

OHJAC
Minutes of the AGM
Held at Exmouth Community College, Gipsy Lane, Exmouth
February 23rd 2005 at 7.30 pm

1. All committee members were present

Apologies were received from: Peter Pitson, Andy Robson, David Potter, Rosemary Fletcher, Anne Wilson, Chris Fitzroy, Maggie Beed and Sue Wilson.

Present were: Nigel Watts, Sue Kalaugher, Patrick Kalaugher, Eric Barker, Les Johnston, Keith Anscott, Willy Knowles, Maureen White and Sue Wilde.

2. Reports

Chairman Jim had missed about half the meetings and events due to holidays and this was likely to continue so he has decided to stand down as chairman.

Secretary Details of a Spanish Holiday Home with 10% discount for OHJAC members had been received: www.holiday-spain.biz as well as 'Walking Wild Walks' - accommodation and walks in Leitrim & North Roscommon, Ireland. More information available from the secretary.

3. Treasurer There is a balance of £322.21 - which has been verified by an independent financial examiner. The accounts were very straight forward, only six cheques had been signed with admin charges being absorbed by committee members. Copies of the accounts were passed around and approval proposed by Nigel Watts and seconded by a show of hands. Our membership renewal with the BMC is due on 1st April 2005 so our deadline for the payment of fees is 23 March 2005. The annual fees will stay at £10 with £8 of that going to the BMC. The secretary and treasurer will meet on Tuesday 29 March to finalise the renewal paperwork and send off the cheque. We had at least 20 members paid up for 2005 which was enough to renew our membership.

4. Events Secretary The new website was proving very reliable but as there is no hit-counter we have no idea of usage. It will be set up so that any committee member can update information. The Advent calendar was praised by committee members. There are 15 going to the Brecon Beacons 4 - 6th March. The future events section of the website is up-to-date until August and any suggestions from members, even short walks eg along the River Otter would be welcome. The ELF charity walk on 19th June will be added to the website.

5. Social Secretaries There have been two successful social events and Keith Anscott wished to congratulate the two secretaries for the Barbecue and the Slide Evenings. However the latest 'Dutch supper / Faith Tea planned for Saturday 26 Feb had received a poor response so far with only six people having shown interest in attending. This small number was not enough to pay for the hall. If there were 16 people signed up by the end of the evening then it would go ahead. Less than 16 and the evening would be cancelled. It was wondered whether an activity such as a quiz would promote more interest rather than just everyone contributing to the food or whether it was just a bad time of year. It was decided to find out why at the AGM and plan accordingly. Barbara and Caroline had decided not to seek re-election as social secretaries for various reasons and wished to thank Rosemary Fletcher for her invaluable help with the food on the Slide Evening and planned Dutch supper.

6. Election of officials

Chairman Wished to stand down but no nominations for new chairman
the vice-chairman was invited to take over and accepted (for a year)
proposed by Jim Beed
seconded by Barbara Pitson

Liz Potter was elected as Chairman
Vice-Chairman Maureen White proposed by Liz Potter
seconded by Barbara Pitson
Maureen White was elected as Vice-Chairman

- Treasurer** Peter Fletcher nominated by Keith Anscott
seconded by Barbara Pitson
Peter Fletcher was re-elected as Treasurer
- Secretary** Sue White nominated by Liz Potter
seconded by Barbara Pitson
Sue White was re-elected as Secretary
- Events Secretary** Pete Wilson nominated by Keith Anscott
seconded by Carolyn Robson
Pete Wilson was re-elected as Events Secretary
- Social Secretaries** both wish to stand down and it was discussed whether social secretaries
were needed as it could be a shared role with other committee members
if one more committee member was elected but not necessarily named
as a social secretary.
- Committee member** Les Johnstone nominated by Liz Potter
seconded by Barbara Pitson
Les Johnstone agreed to stand as committee member
- 7.Membership Fee** £10 renewal
£25 new member which includes a joining fee

Fees need to be paid to the BMC by 1st April or the ohjac membership will lapse. £8 is due to the BMC for each member. The Chairman suggested another reminder for the deadline of fees (23rd March) to be paid to the treasurer.

8.AOB The planned Dutch supper / Faith Tea for Saturday 26 February had only six people interested so far. Another five expressed interest tonight but eleven in total was not enough to go ahead, we need at least sixteen to attend, so it was decided to cancel the booking for the hall (if not too late) and plan for something else later on in the year. Pete would amend the website with the cancellation. Copies of the equipment list for the Brecon Beacons weekend were handed out and transport for some still to be arranged.

Date of the next AGM would be early February 2006 to give the treasurer time to prepare his report. Venue to be confirmed 7.30pm