

	RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION RUSHCLIFFE GROUP
	MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
	HELD AT CROPWELL BUTLER AND TITHBY VILLAGE HALL, CROPWELL BUTLER, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
	SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alan Wilson (Chairman), David Brown, Loes Brown, Kathryn Bull, Peter Chambers, Joe Colls, Clare Coxon, Keith Coxon, Elizabeth Dalton, Angela Dobie, Keith Donovan, Lorraine Donovan, Susan Dooley, Adriana Fallon, John Fallon, Mary Foster, Jan Foulds, Ceri Griffiths, Trevor Griffiths, Christine Gott, Hazel Hilton, Morag Hunter, Paul Johnson, Charlie King, Karen Lewis, Peter Lewis, Elizabeth Lister, Lesley Manson, Nicky Newberry, Brian Palmer, Ruth Palmer, Margaret Parrey, Richard Parrey, Jill Pearce, Jeremy Pratt, Alan Shiret, Martin Smith, Mike Stock, Chris Sweetman, Rachel Tindsley, Rob Turner, Jane Varlow, Maggie Walsh and Chris Wrigley.

1 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming members to the 30th Annual General Meeting of the Group. He said that the Group marked the anniversary with a successful Barn Dance at the Edwalton Golf and Country Club. He thanked the members who provided the excellent selection of cakes.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Philippa Culshaw, Pam Duesbury, Mike Hedges and Mike Spalton.

3 MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2017 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5 ANNUAL REPORTS

a) Secretary's Report.

The Secretary's report is attached to these minutes.

He began by recalling that the first meeting of the steering group took place on 5 October 1988 and the first annual general meeting was held at the Crown Inn, Bingham on 22 March 1989 when Richard Parrey was elected as the Group's first Chairman. He was pleased to announce that Richard and Margaret were present today for the 30th annual general meeting.

He thanked Alan Wilson for taking over the organisation for this meeting whilst he was in hospital last week.

He thanked the committee for making his job easier and felt that it had worked effectively in the members' interests in promoting a varied number of walks, excellent social events and holidays and weekends away.

He was disappointed that the proposals for increasing the supply of walks

were not successful but he was keen to stress that this should not discourage members from putting forward ideas in the future. He mentioned that Rob Turner had been particularly busy in dealing with the issues regarding the implementation of the GDPR Act as it affects the Group.

He pointed out that Central Office intend to introduce an online membership dashboard and an App for walk attendance logging, all of which will need some input by ourselves.

b) Footpaths Secretary's Report

The Footpaths Secretary's report is attached to these minutes.

Martin made special mention of the dispute over access to the Hook in Lady Bay where the landowner claims that there are no rights of way over his land. This is a well-used area by the public and the landowner's claim is being contested.

Both the above reports were adopted unanimously.

c) Martin Smith

Martin is standing down from the committee. The Chairman said that Martin was elected to the committee in November 1996 and elected as footpaths secretary in November 1997. In recognition of this length of service, Alan presented Martin with a Ramblers' fleece with the heartfelt thanks of the Group for a job well done for such a long period. This was greeted by prolonged applause by the members present.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Statement of Accounts is attached to these minutes.

Keith thanked Brian Palmer for auditing the accounts.

He said that the accounts are divided into two parts. The first part is the Main Account, which covers the cost of running the Group. He said that income was slightly less than last year but had been boosted by an anonymous donation. Overall costs have reduced from £702.00 to £618.00 leaving a net surplus of £282.00.

He reminded the meeting that in accordance with Ramblers' policy, the Group is required to follow Ramblers' instructions about the level of reserves held. The Group holds £1,618.00 in reserves at the year-end, resulting in a level of reserves of 261% which is a considerably above the recommended level of 100%. The committee will be looking to reduce our funds in the immediate future.

The second part of the accounts is self-funded covering holidays and socials. He said that the detail for the current year is shown on Page 1 of the Report and the relevant activity across two financial years on Page 2 to give a more complete picture of the finances. He pointed out that the expenditure for the Slovenia trip amounted to £22,000.00.

The year-end position of the self-funded account shows a balance of £1,156.00 with net prepayments of £572.00 leaving a "true" reserve of £584.00.

Keith invited questions on the accounts but none was raised.

The Statement of Accounts and Report was adopted unanimously.

7 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The Chairman said that apart from Martin who was standing down, all members of the current committee present at the October committee meeting have indicated that they are all prepared to continue in their respective roles. Chris Sweetman said he was prepared to be the footpaths secretary. He asked for further nominations. Rachel Tindsley said that she would like to volunteer to join the committee. She was proposed by Alan Wilson and seconded by Charlie King.

There being no other nominations the Committee was elected unanimously and comprises:

Position	Member
Chairman	Alan Wilson
Secretary	Mike Stock
Treasurer	Keith Coxon
Footpath Secretary	Chris Sweetman
Programme Secretary	Lorraine Donovan
Joint Social Secretaries	Morag Hunter and Hazel Hilton
Membership Secretary	Rob Turner
Publicity	Alan Shiret
Weekends Away/Holiday Co-ordinators	Angela Dobie and Karen Lewis
Delegate to Area Council	To be filled
Committee Member	Rachel Tindsley

8 APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Chairman said that Brian Palmer was willing to continue as the Group's Independent Examiner.

It was agreed unanimously that Brian Palmer be appointed as the Independent Examiner.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Awards for Walks

Rob Turner has diligently unearthed the following statistics for making the following awards:-

2015-2018

Leader with the most people miles:	Jeremy Pratt	7227 miles
Leader with the greatest % of wet walks:	Rachel Tindsley	36%

2017 – 2018

Newcomer with most walks:	Paul Johnson	34 walks
Most miles walked as leader:	Jeremy Pratt	
Most extreme weather award:	Martin Smith	“Atrocious”
Most walks in the year:	Lorraine Donovan	67
	2 nd Angela Dobie	61
	3 rd Karen Lewis	58

There being no other business the meeting closed at 14.25 hours.