

Red Rope		
Minutes of NC Meeting		
2 nd July 2017		
ORead Mountaineering Club Hut, Heathy Lea, Baslow, Derbyshire.		
Present: Sherry Macliver (National Treasurer), Janet Saunders, (Publicity) Steve Wright (West Mids), Adrian Jones (National Secretary). Rebekah Bates (National Trips), John Dickie (former National Trips Treasurer)		
Item No	Minutes	Action
1	Welcome, Introductions, Minute Taker Chair –John D, Minutes - Adrian	
2	Apologies for Absence David Doody (IT), Barbara Segal (Lancs Hut Liaison), David Symonds (Bulletin Editor), Humphrey Southall (Ramblers/ Campaigns), Dermot Mckibbin (Training)	
3	Minutes of NC Meeting February 2017 Agreed correct	
4	Matters arising from previous minutes to be carried forward Steve still to organise a regional reps get together to discuss regional issues and promote RR at regional level. Steve will circulate revised R Policy, still awaiting update on grievance procedures	Steve
5	Reports from Officers	
5a	National Treasurer To 27 th June 2017; total income £8378 (budget £8300) total expenditure £6585 (budget £8271). Finances broadly ok. Little take up of training opportunities so no training expenses (which was budgeted for). Budgeted membership fees approx. equates to actual fee income.	
5b	National Trips Secretary Trips since AGM 2016 - Cornwall, Mill Cottage, Alex Mac, Skye and Elphin. Cornwall to come in October 2017 which is now full. Some issues over organisation and less experienced organisers found the job stressful. Follow on trips using 2/3 huts a logistic challenge and tiring. Some people found two weeks a long time so suggest simplification for next year: 1 week/1 hut 2018 February 2018 trip is booked and has an organiser; no reply to repeated email enquiries re a Lakes hut at Easter, ditto with a Cairngorms club hut for May.	Becky
5c	National Trips Treasurer Sherry John D to close the Santandar bank account, monies transferred to the new Coop account. Cash flow issues earlier this year brought about by post dated cheques and policy to hold on to cheques until a month before trip or after trip to ease treasuring. This issue was sorted by transfer of funds from National Admin account to pay hut balance and deposits Hut fees have been rising. To ensure that we do break even at Band 3 NC has agreed to: $\frac{35}{17}$ Revised RR nightly rate as follows: Bands 1 –5 respectively £9/14/18/22/26. $\frac{35}{17}$ Add a multiplier to all National trips, where hut is over £12 pppn. No need to update banded travel costs, and the Early Booking Discount will remain New trip treasurer spreadsheet is on the website (Sherry offered to give a training session at the AGM)	John D

5d	Membership Secretary Linda Goss No report from Membership Secretary.	
5e	Bulletin Editor Dave Symonds There are several trip reports lined up for the next Bulletin, and a piece about the anniversary of the Kinder trespass. Notice of AGM added. Article on replacements on NC for the MIS editor Mark Wallis and Training Dermot Mckibblin who are stepping down. Other types of material still welcome, particularly reminiscences Deadline July17th.	
5f	MIS editor Mark Wallis MIS continues regularly. AGM 2017 entry has been inserted into MIS Mark to stand down as MIS editor and will be resigning at the AGM at the end of September. There is a volunteer for doing the bulletin mailout but still looking for someone to take on the role of editing the MIS and also mailing out paper copies for those members not signed up for the electronic version. If anyone is interested in taking this on, to contact mis@redrope.org.uk	
5g	IT Officer and Website Dave D- Nothing specific to report, continues to update website as required Janet has added a post about AGM 2017 (in latest News) and updated the website Events page to mention the AGM 2017 is at Mankinholes. Regions still to be encouraged to populate the Regional pages. Janet to write an article for the Bulletin to promote this.	Janet
5h	Training Officer Dermot As from the annual meeting in September this year, Dermot will be standing down as club training officer. A replacement is required, anybody interested can contact Dermot at dermotmckibbin@btinternet.com for more information on what the task entails. The club now has a formal training policy which can be accessed at the club's website (it will need review shortly in the light of possible cuts to the BMC training courses). Dermot has sought to encourage all party members to attend BMC courses and to encourage regions to provide training courses.	
5i	BMC (Andy Bateman) Andy - Not present, no report. Continues to forward communications he receives from the BMC to the NC.	
5j	Publicity - Janet Has contacted Greenworld, the Green party magazine re. advertising Red Rope. (circulation to Green party members, huge). Has put a half page advertising space in their Spring issue for £200.	
5k	Ramblers Rep - Humphrey Southall. Report back from the Rambler's Council meeting, which was held at Southampton University 2/3 April. Humphrey represented Red Rope, as an affiliated club. Almost everyone at the meeting was from Ramblers local areas, and it wasn't that friendly a meeting for "outsiders"; virtually all the time was given over to plenary sessions. General impression was that the organisation was in a more stable state after some problematic years including a financial crisis due to pension fund problems. Various motions were debated, but the only one where there was strong disagreement was on relationships with cyclists. A motion was passed overwhelmingly calling for a revised policy, especially on "joint use" paths, reflecting the fact that the existing policy document dated from 1997. A second motion called for the Ramblers to strongly oppose proposals letting cyclists use all footpaths, accompanied by very negative language about cyclists. That eventually passed on a card vote with many abstentions; Humphrey voted against (it was clear that the new policy would anyway oppose a general right for cyclists to use footpaths).	

	Probably more of a concern is the way that legal changes associated with Brexit or just general “deregulation” will lead to the removal of safeguards. In particular, the current system of “rural payments”, i.e. subsidies to farmers, requires farmers to maintain footpaths and generally preserve access to the countryside, with financial penalties if they do not; this was emphasised in discussion of a motion against the ploughing up of footpaths. However, this whole system is part of the Common Agriculture Policy and is about to be scrapped.	
5m	Gear Co-ordinator Not present, no report.	
5n	Cae Ysgubor Hut Barbara Segal Brief report on the use of the LMC huts Regional bookings: All three allocated weekends for 2017 will have been used for regional trips, all at Cae Ysgubor: these are Leicester in March, Manchester in May (bank holiday) and Scotland East in October (forthcoming) Has emailed regional contacts asking for bids for 2018. The current LMC booking secretary is very flexible and efficient, so making bookings straightforward in future. Individual bed nights: Ongoing problem with the time taken to issue key fobs. In one case a member was still waiting 6 months after his cheque had been cashed by LMC, at which point Barbara intervened via the LMC Chair and has been assured that things will be better in future. Nevertheless there are now 23 RR members with keys. But according to records RR have only used 11 bed nights so far this year – 10 at Cae Ysgubor and 1 at The Loft. This is surprising given the number of keys issued to RR members and the enthusiastic response of those that have stayed at CY. We have no control over our members’ use of the hut, so it’s possible that a few may have paid LMC directly, bypassing the banding system, or have forgotten to let Barbara know (and pay!) at all. Has sent all key-holders instructions about this, so there is little we can do. Earlier in the year Pete Kos agreed to install a key safe for Red Rope at the hut. For day by day use when out on walks	Barbara
6	Complaint The A complaint from a member about another member has been dealt with by a sub committee; all parties informed, and is now closed Complaint against RR Club Policy still not resolved. .	
7	AGM 2017 YHA Mankinholes 29 th September- 1 st October Catering – Gill Cox has offered to sort Saturday evening meal. Sherry offered to sort the incidental foods. Booking form – Sherry. Dave D to put on website Copy Agenda and Motions to Bulletin mail out Adrian to remind RR regions to have a local AGM and submit accounts and new officers to NC Bulletin AGM article - Adrian to draft. Email out, Agenda and Motions and AGM 2016 minutes via MIS email address book, Adrian to contact Mark Wallis. Climbing – Adrian to contact Malcolm Doone (to lead a climb) and Rob Steel (to lead a walk) Activities Saturday daytime – Navigation Training, Dermot to organise; walks to be organised on the day. Saturday evening – Trip treasurer form, Sherry to give instructions on use to any would be trip treasurers. No quiz this year. Janet suggested a picture show, but this will require a laptop/projector/screen; Janet to chase Sunday morning AGM. Usual routine. Afterwards, suggested Humphrey brief the meeting on his attendance at the RA AGM earlier in the year, and lead discussion on footpaths/cyclists Janet has added a post on the website about AGM 2017 (in ‘Latest News’) and updated the ‘Events’ page to mention AGM 2017 is at Mankinholes.	Sherry,Gill Sherry, Dave D Adrian Mark Wallis Dermot Janet Humphrey

	<u>AGM Motions</u> Annual (calendar year) membership (from NC); Band A membership fees reallocation (from Mersyside); Revised membership fees (from NC); possible Motion on Sustainability from RR London AGM Discussion items - footpaths/cyclists; trip fees revisions; on line payment of membership fees	
8	Regional issues From Dave Symonds – Merseyside RR will be submitting an AGM motion to do with 50% Band 1 membership fees going to the region in question.	Dave S
9	Any Other Business none	
10	Date of Next Meeting Saturday 25 th November 2017 Liverpool Central Library Meeting Room. 11am to 4pm in Meeting Room 1. Saturday 3 rd March 2018 venue TBA	

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