

**Red Rope:
Minutes of NC Meeting
Saturday 9th November 2013 Birmingham**

Present: Dave Doody (IT Officer), Sherry Macliver (National Treasurer), Adrian Jones (Nat. Sec.), Rebecca Bates (Nat Trips), Dave Symonds, Janet Saunders (Publicity), Steve Wright (Membership Sec.), Barbara Segal (Bristol/South-West), Don Kinnibrugh (Ramblers & Campaigns officer), Phillipa Paul (on behalf of West Midlands Region Rep)

Item No	Minutes	Action
1	<p>Welcome, Introductions and appoint minutes taker Chair – Dave Symonds am Steve Wright pm Minutes - Adrian</p>	
2	<p>Apologies for Absence Dermot Mckibbin (Training and London Regional Rep) Chris Drinkwater (BMC Rep), John Dickie</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of NC meeting June 2013 Manchester The minutes of the last NC meeting were accepted</p>	

4	<p>Matters Arising from previous minutes (unless on this Agenda) RR Hut fund to close; hut fund donations to be removed from membership form.</p>	Sherry
5	<p>Reports from officers:</p>	
5a	<p>National Secretary Adrian J See below AGM 2014 and Constitution Update</p>	
5b	<p>National Treasurer (admin) Sherry Mc Sherry circulated a set of accounts to November 2013. Finances mostly as expected. Income to November,2013, £1843; expenditure £1089, and within budget. The AGM 2013 generated a surplus of £275, principally as the accomodation was £300 less than last year The club has £13,000 funds overall. Ideas requested from the NC on ways to use this (next NC meeting). A small donation from the "Ramblers Fellowship" ex Ramblers Holidays has been received. Don to investigate the cost of Public Liability Insurance through the RA. (might be less than the BMC)</p>	All
5c	<p>National Trips Treasurer John Dickie (Written report) Discussed AGM cancellation refund motion. Didn't feel we could afford the 50% refund proposed but would like to look at this over the coming year. Current fund £1500 which is sufficient</p>	

5d	<p>National Trips Secretary, Becky Bates Written Report Since the AGM has</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - considered an additional Scottish national trip at Easter 2014 (after discussion at AGM) but decided against as there are 2 large regional Easter trips booked. - heard that the Elphin trip in June is full - chased trip organiser MIS entry for Glencoe trip in February. Details are in Nov MIS -Redrafted and circulated Trip Org Pack (see item 9 below). 	
5e	<p>Membership Steve W Data sheets updating membership were distributed. Current membership has gone up to 304 – we have had 10 new members and 1 re-joiner since then and only a few leavers. Membership distribution is very similar to that previously reported.</p> <p>MIS by Email There are 4 members with email who have opted to take MIS by post, or not at all. There are an additional 14 members with no email address or an address only for use in emergencies. Use of 'Facebook' and 'Meetup" was discussed to promote membership, these are effective in spreading awareness of clubs.</p>	
5f	<p>Bulletin Editor Dave S written report Material for the next Bulletin is coming in but slow as usual. Dave suggested the Bulletin be produced in Liverpool and posted out. No decision made.</p>	Dave S
5g	<p>MIS Editor Mark Wallis Not present and nothing to report. Still some concern over occasional late MIS publication date. To monitor. Dave Symonds to produce a thank you card for Mark.</p>	Dave S
5h	<p>IT Officer. David Doody. Nothing specific to report. Hopes to continue to service the new website as he has been doing on the existing.</p>	

5i	<p>Training Officer. Dermot Mckibbin Has circulated details of BMC training courses and emailed regional contacts to assess the demand from club members for a club outdoor first aid training course. We have used CRT Medical Limited in mid-wales to run a previous course. It will cost the club approximately £700 to arrange such a course so we need to be sure that there is sufficient demand from club members before proceeding and that somebody is willing to organise it. CRT will provide all meals apart from Friday night. Due to the nature of the course, places will be limited to 8. The RR banded contribution would be estimated 3 times the normal nightly rate. As an alternative the BMC are offering an Outdoor First Aid Course in the Lake District on 8-9 Feb 2014. This costs £75. Club members may wish to think about booking on this course. Anybody interested in the club running its own Outdoor First Aid Course, email Dermot before 1 December at dermotmckibbin@btinternet.com and confirm interest to book on a club course, indicate whether you are willing to act as trip organiser and preferred date.</p> <p>There is a RR fund to enable low band members to attend BMC training courses. NC requested Dermot to draft some working for the MIS to publicise this. NC to approve wording at next NC.</p>	Dermot
5j	<p>BMC Contact Chris D Not present but nothing to report.</p>	
5k	<p>Publicity. Janet Written report An action to get a 'business card' designed and printed (to be more attractive than our membership card) still to be carried forward with Steve, by end November. Leaflets advertising RR seem to generate very little impact and further use was questioned. Steve/Janet to look at ways to ensure the RR website is in the first half dozen from a web engine. RR is further down the list at the moment. The RR facebook page was discussed. It does not seem to generate new members.</p>	Janet Janet/Steve
5l	<p>Ramblers / Campaigns Report Don K</p> <p>The Ramblers Association AGM 2014 will take place in Liverpool, at the Adelphi Hotel. It will also be held earlier than in recent years, over the last weekend in March (Saturday 29th March - Sunday 30th March, three weekends before Easter). The deadline for bookings for attendance will therefore also be earlier, on the 15th February, before the usual date of the February NC meeting. Could anybody interested in going (either as an observer or delegate) therefore please let Don know before the 15thFeb?</p> <p>Also, if anyone has a proposal for a motion, please advise Don; this would have to be submitted before the 15th February. (Barbara's suggestion the year before last for a Red Rope motion challenging</p>	All

	the Ramblers' deal with BUPA was <u>very</u> successful.)	
5m	<p>Gear Coordinator Adrian O'C Not present and no report. John D still to get a list and status from Adrian Oc and report back to next NC. If the equipment is no longer useable, it may be disposed of and the Gear Coordinator position will lapse.</p>	John D
50	<p>Regional Reps Phillipa as proxy West Midlands Regional rep; Barbara representing Bristol</p>	
6	<p>Web development Committee Written report (Colin Knowles) A new developer has been found following the departure of the incumbent. Its work in progress at the moment, Colin is around to answer day to day enquiries from the developer. See http://redrope.estar-solutions.com/About to view progress by the new developer. NC still concerned as to slow rate of progress. £500 has been paid for the Greenet hosting and a return on this is required. It was suggested Colin should give a deadline delivery date to the developer. Janet will still coordinate the content of the website once such a stage has been reached.</p>	Web team/Colin Knowles

7	<p>LMC /Hut.</p> <p>The LMC has set up the Cae Ysgubor Hut Management Committee as agreed as part of the Hut Sharing Agreement. Peter Kos, who has had an on going involvement with the hut recently, to attend the first meeting November 2013 as the RR representative,. Subject to agreement with Dave Fisher, Peter may take up the role of RR Hut Committee member.</p> <p>The Hut is still scheduled for opening Easter 2014, to get the weekend allocations for RR into the 2014 diary, as per the Hut Sharing Agreement.</p> <p>Individuals booking any LMC hut is via Barbara – MIS to be amended (action – Mark Wallis); website to be amended (action Dave D)</p> <p>LMC have increased prices to £5/pppn. RR revised banding charges, for individuals, as follows: A-C; £3.0 D-F; £5.0 G,H; £6.5</p> <p>Members attending a national or regional weekend booking will continue to pay a nightly trip charge of 0.8 times the current RR nightly trip charge</p> <p>Website, MIS and Applications forms to be amended . And a note in the next Bulletin. Barbara also to notify all Regional Contacts by email.</p>	Barbara
8	<p>AGM 2014.</p> <p>Agreed this should be as AGM 2013, at the 'Big Mose' cottage and bunkhouse on Dudmaston Estate near Bridgnorth, subject to availability. The accommodation was good and fairly priced and a return to Dudmaston was approved. Adrian to check availability for 27/28 September,20`14</p> <p>It was also agreed the AGM would again be Sunday morning as per recent AGM's as it works well.</p>	Adrian
9	<p>Trip Organisers Pack</p> <p>The new Trip Organisers Pack was circulated before the meeting. Overall it was approved, the meeting agreed it neater, easier to use and shorter. It was however proposed the following notes should be added somewhere in the text</p> <p>³⁵₁₇ It is for National Trips; recommended but not mandatory for local trips,</p> <p>³⁵₁₇ Who will organise the route cards? (as there is no safety officer)</p> <p>³⁵₁₇ Add "everyone on the trip to share responsibility for safety"</p> <p>³⁵₁₇ Add 'charges for independent car use' as agreed at the AGM 2013</p>	John/Becky

10	<p>Non Members on Trips Mersyside consider the (E +50%) non member 1st weekend trip charge to be excessive and discourages low band members from joining. They request the NC reconsider this, and propose a fixed charge eg £25 or £30 "all in" for the first trip. Sherry pointed out (E +50%) is to encourage joining at outset so taking advantage of their band rate immediately, avoiding (E +50%).</p> <p>Concluded, Mersyside will put forward their proposal as a motion to the next AGM.</p>	Dave Symonds
11	<p>Constitution Update The Constitution to be updated to incorporate relevant NC and AGM decisions, Steve/Barbara/Adrian to meet up and action. Work in progress. Steve has circulated a proposal to the Constitution working party to separate 'Policy' from 'Constitution'.</p>	Steve/Barbara/Adrian
12	<p>Additional Banding/Relative Proportions. It was agreed by the 2013 AGM that banding to be rationalised to probably no more than 5 for simplicity. Working party of Sherry/Steve/Don to draft a 5 band structure to be taken to the 2014 AGM Will report progress at next NC for further discussion</p>	Steve/Don/Sherry
13	<p>Any other business. a)Special membership for infirm members. It was agreed a special membership band/grade for infirm members would be unworkable, but local groups to be encouraged to develop a wider range of activities to suite all abilities. b) Dave S proposed the NC meet only twice a year; this was discussed and the NC agreed 2/year was just not sufficient to ensure the club runs smoothly and work is carried out. It will remain at 3/year.</p>	
14	<p>Next NC Meeting 11am Saturday 1st March 2014 University Arms PH 197 Brook Hill Sheffield S3 7HG Tel: 0114 222 8969</p>	all

