

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held: Tuesday, 14th January 2025

Committee Members in Attendance	
Chair (DC)	Social Secretary (SG)
Secretary (BH)	Footpath Officer (JT)
Treasurer (RP)	First Aid Coordinator (DH)
Webmaster (MJ)	
Apologies Received	
Membership Secretary (DM)	Walks Co-ordinator (GA)

1. Chair (DC) – Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Treasurer (RP) – Treasurer advised that the current balance of the account is £417.63. To date, no sponsorships have been received but RP feels it is too early to issue reminders. A payment has been sent to pay for the room hire for the first aid refresher course and other small payments for DA.
3. Walks Co-ordinator (GA) – Apologies received but advised walk schedule still has some gaps but confident these will be filled. Noted decisions taken to cancel the first few walks of the year was disappointing but the right decision and hopefully, they can be rescheduled.
4. Secretary (BH) – Risk assessments up to date. BH issued email re guided walks in Turkey, but it was felt that these would not meet our requirements and are cost prohibitive. BH to revert accordingly.

BH confirmed she has completed a review of the volunteers' information held on Ramblers Insight Hub and submitted a request to have all missing information added. In addition, two additional walk leaders have been added (JP & KD). Walk Co-ordinators must ensure that new walk leaders are advised to the Chair or Secretary going forward to ensure that our records remain accurate, and our volunteers can fully access all associated resources.

5. First Aid Co-ordinator (DH) – Coordinator advised that one incident was reported in November 2024. Ramblers Association have acknowledged receipt of the report. DC confirmed he has reached out to the individual. FA refresher course is all sorted for 28th Jan at Sunnybank. Room Hire and Insurance arranged. DH has had a coordinator meeting and circulated a schedule of the evening. Capacity is limited to sixteen people which will need to be booked via the booking system. Additional courses can be arranged if there is the demand. DH is to obtain a £20 voucher as a thank you. ICE discs have been received and distributed. New members have submitted requests, so a new list is now in progress. MJ will do a communication post. DC suggested that blood group should be suggested.
6. Webmaster (MJ) – No significant issues now other than delayed reces/information for walks. Cancellations coordinated well via ticket source, cancelling event automatically generates an email to all attendees. AB has now joined the websters team and is proving a real asset.
7. Footpath Officer (JT) – The Scout Moor wind farm consultation was attended by JT and BH. There was no more information than had already been sent out. JT did send

feedback through on behalf of RR. We received an enquiry from an individual asking us to add our comments to the proposal as we had done previously. BH to confirm that we have fed back accordingly. JT advised that the lost paths deadline has been scrapped which is beneficial nationally. JT will follow up on what is happening with our signposts.

8. Membership Secretary (DM) – Apologies received; DC confirmed membership currently membership at 178 as at end of December. DH advised four potential new members. Bocholt sponsored walk joining us 13 April which may generate membership.
9. Publicity Officer (AS) – No update, we continue to receive good publicity.
10. Social Secretary (SG) – Marl Pits rebooked for Xmas, everyone happy with that. Reschedule NY walk is proving difficult as no Sundays free before 31st August. SG requested that a Sunday is made free to accommodate this. A social evening is booked at Bacup Theatre to see an “Eagles” Tribute.
11. Any other business – NE Lancs AGM Saturday 8th February 11:00 am. DC/JB/BH to attend. DC will drive. All to book their own lunch.
12. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th May @ 7 pm
Date of the AGM 14th October @ 7 pm for 7:30 pm

Meeting ended at 19:55.