in this role. He highlighted the following salient points.	
5.2	<i>Committee:</i> MS welcomed four new people to the committee - HLI (Footpaths Secretary), HLe and LM (Joint Social Secretaries), and JL (Committee Member) - and was pleased to have MH back, in her new role as Walks Co-ordinator. Many valuable contributions had already been made. The committee had been fairly stable over a number of years, but was now beginning to change. He stressed that we should not feel complacent about our success in filling the various roles, and all offers to serve would be welcome.	
5.3	<i>Expenses:</i> The mileage rate for volunteer expenses claims had been raised to 45p per mile, taking effect on 1 November 2022.	
5.4	<i>Membership:</i> There has been a slight reduction in membership over the past 12 months, although Rushcliffe Ramblers still constitute the largest group in Nottinghamshire, with 41% taking part in at least one activity in the course of the year.	
5.5	<i>Walks:</i> The programme this year has largely returned to normal, although the average number of participants per walk has decreased, from 19 to 13, plus the number of walk leaders has dropped slightly, albeit incorporating some new ones. LD has finally retired after 22 years of organising walks very successfully. MS presented her with a gift of a fleece in recognition of her outstanding achievement.	
5.6	<i>Risk assessment:</i> MS was indebted to CS for information provided by him on this topic. At General Council in April 2022 two motions were passed: (i) that risk assessments should be removed completely, and (ii) that they should be simplified. Both these motions are still under consideration. Considerable concern was expressed by CS about the delay and its ramifications. MS undertook to make enquiries re pushing for action through Area.	MS
5.7	<i>Holidays and social events:</i> AD and KC were thanked for their dedicated work in coping with ongoing cancellations, postponements and refunds. Holidays are now back on track, with bookings for Malhamdale going well, and for Glencoe better than expected. Social events had resumed, with a trip to a brewery organised by KC and the annual London walk arranged by HLe, for which thanks were extended.	
5.8	<i>Publicity:</i> MS thanked TG for producing Relay in such a colourful and informative way, stressing that contributions are welcomed from all the membership, not just the committee. Our publicity leaflets had been distributed around key locations, although it was difficult to assess their impact.	
5.9	<i>Footpaths:</i> HLI had got to grips with his role very quickly, the main local concern being the A52 underpass, for which the work was moving slowly. With assistance from SJ and Paul Fenton, he has been updating local waymarking on the Trent Valley Way.	
6	TREASURER'S REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS	
6.1	The Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts is attached, and thanks were extended to BP for auditing them. The accounts were accepted (AW/CG).	
7	ELECTION OF COMMITTEE	
7.1	The committee for 2022-2023 was elected as follows (proposers and seconders in brackets).	

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8	APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER																												
8.1	BP was appointed as independent examiner (GE/JP).																												
9	PRESENTATION OF AWARDS																												
9.1	RT explained there had been 75 walks in the course of the year, with a record number of seven additional walks cancelled, mostly due to the weather, which had been variously too hot, too rainy or too stormy, attributable to global warming/climate change. However, the booking system still in operation makes it easier to cancel a walk at the last minute if necessary. Certificates were presented as follows. Walker of the Year, with 39 walks and 302 miles: LD. New Walker of the Year, with 25 walks and 220 miles: HLI. Leader of the Year, with 7 walks, 139 people and 55 miles: KL. New Leader of the Year, with 3 walks, 19 people and 23 miles: SN. Membership Secretary's Special Award: MS, for his superman role as journalist and troubleshooter, flying around sorting out problems.																												
11	ANY OTHER BUSINESS																												
11.1	None.																												
11.3	There being no further business, the meeting finished at 14.35.																												