

The Camping and Caravanning Club



Mountain Activity Section

Minutes of the Meeting of the Section Council held on 26th September 2018 at the Camping and Caravanning Club, Greenfields House, Westwood Way, Coventry CV4 8JH
The Meeting commenced at 1.00 pm

Present:

Trev Masters (Chair), Colin Wild (Secretary), Jenny Williams (Treasurer), John Gerner (PRO), Barry Cowlard (Elected Member – Deputy Officer to National Council), Lesley Storey (Northern Area Representative), Sandra Wild (Vice Chairman/Peakland Area Representative), Deb Masters (Wessex Area Representative), Les Morton (Membership Secretary/Officer to National Council – Elected Member), Yvonne Plevy (Elected Member) Sandra Wain (Minute Taker),

Chairman's Welcome

Trev Masters extended a welcome to everyone and commented that it was good to be back as for various reasons he had not attended a meeting for a year.

1. Apologies for Absence

Andrew Wood (President), Terry Bishop (Vice President)

There was no club representative available as there were meetings at HQ.

2. Approval of Minutes previously circulated

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2018.

The Minutes were accepted and signed as correct after the following amendments were made:

6 (b) – Add 'YHA Annual membership fees agreed'

11 – 'Shrewsbury' should read 'Tewkesbury'

Proposed Barry Cowlard; Seconded Colin Wild

Minutes of the Short Meeting following the AGM on 5th May 2018

Minutes accepted.

Proposed Yvonne Plevy; seconded Jenny Williams

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minutes of 10th January 2018:

a) Bob Talbot (Club representative) undertook to look at the possibility of single membership – this issue was also discussed at Section Forum where it was agreed that the Club should be encouraged to look at this. However the response was that financially this is not possible. Unlike other organisations, both members have always been included in the family membership.

b) It had not been possible to make a presentation to Howard and Anne Crosland as they were not present at the AGM and the Chairman was not able to attend either. As Deb and Trev Masters live near to their son, It was agreed that the miniature pennon and M and S vouchers for £25 each be taken to him to pass on to Howard and Anne.

Minutes of the Short Meeting following the AGM 5th May 2018:

a) Under Any Other Business, Steve Harris suggested the Section produce our own Certificate of Merit (templates are available on websites). This was agreed in principle and we will produce a certificate when we next identify a suitable nominee.

b) Request for Name Change by Peakland and Wessex: Steve Harris was not able to attend the Meeting and the Secretary gave out the following information. This request went in with the Minutes of the AGM in

May. Colin Wild did not receive a letter from Garry Barr until 18th September rejecting the name change but no reason was given. Colin Wild telephoned Gary Barr to ask why this was and he was informed that Areas cannot change their names to a different one from their Section.

c) Electronic voting was also discussed and Gary Barr stated that this was only allowed for election to National Council. Colin Wild pointed out that we had put this in Schedule D of our Constitution. Evidently this had not been read since it was submitted in May. This has now been taken out of the Constitution by Robert Loudon. However it had been pointed out that National Sections are different from DA's as they are spread out more geographically and it was not realistic for everyone to travel to an AGM to vote in person. Trev Masters and Gary Barr both attended the Section Forum where it was unanimously agreed to request proxy voting for Notices of Motion. Gary Barr agreed to put it to Robert Loudon and both of the Committees. If this was agreed by December then it may be possible to have proxy voting at the next AGM but not electronic. However, regarding a notice of any Motion, 25 signatures are required for the AGM and a discussion followed regarding timescale and it was eventually agreed that it would be too late for voting slips to go out with December Activity. All the aforementioned had to go through Gary Barr to confirm. The next Club Management meeting is not until February so proxy voting would not be possible until at least 2020.

4. Correspondence

The Secretary has written to Gary Barr in January re the difficulty of the new membership information and was disappointed that he has not yet received a reply.

5. Minutes of Area Meetings – September 2018 (Matters Arising)

Northern Treasurer has asked for cash flow for expenses but had withdrawn the request as it was too complicated.

Peakland – no matters arising.

Wessex – have now formed a Committee.

6. Finance Matters

a) Treasurer's Financial Reports

These were circulated previous to the Meeting and the Treasurer gave a summary of the present financial position. The CCY account has been incorporated into the general account (£150) and disbursements have been made to the Areas. YHA membership fees have been paid.

b) Inventory

The following items are to be written off:

Toilet Tent (1994), Porta Potti, Youth Pennon, Youth Toilet Tent, Youth Porta Potti, All of these are stored by Howard Crosland.

Melanie Shearn has purchased a long arm stapler for Activity magazine.

c) Section Subscription rate for 2019/20

This to remain at £6.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for all her reports and hard work.

7. PRO Matters.

PRO Report

Areas are reminded to submit their AGM Notice for inclusion in Out and About by 8th October to ensure the copy deadline is not missed.

Submission of the Section AGM Notice is in hand and an additional notice will be in March 2019 edition.

8. Web Site/Social Media Matters

Melanie Shearn is setting up a You Tube Channel, this has been agreed by Club HQ.

There is to be more support and guidance re social media. Green Paper 5.2 covers website/social media but a new Green Paper is to be produced re use of social media.

PRO will check that Adrian Rose is a member of the Club. The Treasurer has been through cash books there are webmaster's fees but nothing else.

Trev Masters reported that there is to be a separate copy of Out and About and emphasised that if anyone wanted items reported in the magazine then let them know We have had a lot more coverage since he contacted them.

9. Membership Report

Les Morton reported that membership has increased, however it would be advantageous if we could encourage younger people to camp.

10) National Council Report

Les Morton highlighted some of the items in his written report. The Big Club Get Together will no longer be held, however it is intended to promote Club Unit and Section camping (to be passed by Executive Committee). Publicity for DA's and Sections to be 3 or 4 pages at the front of the magazine. Deb Masters stated that a printed copy of Out and About will be with the magazine for 3 months and then those receiving it have to opt in to carry on having it this way. Those who are presently receiving an electronic copy with not get a paper copy. It was emphasised to let as many people as possible know about this.

11) Activity Magazine

The Editor has sent a written report and it was agreed unanimously that her first edition was excellent and the Treasurer has not received details of the costs in time for her report. Sadly, Melanie Shearn is unable to continue as Editor but will edit the Winter issue. Colin Wild has access to Portland Print and will arrange the printing and paper distribution of this edition. 750 copies to be produced – 650 in envelopes. Melanie stressed that she needs more material to be in this edition. 2019 Area Meets need to be sent to her for inclusion in Activity.

12) Section Forum

There have been two meetings since the last report. Barry Cowlard attended the first one and gave a report after the short Meeting following the AGM re Data Protection. Gary Barr gave feedback that Special Interest Sections had responded well to information. Financial information and names and addresses should not stay on computer apart from 'need to know' addresses. It was suggested that Mailchip was a better option to use than Dropbox and BCC to be used on lists. A seminar had been planned but the people signed up for it were experienced therefore it was cancelled.

Special Interest Sections were represented at NFOL and all said how poorly located sites were this year. Next year is in Shaftesbury (19/09/2019) and effort to be represented is needed and to evaluate whether there is any benefit from this – only MAS and other two Sections attended the stand. Many Folk Group members attend as they put on dances etc. Marketing is always the forefront so it was suggested that a stand be within the members' marquee. Members need to attend for three nights, day visits not allowed.

The location will be explored to see if there is suitable walking to put on a guided walk during the event. It was asked if the new wrapping for the magazine was fit for purpose since people were finding them to be torn in the post.

A Meet near Corfe Castle had been booked near the Club Site and the Club had refused to accept it.

Electronic payments cannot be used at present but the Post Office will accept any cheques. This would save stewards on a THS having large amounts of cash.

13. Matters of particular importance from Area Reps

- a) **Peakland** – Report previously distributed. The Treasurer is not continuing next year but hopeful that we have a member who will take on the role.
- b) **Northern** – Report previously distributed. Unfortunately the Area does not have Kemplerigg next year.
- c) **Wessex** – Report previously distributed.

14. Appointments

- a) **Section Treasurer for Financial Year 1st January 2019 – 31st December 2020**
Jenny Williams. Proposed Barry Cowlard ; Seconded Colin Wild
Carried unanimously.
Jenny informed the Council that it will be her final year as Treasurer.
- b) **Appointment of Section representative to National Council**
Les Morton . Proposed Deb Masters; Seconded Jenny Williams

Agreed unanimously.

(c) Appointment of Deputy section representative to National Council

Barry Cowlard; Proposed Les Morton; Seconded Yvonne Plevy

Agreed unanimously.

15. Section Council Meetings 2019

- (a) Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 1100 hours at Greenfield House
- (b) Section AGM 2019: Saturday 4th May 2019 at Beckford Village Hall, Nr Tewkesbury, at 1900 hours
- (c) Short Council meeting to be held following the AGM
- (d) September 2019: to be arranged after the AGM

16. Festival of walking and Cycling

- a) Update on arrangements for 2019 (Wessex Area) – This was sorted at Wessex last Committee Meeting – 4 walks per day plus cycle rides and a Bring and Share Supper and skittles on Sunday.
- b) Update on arrangements for 2020 (Peakland Area) – Still looking for a site which has a suitable hall nearby and should know by January meeting. Possibility of minibus if a long way to start of walks.
- c) FoW&C 2021 – Northern Area looking into this at present.

17. Review of decisions made and actions needed

- Presents for Anne and Howard Crosland – Deb and Trev Masters to contact family and arrange voucher for £25 each to be passed on to them.
- Initiate Certificate of Merit for Members of Section for future awards.
- Write to Howard Crosland to write off items he is storing: Toilet Tent (1994); Porta Potti; Youth Pennon; Youth Toilet Tent; Youth Porta Potti
- Subscription rates stay at £6
- John Gerner to ensure notice of AGM is in Out and About.
- Area reps to check that their AGM notices are in Out and About.
- John Gerner to check that Adrian Rose is still a Club member
- Colin Wild to contact Melanie Shearn to request information about Out and About be put in Activity.
- Colin Wild to get Activity printed and posted and let Melanie know our appreciation for her work
- Details of 2019 Meets to go to Melanie to put in Activity plus request for Treasurer 2020 and any other roles that are being vacated.
- Jenny Williams re-elected as Treasurer
- Les Morton re-elected to National Council
- Barry Cowlard re-elected as Deputy to National Council

20. Any Other Business

Trev Masters recapped on Jennie Williams carrying on as Treasurer one more year, Colin Wild will finish his time as Secretary after the AGM and he himself will be willing to continue for one more year, plus Melanie Shearn will not be carrying on as editor of Activity. Therefore, there will be a number of crucial positions vacant on the Section Committee in the near future and we need to start looking at recruiting members to these roles.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The Meeting closed at 2.55pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Signed.....
Secretary