

The Camping and Caravanning Club

Walking & Cycling Section

Minutes of the Meeting of the Section Council held on 2nd October 2019 at the Camping and Caravanning Club, Greenfields House, Westwood Way, Coventry CV4 8JH
The Meeting commenced at 11.30 pm

Present:

Andrew Wood (President), Trev Masters (Chair), Chris Mason (Secretary), Jenny Williams (Treasurer), Barry Cowlard (Vice Chairman, Elected Member and 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), Yvonne Plevey (Elected Member), John Allen (Elected Member), Steve Harris (C&CC Representative), Sandra Wain (Minute Taker), Tim Clarke (Observer)

Chairman's Welcome

- This is the first Council meeting of the Walking and Cycling Section since the name change from Mountain Activity Section. The Chairman was grateful to the Club for the quick action in getting the name change into the Sections' displays and Special Interest Section brochure at the NFOL.
- Trev welcomed Chris Mason the new Secretary and introduced Tim Clarke who was invited re Item 8 on the Agenda – Election of Treasurer - as Tim has put his name forward.
- Activity magazine has once more been shortlisted for the Burnham Trophy for best Club newsletter and the winner will be announced on 26th October. The Chairman congratulated Melanie Shearn and Les Morton will be at the Club AGM to collect the trophy should we win it. Toni Busutill-Reynaud has resumed role of editor of Activity.
- Trev Masters extended heartfelt thanks to Jenny Williams for all the work undertaken over the years as Treasurer and she will hand over papers to the new Treasurer.
- Andrew Wood gave a short resumé about the contribution made to the Section by Gordon Jacob who has recently passed away – he was a Peakland member, Section Treasurer and Auditor. His wife has found out some old MAS badges and returned them to Andrew. This was followed by a few moments silence in remembrance of Gordon.

1. Apologies for Absence

Terry Bishop (Vice President)
Carole Booth (Vice President)
John Gerner (PRO)

2. Approval of Minutes previously circulated

Minutes of the Meeting held at Greenfields House on 9th January 2019 (previously circulated).
The Minutes were accepted and signed as correct.
Proposed Jenny Williams; Seconded Barry Cowlard

Minutes of the short Meeting following the AGM at Beckford Village Hall on 4th May 2019
Minutes were accepted and signed as correct with a note that in future an attendance list should be added to the Minutes.
Proposed Deb Masters; Seconded Barry Cowlard

Matters Arising from the Minutes - Meeting held on 9th January 2019 re inventory. Peakland old flags and pennons have been brought to HQ to archive – this should apply to all held by various members. Andrew Wood will complete the task regarding the Certificate of Honour.

3. Chairman's Report

a) Name Change

The Chairman has had a meeting with John Gerner about the change, particularly a new logo and it is hoped to challenge members to suggest one, if we don't get any ideas then Marketing Section will produce a professional one. A quick response will be needed. It was agreed that all three Area secretaries will contact members for contributions of designs for a new logo and it would also go in Activity magazine. Details of competition to go to the magazine before the beginning of November when Toni produces the next edition. This will be a paper edition and therefore will reach all members. It was agreed that 31st December 2019 would be the closing date. This would then give the Marketing Section a chance to look at the winning design and hopefully it would then be displayed at the Festival of Walking in 2020. The abbreviation (plural) would be W&CS, WACS, or WANDCS. A logo is all that is needed at present as it will form one part of a flag/pennon. Les Morton informed the meeting that HQ is to standardise all pennons and flags and designs will be made as wide as possible. It was agreed to ask John Gerner if he was willing to receive designs as he is in touch with the Club Marketing Section and to clarify the relevant email address to which they can be sent. (John has been asked if he is willing to accept suggestions for logo and has agreed.) The website is up and operating from both new and old addresses but it will be looked at whether individual addresses have been changed.

Publicity – Stuart Kidman (Club Print Editor) will be putting a feature about the change into the magazine. Material such as business cards etc will need to have new name and logo and it was agreed that the name 'Activity' be kept for the Section magazine. It was reported that there was little interest about joining the Section at the NFOL.

b) How to ensure we survive

Northern Area may be able to form a Committee at the EGM but no one wants the jobs – confirmed that Andrew Wood and John Allen would be attending the EGM. The Area has meets for next year arranged and a Treasurer but no one wants to take on Sites Officer. It was suggested that Committee members could share the organising of Sites. It has been suggested that if a Committee is not formed then the Section be split into two Areas, however Peakland is unwilling to do this unless there is a guarantee of input from Northern members, eg walk leaders, stewarding, sites etc. Otherwise Peakland is willing to look at having a few meets in the northern area. There is a need to attract younger members to change our image, but people don't want to commit to help run Committees. None of our photos have younger people present. Steve Harris said that surveys show walking and cycling are the activities that members participate in the most. Wessex have maps for walk in their steward packs.

This item will be on hold until after Northern's EGM, should the Area not form a Committee then all meets for 2020 will have to be cancelled.

Peakland area are struggling for stewards for next year.

4. Subscriptions for 2020

Jenny Williams proposed and Debbie Masters seconded that we keep the present subscription of £6 per annum. It was queried whether this should be reduced but it was pointed out there will be some expenses coming up.

Nine members were in agreement, one against.

Veteran membership was discussed but it had been agreed at a previous meeting to keep the status quo.

5. Correspondence

Secretary's list previously circulated. There have been eight green papers since May.

6. Any matters arising from the circulated Minutes of Area Meetings

There were none as Northern problems have been discussed.

7. Financial Matters

Treasurer's Finance Reports were circulated previous to the Meeting. Change of bank accounts names was discussed and it was suggested that it would be less complicated if any change of signatories was undertaken before changing the name. Peakland Treasurer has already secured the forms to do the change, however there will be no change in signatories for this Area. Steve Harris advised all to keep it simple. The Bank will need Minutes of a Meeting to change signatories. The Treasurer went through the Section inventory. Black briefcase has now been transferred to Chris Mason from Colin Wild. YHA subscription has not been renewed. The Chairman requested the Secretary to write to the Secretary at Northern and Howard Crosland about returning pennons and flags to HQ for the archivist. These should be brought to the January meeting. New signs will have to be made (probable cost around £5 per sign). This will be discussed at the January meeting. Everyone was reminded that Bank Statements must be signed by the Chairman of any Committee. Adoption of the Reports Proposed by Barry Cowlard; Seconded Yvonne Plevey. Agreed unanimously.

8. Election of Treasurer for 2020

Tim Clarke agreed to take over the role of Treasurer as Jenny Williams will be retiring from this at the end of the year. It was noted that help will be available from Steve Harris and Jenny Williams. Proposed Les Morton; Seconded Jenny Williams. Agreed unanimously.

9. PRO Matters

PRO Report already distributed. Jenny Williams has paid £250 to Adrian Rose for his work on the website – there is no option to go down the free route. As PRO was not able to be present, Trev Masters reiterated that we were the first group to undertake proxy voting.

10. Membership Analysis

Report previously distributed to members. Figures gone up slightly, however yesterday's figure has gone down by 6. Although the numbers are good, we still need to encourage people to keep camping. Wessex prefer direct contact with members to encourage them to join the Section. Peakland have 39 units camping on Windermere site in November, 10 are not Section members. The following abbreviations were explained: Y – Youth (although none of these belong to parents who are W&CS members); press – Press members; VP – Vice Presidents of the Club.

11. National Council Report

Les Morton gave a précis of his report to the Meeting and it would be distributed by the Secretary. The Committee discussed the decision of the National Council to reduce the meetings of the Section Forum to one per year. This will be debated at the next Forum. It was emphasised that proxy voting for Sections had come about from the Forum meetings. Steve Harris gave out details of the new Executive Committee.

12. Activity Magazine

Contributions required before end of October so Toni can produce the next edition in November.

13. Matters of particular importance from Area Reps

- a) **Northern** – no representative.
- b) **Peakland** – Report read out – will be distributed by the Secretary.
- c) **Wessex** – Report previously distributed.

14. Activity Burnham Trophy 2019 – previously discussed.

15. Date and Venue of Next Meeting: 8th January 2020 at Greenfield House, Westwood Way, Coventry CV4 8JH at 11.30 pm. Baden Powell Room has been booked.

16. Section AGM 2020

Yvonne Plevey reported that everything was booked, however as the Bank Holiday has changed from Monday to the following Friday it was decided to go ahead with the THS from Thursday to the following Thursday. All Areas have agreed.

17. Update on Festival of Walking and Cycling 2021

Northern Area have booked Lodge Barn, Settle and the Football Club hall booked for the AGM date. The Section Council is prepared to run the meet in the event that Northern Area folds.

18. Review of decisions made and actions needed

- 1. New signatories on bank account before name change on account. Areas can keep original name or change it.
- 2. Andrew Wood re Certificate of Honour
- 3. All finance reports are to be signed and minuted that this has been done.
- 4. New logo. Agreed that members are invited to submit suggestions for a new logo by the end of the year. John Gerner to send Toni Busutill-Reynaud details to put this in Activity and the three Area secretaries to send out this information to all their members.
- 5. Circulate the National Councillor's report.
- 6. Circulate Peakland report.
- 7. Old flags and pennons to be returned at the January meeting.
- 8. Northern secretary and Howard Crosland to be contacted re return of flags and pennons.
- 9. Area Sites Officers to send list of Area 2020 meets to Activity.

19. Any Other Business

There was none.

The Meeting closed at 1.52 pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Signed.....
Secretary