RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

CIRENCESTER GROUP

MINUTES OF THE 40th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE WATERLOO COMMUNITY ROOM, CIRENCESTER ON WEDNESDAY 26th November 2014

Attendees

Ray Chaney Area Secretary	Pat Beckley
Rosemary & Mike Bailey	Alan Cook
Susan Bruton	Richard Holmes
Stuart Dyer	Bill & Jane Irving
Wendy Veitch	Ray Huxtable
Coralie Dustin	Jane Bell
David Richfield	John Bookwood
Pat Bookwood	Andrew & John Hartley
Phil Gearing	Steve & Kathryn Meredith
Phil Hardy	Sarah Miller

Apologies

Apologies were received from Sarah & Paul Maiden, Bill White, Sally Waldron, Andrew Williams Jan Syrah and Alan Brazier.

Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman (Phil Gearing) welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Ray Chaney (Area Secretary).

Minutes and Matters Arising

New Website. Alison Goodall had laid the foundations for a new site and Alan Cook had taken on the task, and after many hours of hard work the new website was finally launched on 26th November 2014. It can be found at http://www.cirencesterramblers.org.uk/.

Producing a new website based on the Ramblers template has proven more difficult than expected. Alison Goodall and Alan Cook deserve a big thank you for putting it together.

We are very grateful to Collin West for keeping our original website going for over 11 years; but with the new website going live he has decided it's time to close it down. Unfortunately, he was not able to provide a link between old and new sites.

Alan Cook expressed a huge thank you to Chris Vaughan from the Derbyshire Ramblers for all his help. The Chairman thanked Alison and Alan for all their hard work. There was a round of applause for Collin West who had done a fantastic job for the last eleven years, not only with the website and leading walks, but also beautiful photos and calendars he produced over the years.

John Hartley remarked that the individual reports from Committee members were excellent.

The Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Treasurers/Membership/Programme Secretaries/Publicity Officer/Footpaths/Access/Area Representative Reports for AGM 2014 had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no matters arising from the reports.

Election of Officers

Quite a few changes to the Officers this year.

POST	New Officer	Old Officer		
Chairman	J BOOKWOOD	Replace P Gearing		
Vice Chairman	PHIL GEARING	Was Vacant Post		
Secretary	PAT BECKLEY	No Change		
Treasurer	ALAN COOK	No Change		
Membership Sec	MIKE BAILEY	No Change		
Publicity Officer	PAT BECKLEY	Replace J Baker		
Programme Secs	W VEITCH/P BOOKWOOD/R BAILEY No Change			
Footpath/Access	R HOLMES	No Change		
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Area Rep 1	PHIL GEARING	No Change		
Area Rep 2	VACANT	Vacant		
Footpath Com	B Irving/G Stephenson/B White C Dustin/J Bookwood J Pinnington No Change			
Webmaster	ALAN COOK (Acting)	Replace C West		
Com Member	STUART DYER	No change		
**Com Member	JANET EVANS	New Member		

**Janet Evans arrived too late for the nominations, but agreed to become a committee member. She was nominated by John Bookwood and seconded by Pat Beckley.

Jane Bell gave a vote of thanks to Phil Gearing, retiring Chairman. This was endorsed by all members present.

Mike Bailey remarked how fortunate we are to have a full committee.

John Bookwood, our new Chairman took the Chair to address the members. John has been a member since 2002. He found the group very welcoming and friendly and is very proud to be elected as Chairman. He thanked Phil for all his hard work and looked forward to working

with him in his new role as Vice Chairman. He then went on to thank Alan Cook for the wonderful job he did in creating the new website and the Programme Secretaries for varied walks they had co-ordinated. After mentioning various social events, he mentioned the need for new walk leaders and the desire to work with the Cirencester Walking for Health Group.

Mike Bailey mentioned that Phil Hardy had contacted Walking for Health with a view to leading a walk for them.

Presentation of 40th Anniversary Events.

Unfortunately Paul Maidens, who had together with Stuart Dyer had arranged the presentation, was unable to make the meeting due to work commitments. With help from the Baileys, Stuart managed to show the excellent presentation on a television and give a commentary on the events.

There being no further business, after refreshments, the meeting closed at 9pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING tba