

The Camping and Caravanning Club

Walking and Cycling Section

Minutes of the Meeting of the Section Council held on 8th January 2020 at the Camping and Caravanning Club, Greenfields House, Westwood Way, Coventry CV4 8JH
The Meeting commenced at 11.20 pm

Present:

Andrew Wood (President), Trev Masters (Chair), Christine Mason (Secretary), Jenny Williams (Treasurer up to December 2019), Tim Clarke (Treasurer from January 2020), 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 (for Northern Area Representative), Christine Stevenson (Vice President), Ann Crosland (Vice President), Howard Crosland (Vice President), Steve Harris (C&CC Representative), Sandra Wain (Minute Taker)

Chairman's Welcome

Trev Masters extended a welcome to everyone to the Meeting and showed the Burnham Trophy awarded for Activity magazine produced by Melanie Shearn, this being the second time in three years the Section had won it. He also discussed the Section Forum, unfortunately Deb Masters and he were unable to attend. Two decisions were made that will affect our Section: (1) it will be W&CS' turn to host in Spring 2022 and we need to look for a Meet near to a hall; (2) attendance expenses for two meetings a year has been approved in the past by the Club, however only one meeting a year will be funded, therefore responsibility for travelling expenses will go to Section and it was agreed that this would not be a problem.

The Chairman reported the sad loss of two long term members who have died recently. Sandra Bishop, although unwell for a while has died suddenly. Her husband Terry is hoping to join Wessex at meets this year. Brian Martin led walks and stewarded for Wessex and was 'life and soul of the party'. His funeral is taking place today. A few moments silence was held in their memory.

1. Apologies for absence

Yvonne Plevey (Elected Representative)
Terry Bishop (Vice President)
Carole Booth (Vice President)
John Allen (Elected Representative)

2. Approval of Minutes previously circulated

Minutes of the Meeting held at Greenfields House on 2nd October 2019 (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as correct after the following amendment: 17 - Football Club hall should be replaced with Rugby Club hall.

Minutes accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

(1) New signatories for account. There has been a lot of problems with the form and when Tim Clarke sent the final form by email it was acknowledged as received. After not receiving a reply within the promised 10 working days, the Bank was contacted and it has denied all knowledge of

receiving the mandate. At the Bank's suggestion, an official complaints procedure has been made and it is hoped that they will trace and accept the mandate.

(2) Certificate of Honour
This is now in hand.

4. Correspondence

The Secretary reported that because of GDPR she was not aware to whom important updates have been sent. However, she has checked with the relevant people to ensure these had been received. She would like a list of Area Committee members' details - Area secretaries to be contacted regarding this.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes of Area Committee Meetings

None.

6. Competition for new Logo

Ideas for the logo previously circulated and members were asked to vote for their preferred choice. John Gerner said there was no cost implications in developing the logo at present, if colour printing required then this will put on extra costs. He suggested that the logo should be effective, instantly recognisable, memorable and timeless. Steve Harris informed the Meeting that anything depicting a cycle wheel will not be passed by the Club as it is too close to the Association of Lightweight Camping. Marketing Department will enhance the logo if necessary.

A paper ballot was taken and the President scrutinised this. Design No. 17 was chosen and it was suggested that walker be on the left, cyclist on the right and a smaller backpack. John Gerner will present it to the Marketing Department.

7. Treasurer's Report and handover to Tim Clarke

a) Report previously distributed. Jenny Williams reported that there was a difference of £156 when she checked the accounts yesterday. The paperwork is with the auditors at present but when she checked through last year's statements it came to light that the June statement was for the Photographic Group which had a similar balance and interest to the W&C Section. This will be corrected by the Club, but means that the loss indicated in the Report would be plus £156. Revised reports will be forwarded to Committee members. Balance is approximately £1000 less than last year – Activity (2 hard copies produced in 2019) and travel expenses are higher. However, membership fees are higher and the Membership Secretary has confirmed that this has risen. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Jenny Williams for her report. He also stated that next year 2 copies of Activity will be electronic and 1 hard copy. There is a small number of members who request a hard copy and new members are sent one. The Chairman also pointed out that new flags, paperwork etc will have to be purchased with the new logo on them.

b) Disbursement to the Areas

It was suggested that £200 go to each Area. After discussion it was Proposed by Jenny Williams and seconded by John Gerner that this go ahead. Agreed by a majority vote.

£250 to be disbursed to the Area holding the FoW&C.

Proposed Barry Cowlard; Seconded Jenny Williams. Agreed unanimously.

d) Section Inventory

The following were brought to archive at Club HQ: Youth Pennon, Group Pennons (2009); Scottish Pennon, National Pennon and Lightweight Youth Flag. It was agreed put the inventory item on the agenda just once a year at the October meeting

The Treasurer's briefcase and financial documents were handed over to Tim Clarke.

Signatories for the Bank Account need to be amended – this is being processed.

8. The Future

Two members have submitted papers outlining their thoughts about how we secure our future. Adrian Rose suggested that we certainly need to be attracting younger people with each Area looking at having a Meet with full facilities for families. Trev Masters stated that it would take time to organise this as Sites Officers have to book Meets well in advance of their dates, however we should be looking positively at this suggestion. It was suggested that the Section action a Meet but it would mean a lot of travelling for some families.

Andrew Wood has produced a discussion paper which has been distributed to members. Northern Area has struggled to form a Committee and also previously the other two Areas have struggled (although numbers camping with these two areas have now increased), so where do we go from here to prevent this situation reoccurring. Various suggestions were discussed – is it necessary to have Areas with each having to form a Committee, rather to ask for a Sites Officer from each Area to be part of the National Council and arrange Meets in their Area, especially as they have local knowledge. These would be elected at the Section AGM but this may entail more Council meetings per year. Some Special Interest Sections don't have Areas but informal sub-committees. Northern Area have organised Meets for this year and a few are joint/invitation Meets and there are a lot of DA's in the area which have meets on popular sites. The number of meets has been shrinking over the years and in some cases more visitors than W&CS members attend, so do we need Areas. If we lost Northern it would be a huge Area for Peakland to manage and it is possible that Northern will not form a Committee at 2020 AGM. If this happens and this option was chosen, a Sites Officer from Northern would need to sit on Peakland's Committee, this will need Peakland's Committee's agreement. It was emphasised that we make people welcome so that they would come again. It was proposed that a working party be set up to look at practical steps to prevent an area at risk from collapsing. Anne Crosland agreed to take on Sites Officer for Northern area (will need to be co-opted onto their Committee) and she will be in this group along with Les Morton, Andrew Wood and John Gerner. Anne Crosland will investigate Northern area sites for 2021 (one per month) – FoW&C already organised at Lodge Farm, Settle. Section will run this if area is not able to do so.

9. PRO Report

To aid publicity for new logo John Gerner asked for approval to purchase six flags (two for each area).

Proposed John Gerner; Seconded Barry Cowlard. Carried unanimously.

To purchase 2000 business cards for Section (£40 +VAT)

Proposed John Gerner; Seconded Les Morton. Carried unanimously.

Road signs – a sticker with the new logo on to cover the old logo. The PRO to contact the Chair of the Communications Committee at Club HQ.

The Chairman asked John Gerner to pass on thanks to Adrian Rose for taking such a positive interest in keeping the Section going.

10. Membership Analysis

Report previously distributed. Les Morton reported that the membership was slowly increasing as was income from membership. There have been two new youth but parents are not members. It was suggested and agreed that Les Morton contact the 69 Scottish members and ask if anyone is prepared to organise a Meet in Scotland.

11. National Council Report

Report previously distributed. The newly appointed Community Editor, Pete McKenna, has confirmed that he will attend the FoW&C at Barlow. Stuart Kidman hopes to come along also. Steve Harris reported that the FICC to be held in Ireland in 2021 has been cancelled.

The Chairman thanked Les Morton for his report.

12. Activity Magazine

Toni Busutill-Reynaud (Editor) sent an informal report via The Chairman, acknowledging what Melanie Shearn has done in winning the Burnham Trophy when she was editor. He has found a local, cheaper place to print the magazine and will contact Les Morton to ascertain how many printed copies are required for those with no email address. Input is required from members for the next magazine including notice of AGM, previous minutes and agenda.

13. Matters of particular importance from Area Reps

- a) **Northern** – John Bradley reiterated details of 2021 AGM and the possibility that the Section may need to organise the event.
- b) **Peakland and Wessex** – Nothing further to report.

14. Election of President and Vice Presidents for 2020/21 (to be reported to AGM)

President – Andrew Wood.

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

Proposed Barry Cowlard; Seconded John Gerner Agreed unanimously

15. Any Other Business

None.

16. Date and Venue of next meeting: Short Council meeting to elect officers for 2020/21 following AGM Saturday 2nd May 2020 at Barlow Village Hall, Millcross Lane, Barlow, Derbyshire S18 7TA.

17. Review of decisions made and actions needed

- 1. Sections Forum Meeting 2022 – hall needed.
- 2. Club HQ will fund one Section Forum Meeting
- 3. Signatures for bank in progress
- 4. Logo chosen (No. 17). John Gerner to take to Marketing Department
- 5. Treasurer handover from Jenny Williams to Tim Clarke
- 6. £10,000 in Bank – to keep for future expenses to purchase flags and business cards
- 7. Acknowledgement of Adrian Rose’s suggestions to attract younger people
- 8. Andrew Wood’s suggestion of Sections as informal groups
- 9. Peakland may support Northern Sites Officer if Northern fold. Peakland Committee to agree
- 10. Anne Crosland to take over Northern Sites bookings
- 11. Sub Committee to look at practical steps to prevent an Area at risk from collapsing.
- 12. PRO to arrange six flags to be made (2 for each Area) and 2000 business cards, direction signs to be laminated with new logo
- 13. Les Morton to try to contact Scottish members re arranging a Meet in Scotland.

The Meeting closed at 2.25pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Signed.....
Secretary