

OHJAC
Minutes of the Committee Meeting
Held at Peter Fletcher's on Wed 7 February 2007

1. Apologies Les has regretfully decided to withdraw from the committee and from the group following her lack of progress from her foot operation.

2. Minutes of last meeting Copies had been sent to all members and were also on the website

3. Matters arising from the minutes The minutes were approved and matters arising as follows:

6. Walking on Dartmoor Course had been advertised at the kiosk in the Magnolia Centre and in a number of shops. The Town Hall need plenty of notice but are happy to put half-a-dozen posters on their boards around the town. Exmouth library were not willing to allow a poster due to too much demand but we are on their database of local societies. Budleigh library was willing to advertise our poster. It was agreed to keep a list of interested people to contact for the next course, probably in September. Pete and Stuart will look into the best way for OHJAC to appear on a google search, probably using a name which includes 'ramblers'.

4. Reports

Chairman apologised for absence at many of the walks due to unforeseen events. The latest WOD course started in October and the series of walks from November to January had all taken place. The list of events could be seen on the website under past OHJAC ventures together with photographs from many of them.

Secretary All emails and post had been forwarded to committee members. The most recent were about the Angus Glen Walking Festival, Wild Earth Adventures and the Outdoor Show at the NEC in March. The new Cotswold Outdoor Store in Dart's Farm Village had written and members of OHJAC are entitled to a club discount of 10% or 15%. We will ask all members at the AGM if they would like to be sent any emails the secretary receives from events and companies advertising their talks and holidays.

Treasurer There is a very healthy balance of £322.55. We paid £5 for the cancellation of the Venture Hall for the Christmas social, which was moved to the home of Peter and Rosemary due to low numbers. We had gained 3 new members through the WOD course which had helped to boost our funds and £18.00 so far has been raised by the Domino Walk Pete had devised. This would help cushion us with the small cost implication of room hire for us to run the Walking on Dartmoor course, the AGM and any other events. We can still afford to keep the membership fee at £10 renewal or £25 for new or lapsed members.

Events Secretary Outline of programme

Malverns, provisional dates Friday 16th – Sunday 18th March tbc as there has been a problem finding somewhere to stay in the area as the YH closed last year. A 2 night stay would be favourable or it would mean a very early start on the Saturday. Pete will continue to look for cheap accommodation in the area.

Easter Bunny walk will be on Good Friday, April 6th Dorset Nob walk, Dorset Coastal Footpath walk based on Morecombelake / Seatown Area .

South Downs Way Friday May 4th – Monday 7th May include three day walks on the South Downs Way which goes from Winchester to Eastbourne, staying at Alfriston YH. Arrangements have been made to reserve 10 beds until 1/3/07 at the hostel. Members wishing to book please call the hostel direct from 10/2/07 when it re opens Tel 0870 770 5666 mention the OHJAC RESERVED BEDS ref no 4994 and the YHA number 018 6554935

Ten Tors 2007 Saturday, May 12, 2007, details to follow

Vennford Reservoir – Burrator walk has been proposed by Chris for sometime in June, possibly using a hired minibus.

Reunion Stroll Saturday, September 01, 2007 A gentle stroll and a Chance for old and new members to meet for a stroll and lunch / tea around the Topsham / Turf Lock area.

Other ideas for future events: Kingswear to Dartmouth walk and the remaining part of the MacMillan Way, to Bridgewater, possibly in the autumn. Alternative events to attract past members who were no longer keen to walk long distances were suggested, for example shorter, more local, level, slower walks along the rivers Otter and Axe with an emphasis on wild flowers, birds and / or digital photography or even more social walks which involved a pint or a cream tea! These could be either mid-week or on a Sunday afternoon.

Pete's **Tottiford Domino Map Trail** had been popular and helped raise money for our funds and there is the possibility of a similar trail in the Salcombe Regis area in the future.

Future Charity Walks

Exeter Leukaemia Fund - Woodbury Castle Sunday, June 17, 2007:

British Heart Foundation Walk Sunday, September 30, 2007

Both walks are in no way connected with OHJAC and have only been included as it is thought they may be of interest to members.

5. AGM agenda, date and venue

Wednesday, March 07, 2007: Annual General Meeting 2007, 7:30:00 pm will be held at Temple Methodist Church, Budleigh Salterton, High St on the left at the bottom of the town opposite the Police Station. Parking outside church or in the Car Park Opposite the SPAR shop. The meeting in the will be held in the committee room behind the Church Hall. Another meeting is on in the Church Hall.

The annual membership fee will remain at £10 renewal or £25 for new or lapsed members and is due by Friday, March 23, 2007. The 2007 - 2008 Membership form can be downloaded from the website and handed in at the AGM to be held on Wednesday, 7th of March 2007 at Temple Methodist Church Hall. Alternatively it, can be posted to the Treasurer, Peter Fletcher, 25 East Budleigh Road, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6EJ

Peter and Rosemary Fletcher are happy to provide tea and coffee for the AGM if members bring their own nibbles.

5. Future Social Events

Sunday, July 15, 2007: Garden Party, venue tbc. Pete will ask Paul Champion about using his Garden Cottage at Bicton College.

6. AOB The future programme of events has been proposed on the assumption that the current officers of the club are re-elected at the AGM or that any new officers would be happy to go along with the events as planned.

7. Date of next committee meeting, before AGM, 6.30 Temple Methodist Church Hall

Date of the following committee meeting Wednesday September 2007, 7.30 pm at Liz Potters House