

The Camping and Caravanning Club

Walking and Cycling Section

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Section Council held on 6th January 2021

The Meeting commenced at 10.00 am

Present:

Andrew Wood (President), Trev Masters (Chair), Christine Mason (Secretary), Tim Clarke (Treasurer), John Gerner (PRO), Barry Cowlard (Elected Member – Deputy Officer to National Council Representative), Jean Morton (Peakland Area Representative), Deb Masters (Wessex Area Representative), Les Morton (Membership Secretary/Officer to National Council – Elected Member), John Bradley (Northern Area Representative), John Allen (Elected Member), Steve Harris (C&CC Representative), Toni Busutill-Reynaud (Activity Editor), Sandra Wain (Minute Taker)

1. Chairman's Welcome

Trev Masters extended a welcome to everyone and thanked the Secretary for hosting the Zoom Meeting. As we enter the New Year with the miserable weather and Covid, the good news from Les Morton's report is that membership has doubled over the past year and it is thought that this was down to the change of name. Unfortunately for most of 2020 these new members were not able to take advantage of their membership due to the lack of events we were able to hold.

The Chairman congratulated John Allen on being awarded the Club's highest distinction – The Certificate of Honour.

As everyone will be aware, the Club very recently sent out a communication that all sites and activities will be closed down to the end of April. The Section's FoW&C begins two days before the end of April and the actual AGM meeting on 1st May but at the present time it is unsure whether it will go ahead face to face. Steve Harris reiterated that all AGM's between 1st February and 30th April need to be virtual and holding Meets where AGM's should have been held will depend on local lockdown conditions. Further instructions will be coming from the Club shortly re restricting numbers to make the meeting manageable. The Club will be looking at this item again in approximately 6 weeks' time.

It was decided that the Executive Committee will meet and decide what action to take when further information becomes available.

The following Council members did not wish to stand again. Yvonne Plevey (Elected Member) and Dave Hall (Auditor). It is understood Yvonne Plevey might be willing to serve as auditor if no-one else volunteers, later it was realised her willingness might relate to Peakland Area. Trevor Masters stated that a younger person should be sought to replace him as Chairman, however if no-one comes forward he will stand for another year. The remainder of the Council are willing to stand again.

2. Apologies for absence

Yvonne Plevey (Elected Representative)

Terry Bishop (Vice President)

Carole Booth (Vice President)

Ann and Howard Crosland (Vice Presidents)

3. Minutes of last Meeting – 7th October 2020 on Zoom

These were accepted as correct.

Proposed: Barry Cowlard; Seconded John Gerner

Agreed unanimously.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were none.

5. Correspondence

The Secretary had previously circulated the list covering the last 12 months.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes of Area Committee Meetings

Northern – John Bradley stressed the difficulty of holding their AGM in March. A Zoom slot has been booked but there was no internet at the Meet venue and a decision would have to be made to cancel the Meet. Steve Harris stated that the times and dates of AGMs need to be as decided and notified and it may mean cancelling Meets. These are exceptional circumstances and the decision has been made for all AGMs up until 30th April to be held virtually at the set times in order to maintain some normality. Cancellation would mean another date would have to be arranged as an EGM. Previously Northern had one of their AGM's cancelled due to snow causing the Meet and meeting to be rearranged.

Peakland – Les Morton said that we would have to cancel the Meet at Biggin where the AGM is to be held so could the Club be approached to ask if we can move AGM's in order for it to be virtual as every Unit will be having this problem.

Wessex – John Gerner reported that they should have no problem holding the AGM virtually and cancelling the hall. No other items to raise.

7. Treasurer's Financial Report for Acceptance

Report previously circulated. There is £5,000 more in the Bank than when the report was prepared – this is from membership receipts and HQ Deposit interest not available until second week of January.

The amount of £500 insurance excess in respect of a claim for damage to Beckford Village Hall in 2019 was discussed. The family responsible paid £100 excess to the hall and the hall's insurance company has subsequently contacted the Club to claim the £500 excess but not until October 2020. It was agreed that the Section can stand to this but it is disappointing that the insurance claim was made after such a long time.

Disbursement to Areas – As the Section is doing well financially mainly due to increase in the number of membership fees, it was proposed after discussion that Areas be invited to make submission and identify objects of enterprise. Their ideas could inspire the other Areas how to spend money for the benefit of members. The Activity Editor was asked if he required any extra funds but he stated he prefers to send out the magazine electronically where possible as there was a lot of work involved posting them all. As the Section is organising the FoWC and AGM there will be no extra amount for Northern, although it will probably be low key this year given the present circumstances.

It was confirmed that Areas will still continue to operate the levy.

The Chairman thanked Tim Clarke for his work in producing the report.

8. Section Inventory Update

Previously circulated and correct.

Deb Masters has the Burnham Trophy and it needs to be sent to Melanie Shearn.

9/10. PRO Report/Website Report

Report previously distributed.

Peakland Area Facebook page which was set up last year has 81 members and is going well. Northern now has 179. New business cards will be distributed. Authorisation was given for new flags £415+VAT. Wessex has asked for extra flags and it was agreed that the Section will pay for these £206+VAT. The purchaser to be The Camping and Caravanning Club re VAT. John Gerner will order Wessex and Section flags to be delivered to him, he has details of the other two Areas' delivery addressees.

11. Membership Report

Report previously distributed. Les Morton reported that the membership was slowly increasing to 2664, this includes 2 new youth members. Most new members are new to the Club.

12. National Council Report

Report previously distributed. The Club say they are financially sound – Steve Harris has agreed to carry on as Club Treasurer for this year. National Council minutes will no longer be sent to Unit/Section secretaries, the decision was taken that the appointed councillors/advisory officers will summarise in their reports.

John Gerner has requested that the Green Paper is to be amended should a club unit fold with a live website, this will be done.

The Chairman thanked Les Morton for his good quality report.

13. Activity Magazine

Report previously distributed.

The Chairman said that it had been a challenge for the Editor as there is so little to report and congratulated him on producing such a good edition. His humour was much appreciated.

14. Section Forum Update

Nothing to report.

15. Election of President and Vice Presidents for 2021/22

President – Andrew Wood.

Vice Presidents: Carole Booth, Diane Goodyear, Terry Bishop, Christine Stevenson, Ann Crosland, Howard Crosland

Proposed Les Morton; Seconded John Gerner Agreed unanimously

16. Certificate of Honour

Discussion took place as to whether to nominate a member for the Certificate of Honour. It was eventually agreed that the Section's Certificate of Merit would be more appropriate.

17. Section Fees for 2022/23

The Club had given a deadline and the Executive Committee has agreed to keep the annual fee at £6 per year. Discussion re future fees to be discussed at October meeting.

18. AGM and Festival of Walking and Cycling 2021 and 2022 Updates

31 members have booked so far, the majority for 7 days. Expenditure – hall if can be used; large netted domestic builder's skip - £250+VAT. Volunteers have agreed to lead or produce self-lead walks and cycle rides. Barry Cowlard stated that it was difficult to do anything more at present until we have further instruction.

John Allen will be presented with the Certificate of Honour by the Club Vice Chairman.

19. Council Vacancies 2021/22

Another auditor is required.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending 'virtually'.

The Meeting closed at 11.22am.

Signed.....
Chairman

Signed.....
Secretary