

Bradford Senior Wayfarers

Minutes of the fortieth A.G.M. held on 19th March 2019

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 Malcolm Wilkinson, Peggy Waddington, Margaret Bowles, Don Graham, Frank Lister, Iris Wardman, Gordon Hickey, Betty Sunderland, Bill Love, Sheila French, Arthur Pointon and Philip Hainsworth

1. Minutes of the thirty-ninth A.G.M. held on 20th March 2018

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

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

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. He said that it was his wish to stand down as Chair at the next AGM. He said that the role of the Chair was not defined in the Club Constitution and therefore it was up to the person elected to do what they felt was appropriate. Roger gave examples of what he had done – set up the website, publicised the club at fetes and events, arranged first aid training, responded to enquiries about the club, reviewed and set up new public liability insurance, met with walking groups who had concerns, encouraged people to come forward as group leaders, supported the secretary in preparing the agenda and minutes of the AGMs and the walk syllabus and devised the role summary for Group and Walk Leaders. Finally, Roger thanked Irene for all her work over the last 5 years.
- b. Secretary: Irene reported that there had been no issues raised regarding last year's decision to cancel social activities. The Christmas Party was entertained by Geoff Twentyman who gave his talk “Shaking with laughter”; a good time being had by all. 70 new enquiries had been received through the website asking for information about joining. Irene thanked group leaders, for sending in the walk details on time, and members who lead walks. She said that she would not be standing again as secretary.
- c. Group leaders
 - i. Monday – this was now a much healthier group in terms of numbers, new joint group leaders were in place. If all members walked on the same day then it would be 34 people - each walk ranged between 10 to 15. The group had joined with the Thursday 8 to 10 milers for a Post Christmas Dinner.
 - ii. Tuesday Central – still ranged between 10 to 25 per week with 13 being the average
 - iii. Tuesday Baildon – numbers walking had steadily increased ranging between 15 to 23.
 - iv. Wednesday – numbers steady, ranging 20 to 30 per week, several new people had joined
 - v. Thursday 5 milers and Thursday 8 milers – no report
 - vi. Thursday 8-10 milers – 5 or 6 new members had joined but numbers each walk remained 11 to 13.

All groups agreed that they required more of their number to lead walks rather than relying upon the same people each syllabus. It was noted that many members walked in more than one group.

Thanks, were expressed to Rod Seed and Ian Robottom for taking over as leaders of the Monday 8 milers.

4. Treasurer's report and receipt of accounts

David reported that we ended the year with a balance of £1576.76 compared to £1399.52 last year. Income from syllabus sales was down by £83 at £627, Syllabus printing costs had gone up by £45. The independently examined accounts for the 12 months ended 31st December 2018 were accepted.

5. Election of officers

The existing officers: Chair Roger Pollard and Treasurer David Webster, were re-elected. No-one had put themselves forward for the position of secretary so that post is vacant.

6. Review of the syllabus fee

It was agreed the fee of £1 remain unchanged but it was agreed that we should encourage new joiners to purchase a copy. It was noted that the cost was £1 **per person** that used the syllabus so couples using the same syllabus should pay £2.

7. Any other business

No items of any other business had been raised accordingly the meeting closed at 2.30 pm

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2020 AT 1.30 PM SHIPLEY LIBRARY