

OWW Committee Meeting

Monday 3rd September 2018, 7.30–9 pm

The Plough, Wolvercote

MINUTES

1. Apologies – Treasurer, Social Secretary, Without Portfolio 1 & Without Portfolio 3.
2. Minutes from last meeting – accepted.
3. Matters arising (not separately noted on the agenda)
 - a. Issues reported with call forwarding
 - i. Chair has emailed walk leaders to advise on the need to copy the sender's number from their call log to respond to missed calls. If someone sends a text then the leader should receive a message containing the sender's number.
 - ii. **Webmaster** will check on the problem with updating the number for the walk on 2nd September. It appears to have re-set itself.
 - b. Countryfile Live
 - i. Thank you to those OWW members who volunteered.
 - ii. Event was a success with around 1000 visitors to our stand. Head Office attended and saw the value of attending the event.
 - iii. A survey was conducted soon after but it was not sent to all volunteers.
 - c. 10th Anniversary
 - i. It was agreed that ideas should be voted on at the AGM. **All** to provide suggestions.
 - ii. A possibility would be a repeat of the inaugural walk followed by food. **Secretary** to find out where and when it took place.
4. Walks
 - a. It was decided that OWW would not trial the pilot walker registration app.
 - b. Walks programme is a bit sparse with nothing scheduled for 30th September. **Programme Secretary** to re-instate the placeholders to highlight the gaps.
5. Socials
 - a. Since the last meeting, socials have comprised 3 outdoor theatre performances – Creation's Brave New World (4 people) and Swallows and Amazons (7 people), and Revolting Women by Mikron Theatre Company.
 - b. Christmas
 - i. Meal – Secretary has booked La Cucina for 7.30pm on 1st December.
 - ii. Drinks – **Membership Secretary** will organise
 - iii. Mince pie walk- **Chair** will check the past leader is willing to lead this year.
6. Membership
 - a. Membership has fallen to 132 although we do have 2 new members and we are seeing new faces on walks. Possible that recent communications from Ramblers relating to GDPR might have prompted non-active members to cancel.
 - b. Contacting lapsed members – OWW will not write to lapsed members since they have already been contacted by Ramblers.
 - c. New membership fees from 1st October – existing membership forms will become out of date. Price of individual annual membership will increase from £35.00 to £35.85.
 - d. The new membership dashboard, scheduled for this autumn, should make it easier for Membership Secretary to obtain numbers and for Webmaster to update our email list.

7. Finances
 - a. The OWW bank balance still stands at £355. **Treasurer** will do our annual return for Ramblers in early October.
8. Web
 - a. The new website is up and running, thanks to Webmaster.
 - b. Secretary is unable to edit Committee page and so cannot upload minutes. *Webmaster has since addressed this.*
 - c. Editing an existing walk/social does not create a duplicate although it might appear to.
 - d. **Webmaster** and **Programme Secretary** will scan for missing information in scheduled walks as there might have been confusion regarding some fields.
 - e. **Chair** will email walk leaders group to share questions about using the site.
9. Publicity
 - a. Social media – Facebook page and Twitter. Ongoing by **Chair**.
 - b. New material – decision had been made at a previous meeting not to order more flyers and it was agreed that we would not order more cards as the website and Facebook attract interest and very few members find opportunities to hand out cards.
 - c. Radio – Chair took part in an outside broadcast in August in Radio Oxford's Club of the Week item; it led to an enquiry.
10. Area
 - a. The last meeting was attended by Webmaster.
 - b. Area Chair will stand down and so candidates are being sought.
 - c. Local groups asked to propose projects for 2019 as Area has funds.
 - d. **Membership Secretary**/Area Rep will attend the next meeting on 8th October.
 - e. In future OWW Committee meetings will be scheduled so that they are at least 2 weeks after the Area meeting.
 - f. **Webmaster** will add a link to the Area Newsletter on our website.
11. AGM (4th November)
 - a. New format is a walk followed by a meeting in a pub with some food provided.
 - b. **Webmaster** has identified an 8.5-mile walk in Tackley with the Gardiner Arms as a promising venue and will contact the pub. The Plough at Wolvercote might be a back-up option.
 - c. It was agreed to hold the prize draw again. **Treasurer** to purchase voucher.
 - d. Officers wishing to stand down: Programme Secretary, Secretary and Without Portfolio 1.
 - e. Reports – officers please send reports to Secretary at least 2 weeks before the AGM.
12. AOB
 - a. Training
 - i. Navigation, Walk Planning & Leadership Course: 11th – 13th October contact valeramblers@gmail.com or 07968 710869. The course is advertised on our website and **Chair** will publicise it in the next newsletter.
 - ii. Walk leader training from Ramblers in 2019 – Chair has responded to Area to support the idea of 1-day of training as a shorter course at the weekend would be more popular to OWW members.
 - b. Volunteer check in (August Volunteer Newsletter from Ramblers) – in September we can review My Volunteering Activities in our profiles on ramblers.org.uk.

Next meetings

AGM: Sunday, 4th November

Proposed date for next committee meeting 28 January