

OWW Committee Meeting

Wednesday 14th July 2021 7.30 – 9.00 pm

By Zoom

MINUTES

1. Apologies – Social Sec and WOP
2. Webmaster not present.
2. Minutes of last meeting – agreed as accurate
3. Matters arising – to be discussed at relevant agenda item
4. Chair

In readiness for the AGM later this year committee members should consider if they intend to continue. We will also encourage anyone interested in joining the committee.
5. Walks

With relaxation of Covid rules we are still required to do risk assessments but it is not compulsory to maintain the booking system. We agreed that if walk leaders wished to continue booking and limiting group sizes they could do so. Each walk leader to make their own choice. Walks Sec will indicate in Walk Header if booking required. Walks Sec to advise walk leaders of these new procedures.

Walks will now be posted when they are submitted so we show an advance programme. Ramblers encourage use of app and logging of members but this is not compulsory and we won't be doing it at this stage.

Chair and Walks sec will compare walk leader mailing lists
6. Socials

One event – May Day Quiz by Lyn, 8 participants.

Social Sec intends emailing membership to generate ideas.
7. Membership

Current membership slightly increase at 139/140. This is very positive with other groups we are aware of having falling numbers.

Membership Sec is on Area sub group looking at how to attract members.
8. Finance

Treasurer currently budgeting

Current balance £365. Expenditure so far this year £242 (OS sub, Zoom, vouchers, Webmaster expenses).

We will receive an allocation of £133 plus commission from Ramblers Holidays.

To keep within Ramblers guidelines we could spend about £60 by the end of September.

Suggestions include expenditure on publicity or a charitable donation.

Treasurer will contact Webmaster and ask him to submit his expense claim ASAP so exact financial position is clear.
9. Web

The way that walk details appear on the website has changed. Walks Sec and Chair will consider any implications.
10. Publicity

Chair has changed Facebook settings from public to private. A reminder that many Facebook members are not members of OWW.

Re publicity it is noted that one OWW member is proactive in displaying posters. It is suggested we have a "Business Card" which can easily be given to people who show an interest in the group. Chair and Membership Sec will look at various options.
11. Area

We have received a request from the chair of Oxfordshire Area ramblers to discuss
“Whether or not the area walks booklet should continue to be published?”

The matter was discussed.

Action: Chair to respond to Area and advise

“OxonWW have not published a printed walks programme for over five years. Instead all walks have been published online and the group has continued to grow. Consequently the committee do not believe that the Area Walks Booklet should continue to be published.

Ramblers Head Office concerned about retention and membership numbers. They have contracted Working for Wildlife to lead on events and recruitment. They also plan a new improved website and database.

Area have spare funds (their current balance about 142% of budget) so they are considering spending money on publicity.

Area AGM will take place 22.01.22 at Wootton Village Hall.

12. AOB

Next Committee meeting Wednesday 13th October 19.30 (Zoom or Face to Face)

AGM Sunday 14th November 16.00 (Plough at Wolvercote after a walk) or 19.30 by Zoom.