

## THE CAMPING AND CARAVANNING CLUB

**MINUTES** of the virtual meeting of the **WALKING AND CYCLING SECTION COUNCIL**  
held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 commencing at 10.00am

Members Present:

Francine Nutt (Chair), Christine Mason (Secretary), Angela Blood (Treasurer), Sandra Wain (Minute Taker - Elected Member), Graham Mason (Vice Chair - Elected Member), Angela Ellis (Peakland Area Representative), Deb Masters (Wessex Area Representative), Trev Masters (Elected Member), John Allen (Officer to National Council - Elected Member), John Gerner (PRO/Website Co-ordinator), Andrew Wood (Northern Area Representative), Steve Harris (C&CC representative)  
In attendance for observation: Jane Russell

### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

**Action**

Francine Nutt welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting, commenting that it was nice to see both familiar and new faces joining the meeting.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Tim Clarke, Ann Crosland and Howard Crosland

#### **1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

Item 8: add 'It was formally decided to leave the forum.'

Item 4: amend the sentence to 'The Section will then give a refund of the annual W&CS membership fee on production of their membership card'.

Item 17c): After the sentence 'This would ensure walks were in daylight' insert 'Other Areas may also do this'

Proposed: John Gerner Seconded: John Allen that the Minutes are a true record after the above amendments..

Agreed unanimously

#### **2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Secretary has purchased a laptop but not portable hard drive or printer as yet.

The Secretary has emailed the Secretary of the Trailer Tent and Folding Camper Group to inform her of our decision. She has received this but not replied.

John Allen informed the Meeting that their representative to the National Council had asked him why we didn't want to amalgamate and he informed them that we had discussed this at length before making our decision.

The Secretary had informed Activity Editor that the Council had agreed with his suggestion regarding emailing of the Activity magazine.

**3 CORRESPONDENCE**

Report previously distributed.

**4 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Report previously distributed.

Angela Blood, the recently appointed Treasurer, is in the process of adding her details onto the Bank Account. The second auditor is now looking at the accounts. Yvonne Plevy has requested not to carry on as auditor so a replacement needs to be sought for 2023/4

John Gerner stated that he has the Section lightweight flag and this needs to be added to the asset list. Going forward the Area hosting the Section AGM will hold this asset.

Proposed Andrew Wood; seconded John Gerner that the report be accepted.

Agreed unanimously.

**5 PRO/WEBSITE REPORT**

Report previously distributed. Club designer Richard is keen on off road cycling and wishes to attend the FoW&C at Sixpenny Handley. Rosie Clack-Walsh may also attend. Congratulations were expressed to John and Francine for contacting Richard and Rosie.

**6. MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Report previously distributed. The Membership Secretary gave an update that six new members have joined recently mostly in Peakland and Wessex areas. The number of 1862 includes these new members. There is now a leaflet available at Shows where people can sign up for membership of Sections, Section Council thanked the Club for this practical move to promote Sections.

**7. NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT**

Report previously distributed.

John Allen has selected items for his report that might be of interest to the Section. He stated that he was continuing as representative to the Rights of Way Review Committed. He also highlighted the withdrawal of funding for the Forum and the Trailer Tent and Folding Camper group are now a National Section.

Trev Masters brought up the item re representatives from each Area attending Region meetings as Wessex area is spread over 6/7 regions, Northern has a similar problem. This makes it totally impractical to send a Representative to each Region meeting. Steve Harris reported that this is an item for discussion at the next Admin meeting.

The Chair thanked John Allen for his comprehensive report.

**8. NORTHERN REPORT**

Report previously circulated. Andrew Wood said that the programme was similar to last year and booking is essential two months before the Meet. The first one opened last Monday. The Area will monitor how the system works. The Sites Officer has now had confirmation from Kettlewell re the Meet there. Northern have had an invite from Peakland for their Easter meet, however there is a possible complication with this venue and there will be an update on the website shortly  
It was noted that Kath Robertshaw who has recently passed away was one of the early joiners to the Section.

**9. PEAKLAND REPORT**

Report previously circulated. There have been two successful winter walks ending with pub meals. Angela Ellis noted that due to Jean Morton's illness, Les and Jean would not be stewarding the first Meet at Alton Club Site, the website has been updated. Regarding overlapping of Meets in different Areas, John Gerner said that Crickhowell was one where liaison between Sites Officers would be required.

**10. WESSEX REPORT**

Report previously circulated. Bookings are now open for the whole season and reminder to the Committee that Sixpenny Handley needs to be booked. There were concerns that the need for pre-booking is currently shown at the end of the meet notice and units are sometimes turning up having not pre-booked. This puts pressure on stewards regarding numbers of pitches available and is not fair on people on waiting lists if non booked units are admitted.

The Chair thanked all three Area representatives for their reports.

**11. REQUEST FOR CLUB REP TO OUTSIDE BODY**

John Allen stated that the Club has representatives on many outside bodies -, some staff members, some volunteers - as he is a volunteer on the Rights of Way Review Body. He has been asked to find someone to represent the Club to the Ramblers Association. He outlined what the role entails and after discussion, it was agreed that as the person doesn't need to be a Council member, an appeal go out on Facebook pages to ask for a volunteer. It will also be brought up at Area and Section AGM's. John Allen will also provide a resumé about the role. The Chair thanked him for explaining this item.

**12. SECTION AGM 2023**

John Gerner will promote the Meet via all three Facebook pages and send the notice to Area secretaries for participants on their mailing lists. Hall booked from 7pm and the meeting will be followed by a Bring and Share Supper. There is a bar. There will be a short, informal Section Council meeting on day of the AGM to sort out logistics. The walk after the Sunday morning meetings will commence at 1pm.

**JG**

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| 13. | <p><b>DATE, VENUE AND ORGANISATION OF SECTION AGM 2024</b><br/> Highfield Farm, Ashford-in-the-Water has been booked for the AGM and FofW&amp;C from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024. AGM to be held at Ashford Memorial Hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Peakland will need help for this event. Wessex will look at the possibility of a meet before this nearer the venue to break the long journey.<br/> This item to be put on the agenda for the Committee Meeting after the short appointments meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April, also to discuss any future AGM's to be held centrally.</p>  | CM    |
| 14. | <p><b>POSITION OF PRESIDENT FOR THE WALKING AND CYCLING SECTION</b><br/> Andrew Wood be honoured to take on this honorary role again, but as he is on the Northern Committee he is not able to do so. Another person was suggested but it was decided to leave the item off the agenda for the time being.</p>  |       |
| 15. | <p><b>AREA DISBURSEMENT OF MONEY FROM SECTION</b><br/> John Gerner stated that Wessex needed to make a decision about the levy for campers and he had therefore worked out a projected expenditure which included two nights free camping for stewards and a buffet at their AGM to encourage people to attend. As the Section has a healthy bank balance, the Area Committee was embarrassed to ask members to pay a levy. The Chair agreed with this and was keen to increase disbursement monies, especially to the Area hosting the Section AGM and for any capital expenditure for Areas (event shelters etc).<br/> John Gerner proposed that the disbursement this year be £1000 to each Area. The Treasurer said this was not an issue as the bank balance was healthy. Wessex will get extra this year to help with Section AGM costs. After discussion it was agreed that Wessex should bill Section direct for expenses incurred.<br/> Proposed: John Gerner; seconded by Angela Blood that £1000 disbursement be made to each Area this year. Agreed by a majority.<br/> This item to be regularly reviewed in January meetings.</p> | AB    |
| 16. | <p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b><br/> a) Timings of Meetings – Members of Council who work may find it easier to make an evening meeting. Francine Nutt will discuss with Angela Ellis as at present she is the only member who finds difficulty attending daytime meetings.<br/> b) There will be a short meeting to accept accounts on 28<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in the event shelter.<br/> c) It was decided that 40 hard copies of accounts, AGM minutes 2022 and agendas be made available at the AGM. They will also be emailed to Area secretaries for distribution..</p>  | FN    |
| 17  | <p><b>DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</b><br/> Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in the event shelter at Sixpenny Handley at 10am..</p>  | CM/AB |

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.20am.

CHAIRMAN.....

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