

Oxon Weekend Walkers

Committee meeting 7.30pm – 9.00pm 26th January 2021

By Zoom

MINUTES

- 1. Apologies** – Secretary. Webmaster not present.
- 2. Minutes from last meeting** – agreed as accurate.
- 3. Matters arising (not elsewhere on agenda)** – to be discussed at relevant agenda item.
- 4. Chair** – Items to be discussed at relevant agenda item.
- 5. Walks**
 - Thanks to Walk Secretary for maintaining excellent walks programme through last period of Covid restrictions. No other group managed to offer such a full programme. Plan is to revert to same system (of multiple walks per week with pre-booking) if restrictions are still required following current lockdown.
 - Walks Secretary has filed all risk assessments from last period.
 - Assemble is the Ramblers database for volunteers and shows committee members and volunteer roles. All volunteers should check their roles are listed correctly in Assemble, especially Walk leaders for insurance purposes. Error on Assemble app meant some walk leaders were marked only as online walk contributors (not walk leaders) but this has now been corrected. Membership secretary accesses all membership data for group through Assemble and recommends asking for latest list before sending out any group communication as there are frequent changes.
 - OS maps subscription expires 6 February and should be renewed. Chair to try and change now unused email associated with account but only if that can be done without losing the many walk routes already saved in the account. Password to be kept the same. Chair to send reminder of login details to walk leaders.
- 6. Socials**
 - Four online socials have taken place since AGM. Attendances were:
Dec 12th – Quiz = 17
Dec 26th - Charades = 9
Jan 9th – Quiz = 26
Jan 21st – “Would I lie to you?” = 11
Good to have a mix of activities which appeal to different people. All have been very well received. Thanks to Membership Secretary and LR for organising.
 - Zoom – finances would allow for subscription to Zoom to facilitate further online events. Group will use Chair’s personal subscription until it expires towards end of February and then decide if OWW subscription should be purchased on a monthly basis.
- 7. Membership**
 - Current membership 136. Ramblers who have not assigned themselves to OWW group specifically will not receive emails about OWW events.
- 8. Finance**
 - Current balance £497. OS subscription is £100. Expecting claim from Webmaster of c. £70. Potential Zoom costs of £14.39 per month.
 - Next instalment of c. £110 from Ramblers due in April.
 - Ramblers guidance says that funds in group accounts should not be excessive. Seek guidance from area treasurer on acceptable use of funds. If appropriate, possible uses are publicity, path maintenance, purchase of equipment (e.g. secateurs). Area normally attend fetes/community events.

- Treasurer to set up bank transfer facility on group account. Chair to be third signatory on account.

9. Web

- Nothing to report

10. Publicity

- OWW Facebook group – concern raised about number of ‘campaign’ posts eg planning issues etc, instead of the OxonWW group walking activities. Posts are moderated by Chair and Webmaster. Social Sec to investigate if Ramblers have any guidance on the supervision of social media. Chair to monitor.

11. Area

- Membership Secretary attended most recent meeting. Area requesting less funds from Ramblers due to surplus. Reprint of Seven Shires Way book – author looking for volunteers to recce.
- Chair attended Ramblers AGM. Discussion points included footpaths and cyclists, health walks, stretching before walks and ‘effort’ sessions.

12. AOB

- Next meeting – Wed 21 April at 7.30pm (after next area meeting on 12 April).