

Oadby Hillwalking Club
45th Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 1st May 2019

The 46th AGM of the OHWC was held at the Conservative Club, Long street, Wigston. Jenny Fox took the Chair. 17 other members were present.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Jenny welcomed everybody and was pleased to see more members present than in recent times. She asked that all questions should be addressed through the Chair.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from 4 members

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the 45th AGM held on Wednesday 25th April 2018 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Carol Hinks, seconded by John Bastow and were passed unanimously.

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts – Alison Beckett

- The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019 finished with a surplus of £233.08, with a Balance of £4446.49
- Woods have kept the cost of coach hire the same as the previous year at £490 per month.
- Expenditure included donations to 3 Mountain Rescue teams and 1 to the Air Ambulance, a total of £600.
- In November 2018, Sue Dyson suggested making a collection of the coach for Children in Need. £70 was collected from members, a further £11 (skittles match winnings) was donated by the Crompton family.
- 69 free rides were given to members between December 2018 and April 2019.
- A 4-hour First Aid training session provided by the Red Cross has been offered to walk leaders.
This will take place on Saturday 18th May at Great Glen Youth Centre.
OHWC will pay the £360 for the course plus room hire.
Remaining places will be offered to members of the Club.
Thanks to Eileen and Alison for arranging this.

Jenny thanked Alison for her continued work as Treasurer.

Martin Beckett proposed adoption of the Accounts, seconded by Carol Hinks and these were passed unanimously.

6. Membership Report – Carol Hinks

- There were 90 members in 2018/19, an increase of 2 from the previous year.
- The average attendance this year for the Sunday coach trips has been 43 with compared to last year's 44.
The lowest attendance was in December, when 32 people went to Ladybower.
- The coach has been full for March and April and a waiting list has been needed.

Carol made an appeal for members to book early and to let her know if you cannot come on the trip so that others on the waiting list can be contacted and take up the places.

- The offer of a free ride to members in 2019/20 will be considered.

Carol thanked Catherine for standing in while she was away.

7. Subscriptions and Bus Fares

As there has been no increase in the monthly coach hire, it was proposed that Subscriptions and Coach Fares continue unchanged for the next 12 months. However the Committee reserve the right to adjust fares if so needed.

Acceptance proposed by Catherine Gwinnett and seconded by Mike Hinks.

It would be useful if members paying by cheque could pay the Membership subscription and coach fare separately.

8. Donations

John Bastow proposed that we increase the donations to the Air Ambulance and the Peak District Mountain Rescue from £200 to £250 each, and to increase the Mountain Rescue teams of the Lake District and North Wales from £150 to £200 each. An overall increase of £200, totalling £800. This was seconded by Mike Hinks. All were in favour.

9. Election/Appointment of the New Committee and Officers

- Jenny explained that the usual term on the committee was 2 years for Chair and 3 years for other roles.
- Maureen Holmes proposed a change to the wording of Rule 8.5 of the Constitution, "The office of Chair shall rotate annually or biennially", to "The office of Chair is for up to 3 years". This was seconded by John Jackson. Agreed by all.
- Jenny Fox to continue as Chair for a further year was proposed by John Bastow and seconded by Martin Beckett.
- Two 3-year committee posts have come to an end: Secretary and Walks Coordinator. Catherine Gwinnett as Secretary was proposed by Carol Hinks and seconded by Barbara Beattie.
Geoff Mattock to continue for a further 3 years as Walks Coordinator was proposed by Alison Beckett and seconded by Georgie Yeomans.
There being no other nominees, no election was necessary.

Officers

Jenny Fox - Chair (1 year)

Alison Beckett - Treasurer/Webmaster (2 years)

Eileen Pott - Social (1 year)

Carol Hinks - Membership Secretary (2 years)

Geoff Mattock - Walks Coordinator (3 years)

Catherine Gwinnett Secretary/Newsletter Editor (3 years)

10. Any Other Business

- Snowdonia trip Friday 19th – Sunday 21st July. 7 people have expressed an interest so far. Contact Geoff for more information.
- Carol suggested booking members first for monthly walks, then visitors. There was discussion of the possible impact this could have on new members clocking up 3 walks before joining OHWC. A reminder was given that the mid-month walks count towards the 3 walks. It was decided that the situation would be monitored before deciding to change the booking system.
- Mike Hinks has had a request to produce individual route maps for the monthly walks but this involves a significant amount of time.

- Alison and Martin announced that OHWC members have been offered a 15% discount from Cotswold Outdoors. The Committee will discuss how to provide evidence of membership.
- Sue Dyson asked if the Club's affiliation with Ramblers allows OHWC members to walk with Ramblers groups for free. John Jackson confirmed this is so.
- Taste Restaurant has been booked for the Christmas meal on 11th December.

11. Chairman's Remarks

Jenny expressed thanks to all Committee members for their continuing work for the Club, to all walk leaders, to Mike Hinks for producing the monthly walk route maps and to Sarah Cleaver for supporting Alison with the Club's Website.

Everyone at the meeting thanked Jenny for her work as Chair and wished her well for the coming year in the role.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed..... J. A. Fox Dated..... 5-11-19