

# THE CAMPING AND CARAVANNING CLUB

## MINUTES of the virtual meeting of the **WALKING AND CYCLING SECTION** held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 commencing at 10am

### Members Present:

Francine Nutt (Chair), Christine Mason (Secretary), Tim Clarke (Treasurer), John Gerner (PRO and Web Co-ordinator), Barry Cowlard (Elected Member – Deputy Officer to National Council Representative), Deb Masters (Wessex Area Representative), Steve Harris (C&CC Representative), Sandra Wain (Elected Member - Minute Taker), Trev Masters (Elected Member), Graham Mason (Elected Member), Jean Morton (Peakland Area Representative), Les Morton (Membership Secretary/Officer to National Council – Elected Member) and John Allen (Elected Member)

### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Francine Nutt welcome everyone and thanked them for attending

Action

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Andrew Wood (President), Anne and Howard Crossland (Vice Presidents)

1	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021 ZOOM</b> 17. AGM and FoWC 2023 – Strutts Farm should read Church Farm These were then accepted as correct. Proposed: Barry Cowlard; Seconded John Gerner Agreed unanimously. It was agreed that Francine Nutt sign these Minutes at Peakland's Alton Meet and Trev Masters to sign the 2021 AGM Minutes at the 2022 Section AGM.	CM    FN/TM
2	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b> There were no matters arising.	
3	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> Report previously distributed. The Secretary pointed out that after Area AGM's, the lists of Officers for the Areas need to be approved and signed off by the Section Executive Committee. This to be actioned at the first business meeting following the Section AGM.	ALL
<b>REPORTS</b>		
4	<b>FINANCIAL REPORT AND END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS</b> Tim Clarke (Treasurer) previously distributed report. He highlighted that costs have dropped and membership higher which left the Section in a reasonably comfortable financial position. Trev Masters will hand over the modesty screen and gavel to the Chair at the AGM. Proposed John Gerner; Seconded Barry Cowlard Agreed that the report be accepted.	TM

There was a discussion about Area levies at Meets, free camping for stewards, hiring of village halls and other expenses incurred by Areas. It was agreed by a majority that the amount of disbursement for 2022 should be £300 to each Area and £250 extra to the Area that was hosting the Section AGM. This would help Areas with their budgeting for the year. It was emphasised that the amount could be revisited at another meeting.

**TC**

**5 PRO/WEB CO-ORDINATOR**

Report previously distributed. John Gerner reiterated the need for reports and photos from all Areas to help promote the Section in Out and About,

**AREA REPS**

**6 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

We are slowly losing members, although gained two this week and two Club Veterans have joined. Les Morton is still getting a few enquiries re joining and the numbers are evenly spread over the country. We still have members in Scotland but we've had little response from them.

**7 NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT**

Report previously distributed. A discussion followed about the item regarding the Club's insurance policy in view of increases in claims from stewards covering damage to their vehicles whilst assisting members at meets and THS's. It was agreed that stewards shouldn't be attempting to tow members' vehicles that are stuck on rally fields.

Deb Masters reported that this had been discussed at the Section Forum where it was emphasised that it is the owner's responsibility to get their vehicle off site and not the stewards.

The Chair thanked Les Morton for his report.

**8 NORTHERN REPORT**

Previously circulated. Unfortunately, this makes depressing reading, John Allen reported that they cannot move forward until they have had the AGM on 5th March and there would be more to report at the next Section business meeting. John Allen advised that Meets in the National Parks in 2023 need to be approved soon because of the time restrictions for submission to the National Parks.

It was difficult to approach the Peakland Treasurer about taking on extra work that Northern meets would incur until after the Northern AGM.

It was suggested that as Northern Area Facebook page is so popular this would be a good platform to appeal for Committee members as well as talking to people on walks and meets.

**JA/AW**

**9 PEAKLAND REPORT**

Previously circulated. All Peakland meets are to be booked this year as the system works well, although there should be no problem if some extra do turn up at Matlock. John Allen said that booking is not stipulated on the Out and About app, however it is on the website and Sandra Wain had informed the two Area secretaries that all Peakland meets are to be booked in advance. Les Morton will inform the appropriate person that the app needs to be updated.

**LM**

**10 WESSEX REPORT**

All Wessex meets need to be booked. It is difficult to arrange winter walks as they cover such a large area. However, John Gerner will put it on the agenda for their next meeting.

**11 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENTS 2022/23**

Chris Mason stated that Andrew Wood wants to stand down as President and she has asked the Vice Presidents if they want to continue but only one has replied. John Allen has expressed his willingness to take on the role. Barry Cowlard advised that the Committee decides who they wish to propose as President. Steve Harris stated that the Committee could take time to think about this as it is an Honorary position and has no voting rights. John Allen stated he would be honoured to be considered for the position. Andrew Wood will automatically become a Vice President for his lifetime. After discussion, it was established that the President could also be a Committee member. It was decided to wait until there is a face-to-face meeting to appoint a President, this should then be announced at an AGM. John Gerner added that the Vice Presidents should be the same as at present plus Andrew Wood.

**12 PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR TO JOHN ALLEN AT 2022 AGM AT MATLOCK RUGBY CLUB**

John Allen informed the meeting that Phil Henson, Chairman, is to present him with the award. Steve Harris said that Phil will contact the appropriate people if he needs any more information and he suggested that the AGM would be an ideal time for the presentation. Peakland will sort an appropriate time for this.

JM

**13 2022 AGM AND FESTIVAL OF WALKING AND CYCLING**

Retiring members Barry Cowlard, John Allen, Christine Mason. John and Christine will stand for re-election. Completed nomination forms have been sent to Coventry. If voting is required, then members will be sent an email. Tim Clarke does not wish to continue as Treasurer at the end of this year. Club HQ needs to have the Treasurer's name for 2023 by the second week in November. John Allen informed the meeting that the Treasurer can also be a member of the Committee but cannot hold another executive post.

**14 DATE VENUE AND HOSTS OF 2023 SECTION AGM AND FESTIVAL OF WALKING AND CYCLING**

John Gerner informed the meeting that this will be a 7-night THS from Thursday to Thursday at Church Farm, Sixpenny Handley. There will be organised walks and cycle rides and Wessex are in the process of booking the hall for 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. Christine Mason has checked this date with HQ as it is not in May and if AGM dates fall near the very end of April when it's the May Day Holiday then it can go ahead. If this happens in the future, Steve Harris confirmed that written confirmation by the Club is not required.

**15 POINTS OF THE MAIN ROLES WITHIN THE SECTION – Francine Nutt, Christine Mason, Tim Clarke, John Gerner, Les Morton**  
It was agreed that these documents be kept live and updated at the end of each year which is the term of any office. This makes it easier for potential officers to know what the role entails. These roles to be discussed at the next face to face meeting, it will be an agenda item at the business meeting following the AGM.

**17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  
The Section still had the Burnham Trophy. The person who won it is not with the Section any longer and it was decided to return it to Coventry.  
Section flag – John Gerner will take it to the AGM at Matlock then take it back for the following year when Wessex are hosting. The flag will be passed on each year to the appropriate Area.  
Steve Harris gave his apologies for the AGM – he will be on Club business elsewhere that weekend.

**DM**  
**JG**

**18 DATES OF THE FOUR MEETINGS FOLLOWING THE AGM**  
As we are a national Section and not a Region, meetings are not easy to arrange and the addition of another meeting can be problematic.  
Club HQ have asked for the dates and after discussion the following were decided:

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 9.30 am (agreed by a majority)
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 10am via Zoom
- 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> November 11.30am – Christine Mason will contact Fiona Roberts at HQ to ask if a room is available (11am – 3pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 10am via Zoom

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.50am

**CHAIRMAN.....**

**DATE.....**