

# **Bradford Senior Wayfarers**

## MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH A.G.M. HELD ON 21ST MARCH 2017

### **1. Welcome by the President**

Our President Irene Jowett opened the meeting by reading a Telegraph and Argus article, published in the 1980s, about Ruby Wilcock one of the founders of the Senior Wayfarers. A copy of the article is on the club's website.

### **2. Chairman's Remarks**

Roger thanked the members and group leaders who worked hard to keep the Wayfarers going. The meeting stood in memory of those who had died during the year: John Clayton, Stephen Fenelon, Olwyn Jowett, Margaret Sunderland and Tony Willis.

### **3. Minutes of thirty-seventh A.G.M.**

Copies of the minutes, which had previously been posted on the website, were circulated and read and all agreed as a true record.

### **4. Matters arising**

#### **a. Update re donations agreed last year**

An update on last year's donations was given. Christine Bosworth our Treasurer explained that, to conserve funds, only half the amount agreed had been donated to the rescue organisations. Roger Pollard (Chair) also explained the footpath repair had been delayed (but now completed) so £350 from this year's funds was still committed. During the meeting, upon advice of our new Treasurer (David Webster), it was agreed that payment of the outstanding donations would be delayed pending him checking our potential public liability insurance excess (subsequently these donations have been made). It was agreed that no new donations would be made this year.

#### **b. Badges and display boards**

Group Leaders were invited to ensure that all members received a free Senior Wayfarers badge and all were asked to consider using our new display board to publicise the club at any events they might attend.

### **5. Secretary's report**

Socials all went ahead and attendance had improved slightly since we moved back to Shipley Library. There were not many enquiries regarding joining the club during the winter months, but enquiries are now trickling through. Irene thanked; group leaders for sending their syllabuses in on time, and, members for leading the walks.

### **6. Treasurer's Report**

The total income for the year was £901 with syllabus receipts down by £11. The subsidy to the Socials and Christmas Party has risen to £163, should it look like the £200 limit be reached it was

agreed the entry to the socials be increased to £2. Our reserves at the end of the year stood at £1701.18 but £650 was already committed to the outstanding donations.

## **7. Report from Group Leaders**

- Monday – averaged 33 a month;
- Tuesday Central – 12-27 per week but struggled to find leaders;
- Tuesday Baildon – averaged 10- 15 a week ;
- Wednesday – 30-50 a week; it was reported that they were a happy group but had difficulties with public transport for large groups;
- Thursday 5 milers – 20-25 per week had to cancel 1 walk and recently had 4 new members but finding leaders was a problem;
- Thursday 8 milers - 15-18 per week;
- Thursday 8-10 milers - 12-15 per week.

During the group leaders' reports we discussed how we might increase numbers for the longer walk groups by using publicity but also how we might manage the difficulties presented by groups being in the happy position of having too many members. To resolve this later problem suggestions were made (but not agreed) that: groups stage two walks starting from the same point, or at different time, and that no new people should be allowed to join the group. It was agreed that Roger would meet with any group concerned to try and find solutions.

## **8. Publicity and 40th anniversary in 2019**

A discussion followed and any ideas how we celebrate this event please contact Roger.

## **9. Guidance for group leaders**

New guidance for group leaders was agreed, copies are available on the club website or from Roger

## **10. Guidance to walk leaders**

New guidance for walk leaders was agreed, copies are available on the club website or from Roger

## **11. Information for new walkers**

Roger reported that all new enquiries from the website (there were 37 this year) were emailed a copy of the syllabus together with an information leaflet a copy of this leaflet had been circulated and sent to group leaders.

## **12. Election of officers**

The existing officers of Chair Roger Pollard, Irene Tearne Secretary were re-elected. Thanks were expressed to Christine Bosworth who was retiring from the role of Treasurer, David Webster was elected as our new treasurer, as a result we need a new auditor and volunteers were invited. **A vote of thanks:** was given to the committee, Christine Bosworth for organising the holiday, and to group leaders who have the difficult job of finding leaders.

The meeting closed at 3.30p.m.

**TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY: 20th March at 1.30 p.m.**