**Oadby Hillwalking Club**

**47th Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**7.30pm Wednesday 26th May 2021**

**Zoom meeting**

**Present:** Carol Hinks, Mike Hinks, Alison Beckett, Martin Beckett, Geoff Mattock, Catherine Gwinnett, Carol Birch, Jenny Fox, Phil Crompton, Jenny Mann, John Bastow.

**1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Carol Hinks**

Carol reviewed the situation since we had to suspend coach walks in March 2020. Committee meetings have been held most months (Covid-19 restrictions permitting) either in gardens or by Zoom. The dedication of the committee members to meet despite the bad weather was recognised.

Carol thanked everyone for sticking with the club and for joining in with local walks, cycle rides and the treasure hunt which have been held during the year.

Thanks to the Secretary for producing the documents required for organising walks complying with Covid-19 requirements, and for informing members of the local events.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Shirley Parsons, Lynda & Richard Blount, Angela Bailey, Sue Dyson, Andy McQuaid.

**3. Treasurer’s Report and Adoption of Accounts – Alison Beckett**

Alison explained there has been little in terms of income or expenditure this year, other than the annual charity donations plus a one-off donation of £200 to the Chris Lewis Support Fund.

The Financial Account had been circulated prior to the meeting; Alison went through these. Funds are healthy at the moment.

Adoption of accounts for 2020/21: proposed by Mike Hinks, seconded by Martin Beckett.

**4. Membership Report - Carol Hinks**

2020/21 – 91 members, down 3 from 2019/20

So far for 2021/22 there are 61 renewals, despite offering free membership for the second year running. This is disappointing but it is hoped we may gain more members once we are able to offer coach trips again.

Take up of the local walks and cycle rides offered during lockdown has been mixed. There was a good response (59 members) to the survey carried out in March/April which indicated that 88% of respondents were keen to take part in local walks, including 13 volunteer walk leaders, and 93% wanted to resume coach walks in the Autumn.

Local walks will be offered each month and Martin has offered to arrange further cycle rides.

**5. Subscriptions and Bus Fares**

Alison has received a quote from Woods coach company. A 53/58-seater coach would cost £495, due to Covid -19 restrictions the capacity of the coach is limited to 60%. This would mean an increase in coach fees to approximately £16 per person. The earliest date to resume coach walks has been planned as September by which time restrictions may have changed, and it is envisaged the fee will be between £12 and £16.

As in point 4, club membership has been free again this year. Any potential change to subscriptions will be discussed when coach trips restart.

Proposed by Phil Crompton, seconded by Geoff Mattock

**6. Donations**

In 2020-21 donations were:

Mountain Rescue (3 regions) £650

Air Ambulance £250

Additional donation to Chris Lewis Fund £200

It was decided to make the same donations to the 3 regional Mountain Rescue and the Air Ambulance for 2021-22.

Proposed by John Bastow, seconded by Catherine Gwinnett

**7. Election/Appointment of the New Committee and Officers**

**Membership Secretary** (3 years) Mike Hinks

Proposed by Martin Beckett, seconded by Alison Beckett

**Treasurer** (2 years) Martin Beckett

Proposed by Alison Beckett, seconded by Carol Hinks

**Newsletter and website** (3 years) Andy McQuaid

Proposed by Carol Hinks, seconded by Catherine Gwinnett

**Social Secretary** (2 years) Shirley Parsons

Proposed by Carol Hinks, seconded by Alison Beckett

**Secretary** (1 year remaining) Catherine Gwinnett

**Walks Coordinator** (1 year remaining) Geoff Mattock

**Committee Support** Jenny Fox has been co-opted to the committee

Proposed by Carol Hinks, seconded by Catherine Gwinnett

**Chair** Geoff Mattock has agreed to take on the role of Chair for 2021-22

**8. Any Other Business**

None

**9. Newly Elected Chair’s Remarks**

Geoff Mattock thanked Carol Hinks and Alison Beckett, the retiring committee members, for all their hard work and dedication, especially during the previous difficult year.

He also thanked everyone for their ongoing support for the club and wished everyone well for the coming year, hoping coach walks will resume before too long.

**10. Closing remarks**

Carol thanked those attending the meeting and wished everyone well in the year ahead.

**The meeting closed at 8:20pm**