



**The Camping and Caravanning Club
Walking and Cycling Section
(formerly the Mountain Activity Section)**

Minutes of the 86th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 1st May 2021 via Zoom

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm. 30 members attended virtually.

Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

Trevor Masters (Chairman) expressed a warm welcome to everyone, especially those camping at Settle and hoped that their Wi-Fi held for the duration of the meeting. He also extended a welcome to Phil Henson, the Club Chairman who expressed that it was good to see members of the Walking and Cycling Section. The Chairman thanked all that had been done in the past two years although this has been difficult in the past year. Special thanks to Christine Mason (Secretary) for all she has done over the past two years and who has had the courage to host Zoom meetings.

On a less cheerful note, all three areas have sadly lost a few members and periods of silence have been held at their AGMs in remembrance. Some of those we have lost have made a huge contribution to Section and Areas in the past.

On a brighter note, as will be seen in item 8, the Section has doubled its membership over the last twelve months. Phil Henson commented on the tremendous uptake. Trev Masters said that the change of name meant that people now know what we do, many now walk and cycle, plus the warm welcome given, the magazine and other publicity have all helped with this increase in membership. Unfortunately, there were fewer meets in 2020 due to Covid so not all new members were able to join us.

Trev Masters congratulated John Allen on gaining the highest award from the Club – the Certificate of Honour. The presentation could not be made virtually so this will be arranged in the future.

Apologies or Absence

Dave Lewis, Sandra Ryan, Terry Bishop, Colin and Sandra Wild, Dave Hall, Angela and David Blood, Pauline Porter, Howard and Anne Crosland

1. Minutes of the 85th AGM held on Saturday 4th May 2019 at Beckford Village Hall

Acceptance of Minutes - Proposed: Barry Cowlard Seconded: John Gerner
Agreed unanimously

2. Annual Report of the Section

The brief report from the Chairman has been sent to members attending and to Club HQ at Coventry.

3. Audited Accounts for the Section for the year ending 31st. December 2020

These were previously distributed. Tim Clarke (Treasurer) highlighted increase in membership plus reduction in postage as information sent to new joiners is now via email. This has led to a healthy bank balance which has increased by over one thousand pounds recently.

The Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the Section to the Treasurer for all he has done in the past two years.

4. Auditors' Report - David Hall/David Lewis

Signed Certificate enclosed with accounts.

5. Adoption of Accounts

Proposed: John Allen Seconded: John Gerner. Agreed unanimously.

6. Report of the PRO/Website Co-ordinator

Report previously distributed. John Gerner highlighted the name change, updating website, choosing new logo (designed by Club Marketing Department), new flags and business card circulated to Areas. The website now had cycling routes to use with GPS and Strava.

The Editor of Out and About wants to know more about our Section and he will be attending one of Wessex's meets and featuring this in the magazine. Lindie Pink thanked the PRO for arranging the above and looked forward to welcoming the Editor at one of the meets.

7. Report of the Section Advisory Officer to the National Council

This report by Les Morton had been sent previously and Trev Masters commented on the extremely informative and clearly expressed report. Les Morton added that with the sad loss of the Club Patron – The Duke of Edinburgh – there is none at present. National Council minutes will no longer be circulated to Regions and Section Secretaries, the appointed officer will report with appropriate information. The Club Chairman congratulated Les Morton on his good, comprehensive and accurate report.

8. Report of the Membership Secretary

The figures have been previously sent out and Les Morton reported that these had started to slowly decrease slightly – a few of the newer members are not renewing. Only a few of the older members have dropped out, mainly due to bereavement and retirement. The name change may have brought around the increase and hope that these new members will join meets in the near future and enjoy camping with us.

The Chairman thanked Les Morton on behalf of the Section on what had been a busy year for him.

9. Notice of appointment of President/Vice Presidents proposed by Section Council

President: Andrew Wood 2021/22

Vice Presidents: Carole Booth, Diane Goodyear, Terry Bishop, Christine Stevenson, Anne Crosland, Howard Crosland 2021/22

10. Notice of appointment of Hon Treasurer

The Chairman was delighted to announce the appointment of Tim Clarke as Treasurer from 1st January 2021

11. Election of officers

Proposal to reduce the number of elected members from 9 to 6:

It was intended to reduce the number to 6, however Francine Nutt has asked to join the Committee and all retiring members are willing to be re-elected. This would mean the number would not be divisible by 3 which is not acceptable by the Club. Two other Section members are willing to become elected Council members – Graham Mason and Sandra Wain thus bringing the number up to 9.

It was proposed that the original reduction motion is therefore rescinded.

Proposed: Barry Cowlard Seconded: John Gerner

Agreed unanimously

Les Morton, John Gerner, and Trevor Masters are willing to stand for re-election

Francine Nutt, Graham Mason and Sandra Wain are willing to stand for election

Proposed: Lindie Pink Seconded: Philip Lowe

Agreed unanimously.

12. Election of auditors

Dave Lewis and Yvonne Plevey have volunteered to be auditors.

Proposed: Christine Mason Seconded: Barry Cowlard

Agreed unanimously,.

13. To announce Representatives of Section Areas to the Council

Northern: Andrew Wood

Peakland: Jean Morton

Wessex: Deb Masters

14. To announce membership subscription 2022-23 as set by the Council

This is to stay at £6.

15. Date, time and venue of the next AGM 2022

Saturday, 30th April 2022 at 7.00 pm at Matlock Rugby Club, Cromford, Derbyshire

16. Open Forum

Andrew Wood, President, gave a vote of thanks on behalf of members to all the Committee members and people who have agreed to stay on.

Toni Busutill-Reynaud said that any articles, photos etc for Activity magazine will be most welcome. Trev Masters thanked him for another year of producing an excellent magazine.

On behalf of the Club and the Committee, Phil Henson thanked Trev Masters for organising and conducting the meeting so well and wished good luck to Francine Nutt on taking on the role of Chair.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.