

**MINUTES OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF EASTLEIGH GROUP, THE RAMBLERS**

**HELD AT PILANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 AT 2:00 PM**

**1. Welcome from Chair**

Roni Sansome thanked everyone present for coming to the AGM meeting.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Jane Cotton, Eleanor Tarbox, Sandi Paskins, Georgie Reuter, Ian Pemberton, Chris Bond, Bill Butler.

Roni advised that she had recently spoken to Bill Butler, a long standing and in the past an active member of the group. Bill is no longer able to participate in walks and will therefore not be renewing his membership.

**3. Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

The minutes were agreed as a true record. This was proposed by Lynne Shepherd and Seconded by Roni Sansome.

**4. Matters arising**

There were no matters raised.

**5. Venue for 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

Roni Sansome summarised the research she has carried out in the past which found that the best value venues in the area are the Valley Park Community Centre, Chandlers Ford, the Fair Oak Village Hall and the Pilands Wood Community Centre, Bursledon.

It was agreed to hold the 29<sup>th</sup> AGM return to the Valley Park Community Centre. This was proposed by Pauline Francis and seconded by Cyril Nias.

**6. Financial Business**

**6.1 Treasurers Report**

Bob Battle advised that his report is contained in the Group's Annual Report which has been circulated with the AGM papers and should be read in conjunction to the Accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 which were circulated at the meeting. Generally as a group we are receiving lower levels of finance due to declining numbers, and we will try to maintain a reserve of approximately £1000.

The General Account currently stands at £226.14 and the Social Account stands at £772.36.

## 6.2 Adoption of Accounts

Val Archer proposed, seconded by Dave Shepherd that the accounts be adopted as a true record. This was carried.

## 6.3 Appointment of Examiner of Accounts

Peter Benham was appointed as the Examiner of Accounts. This was proposed by Val Archer and seconded by Dave Shepherd,

## 7. Officers' Reports

7.1 Roni advised that the Committee had decided to produce an Annual Report this year containing reports from the Officers of the Committee.

Malcolm Lucas advised that there was a small increase on the current membership numbers from those contained in the report.

## 8. Election of Officers

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
<b>Chair</b> Roni Sansome	Eileen Allcorn	Rob Moulard
<b>Group Secretary</b> Post Vacant		
<b>Treasurer</b> Bob Battle	Eileen Allcorn	Rob Moulard
<b>Footpath Secretary</b> Richard Kenchington	Eileen Allcorn	Rob Moulard
<b>Rambles Secretary</b> Chris Bond	Eileen Allcorn	Rob Moulard
<b>Membership Secretary</b> Cyril Nias	Janet Henderson	Dave Shepherd
<b>Local Website Co-ordinator</b> Richard Kenchington	Rob Moulard	Val Archer
<b>Ordinary Members</b> Val Archer	Dave Shepherd	Joan Sherrad

There were no nominations for the following posts:

Group Secretary  
National Website Editor

Publicity Officer  
Area Representative  
Social Secretary  
Environment Officer

9. **Future Long Distance Paths/Holidays**

Richard Kenchington asked for suggestions as to long distance paths that members would like put on. It was agreed to do the Two Moors Way in 2017. (Proposed: Pauline Francis, Seconded: Roni Sansome)

Richard Kenchington outlined a barge trip on the Basingstoke Canal he was planning. The trip is through the Accessible Boating Association and is from Odiham to Fleet. It would be an 8-hour return trip or for those doing a single trip the walk is about 9-miles and flat. He needs 20 people to do a single trip to make it viable.

10. **Future of Hampshire Rambler magazine**

Roni advised that the current editor of this publication has resigned due to his age and his not walking regularly so feels he is out of touch with current membership. Consideration is currently being given to the future of the magazine.

11. **Proposed amendments to Eastleigh Ramblers Constitution**

The following amendment was agreed. Proposed by Bob Battle and Seconded by Pauline Francis.

*"Wherever this Constitution refers to notice in writing being given to members, it shall be acceptable for that notice to be by normal post or in the form of electronic mail and/or prominent display on the website of Eastleigh Group of Ramblers Association."*

12. **Presentation and awards**

Cyril Nias was presented with the cups for "most led walks" and "most miles led".

The Walk Leaders' League Tables are attached to the minutes.

13. **AOB**

Richard Kenchington requested volunteers for footpath maintenance work. Members will be insured by the Ramblers Association for this work.

Richard Kenchington circulated a list of information which is currently available via the group's website.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 14:50

LEADERS LEAGUE TABLES

League table for Oct 2015 – Sept 2016	
	MILES LED
CYRIL	222.58
RICHARD	188.05
CHRIS	151
JIM	121.4
PAULINE	45
GEORGIE	28.5

League table for Oct 2015 – Sept 2016	
	WALKS LED
CYRIL	25
RICHARD	20
CHRIS	16
JIM	12
PAULINE	5
GEORGIE	4