

Crook & Weardale Ramblers
Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday 26 July 2021

Venue – Wetherspoons Crook 10:00

Attendees: Steve Musgrove (Chair), Mike Knipe (Secretary) Kath Wright (Treasurer) Alison Musgrove, Liz Walton, David Balmer, Dennis Ebdon, Christine Ebdon

Apologies for absence: None

Previous Minutes – accepted with no outstanding matters arising

Chairman's report

The summer walks programme is well underway and is well supported with a number of guest walkers attending from other groups.

A draft walks programme for Autumn has been printed and is reduced to four pages plus an 8 page pocket version. The costs will depend on the volumes of each version.

It was agreed to print 400 at A5, 600 pocket versions and 1 A3. These will be available for the shows at Hunwick and Stanhope and for distribution in libraries and tourist information centres etc. as well as for our own members and to respond to casual enquiries.

On the subject of Bus Trips, Gerald has retired and it's not expected that there will be any bus trips in the remainder of 2021 but the provision of bus trips will be explored for summer 2022.

Chairman is exploring the possibility of arranging a Christmas meal on either 4th or 11th December 2021, possibly at the Foresters Arms at Stanley Crook.

Membership Secretary's report

At the time of the meeting the Group had 74 members with 3 recent new starters but 2 deceased and 3 lapsed or resigned.

Dennis mentioned exploring the possibility of using Smooth Radio and TFM for raising awareness.

We will also be attending Hunwick Show on 30 August and Stanhope Show on 11/12 September.

Mike will follow-up the provision of display equipment with Diane Simcoe and also order further promotional leaflets/badges etc.

A further committee meeting to discuss the arrangements for the shows will be held on Monday 23 August at 10:00 in Wetherspoons in Crook.

The recruitment strategy agreed last year has been on hold due to Covid 19 restrictions but we can now go ahead with Bishop FM advertisements and attendance at Hunwick show and Stanhope Show, plus the printing costs for walks programmes. Treasurer's report.

Kath confirmed that the Group had sufficient funds to support the recruitment strategy/programme printing and to buy a charity bucket for use at the shows.

Details of the financial position as at 25 July 2021 are given below:

CROOK AND WEARDALE RAMBLERS (Type G Area Code NY Code Group 3)
Unity Trust Bank as at 25.7..21

Date		£	Date	Cheque		£
1.10.20	Opening Balance	43.63				
20.10.20	1st Q Payment	162.80	28.11.20	13	D. J. Ebdon (Car Stickers promotion)	100.00
20.1.21	2nd Q Payment	162.80	1.6.21	14	Mrs D King Heart Internet - Web Hosting	57.46
20.4.21	3rd Q Payment	162.80	21.6.21	16	D Ebdon Bishop FM	60.00
			30.6.21	17	Stanhope Agriculture Society	70.00
20.7.21	4th Q Payment	162.80	25.7.21		Closing Balance	407.37
		£ 694.83				£ 694.83

Secretary's report.

The main pressing issue is the replacement of Grahame Rose as Footpaths Secretary. It was agreed that until a replacement could be found that Mike would take on the

role on a temporary basis. Mike would inform Durham County Council and the Ramblers.

Walks Co-Ordinator Report

As detailed above, the Autumn walk programme is under a late stage of development and will be available in August.

Mike will record the walks on GWEM and issue a newsletter.

Any Other Business

The whatsapp group was proving impossible to manage without Grahame's participation and a replacement whatsapp group would need to be created.

On the subject of a memorial seat on Dowfold Hill for Grahame, Steve was having some difficulty on getting responses from Durham County Council and Groundworks but that it might be possible to ask the landowner's permission separately from DCC. Mike Currah has approved the funding and a means of payment needs to be identified.

Date of next meeting: Monday 8 November 2021 at 10:00 in Wetherspoons in Crook.