

## **Bradford Senior Wayfarers**

### **Minutes of the thirty-ninth A.G.M. held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

#### **Welcome by the President**

#### **Opening remarks and “in memoriam”**

A minute of silence was held for the members who had passed away during the year. They included Jack Austin, Peggy Pope, June Ward, Dorothy Pitt, Howard Scarborough, Anita Chadwick and Elsie Hey.

#### **1. Minutes of the thirty-eight A.G.M. held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

The minutes of the last AGM were circulated and were accepted as a correct record.

#### **2. Matters Arising**

- a. All donations from Club funds that had been promised in the year before had now been made
- b. Lots of Senior Wayfarers Badges were available and group leaders were asked to ensure all members were offered one.
- c. A request from Norwood Green Community group had been received requesting we repair the bench on the Green that had been donated by the Senior Wayfarers in memory of one of our founders Tom Wilcock. Roger had responded and undertaken the work.

#### **3. Officer's reports**

- a. Chair: Roger thanked the members, group leaders and office holders for the work they did to ensure the club continued to thrive.
- b. Secretary: Irene reported that all socials had gone ahead as planned although, with the exception of the Christmas Party which was well attended, attendance had fallen further. At the Christmas Party we were entertained by the Bradford Ukes who has us singing and dancing; a good time being had by all. 65 new enquiries had been received through the website asking for information about joining. Irene thanked group leaders, for sending in the walk syllabuses on time, and members who lead walks.
- c. Group leaders
  - i. Monday – averaged 10 to 15. A new venue for the joint Christmas meal was being sought.
  - ii. Tuesday Central - averaged 10 to 25 per week
  - iii. Tuesday Baildon – averaged 8 to 15 per week
  - iv. Wednesday – averaged 17 to 34 per week. There had been one accident to a member; she broke her ankle, and required attendance by a mountain rescue group. As the injured person became chilled whilst waiting it was suggested that group leaders should carry an insulation blanket.
  - v. Thursday 5 milers and Thursday 8 milers – no report
  - vi. Thursday 8-10 milers – had a few new members and averaged 11 to 13.

A big thank you was offered to: Christine Thompson, upon her resignation, for all her hard work as the group leader of the Thursday shorter walks, and to Lynda Foster who had taken on the role; the meeting wished her well.

#### **4. Changes to the club constitution**

The current constitution makes reference, in several places, to “audit” in relation to the annual accounts presented by the Treasurer. The word “audit” could be taken as requiring a formal audit to be undertaken by a qualified auditor although this had not been the case for the club to date.

It was proposed that changes be made to the constitution so that it should represent what happens in practice and is appropriate to a club of our size i.e. that the accounts must be examined by an independent person rather than an auditor. The changes were agreed.

#### **5. Election of independent financial examiner**

Barry Parker was elected as independent financial examiner (independent examiner).

#### **6. Treasurer’s report**

David reported that we ended the year with a balance of £1399.52 compared to £1701.76 last year. Syllabus sales were down £70 at £710, subsidy to socials was £142 for the year, one off donations of £600 in total had been made. Syllabus printing costs had reduced. The independently examined accounts for the 12 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 were accepted.

#### **7. Election of officers**

The existing officers: Chair Roger Pollard, Secretary Irene Tearne, Treasurer David Webster, were re-elected. The position of vice chair was vacant.

#### **8. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Senior Wayfarers in 2019.**

Roger reported that none of the suggestions put forward for how we celebrate next year had received much support. He said the feeling seemed to be that people simply wanted to “walk” rather than be involved in events and that the underwhelming response had led him to conclude that 2019 would be a year of “business as usual” rather than celebration

It was however agreed that we put out two suggestions to group leaders in order to gauge response: that we hold a joint Christmas dinner in 2019 and that, during the month of our foundation, August, we repeat a number of the first walks undertaken by the club.

#### **9. Review of the syllabus fee**

It was agreed the fee of £1 remain unchanged.

#### **10. Review of the charge made for social activities**

In accordance with what had been agreed last year the meeting considered the level of subsidy for the social activities which was running at £142 for the year compared to the maximum allowance of £200. This discussion led onto considering numbers attending and benefitting from the socials, versus the work involved and cost. It was noted that the organisation of the socials was an additional onerous task for the secretary. It was agreed that all winter socials (except for the Christmas party) would cease.

#### **11. Any other business**

No items of any other business had been raised accordingly the meeting closed at 3.30 pm

**TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 AT 1.30 PM SHIPLEY LIBRARY**