

OHJAC
Minutes of the AGM
Gipsy Lane Wed 1 March 2006

1. Apologies Maureen White, Rosemary Fletcher, Les Johnstone, Keith Ascough, Sue Scott.
Present were Liz Potter, Sue White, Pete Wilson, Peter Fletcher, Les Johnstone, Sue Wilkin, Paul Champion, David Potter, Chris Scratchley & Chris Fitzroy.

2. Minutes of last meeting Copies were passed around and were also on the website.

3. Matters arising from the minutes The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

4. Reports

Chairman There have been about 14 successful events since the AGM with 21 out of the 31 members taking part. These were very varied and included 2 social events, one indoors in the winter and one outdoors in the summer. We now had YHA membership. Earlier starts, as standard, had been suggested to make the most of daylight hours, especially in the winter. Members would need to check the website for start times. All committee members were willing to stand again.

David Potter had suggested, as proof of membership of the BMC & YHA, that all members have membership card to show in shops such as Millets, Blacks, Taunton Leisure and Moorland Rambler to obtain discount on goods. Pete had phoned the BMC to ask for membership cards for all members which was refused. The committee had decided to produce the cards which would be given out to members on a walk or posted on receipt of a SAE. Details would be put on website when available.

The 'Walking on Dartmoor course was no longer being run by Adult Education and the present course had been advertised on our website and was being run by ourselves. Pete had kindly offered his services voluntarily and we were paying for room use at the college. The course was free to members or £25 to non-members which included membership of OHJAC. We would also need to advertise the course in future, which would be run once a year and would help bring in new members. It had previously been a requirement for members to have attended the course. Pete may ask for helpers to take part / help with equipment, etc. We could advertise at the library, the Adult Ed office, the website and we were on the EDDC sports directory. We thanked Pete for running it on a voluntary basis.

Secretary All emails and post had been forwarded to committee members. The most recent were about the Angus Glen Walking Festival and the Outdoor Show at the NEC 17th-19th March.

Treasurer Copies of the accounts were distributed. There is a very healthy balance of £405.71. The £10 subs went to the BMC so 3 new members at £25 had helped boost our funds, which helped cushion us with the small added cost implication of room hire for us to run the Walking on Dartmoor course. The course was free to members or £25 to non-members which included membership of OHJAC. We would also need to advertise the course which might incur costs. There are 4 lady members, calling themselves the 'Over the Hillers' walking the Moonwalk in May. This is a marathon walk in London in aid of Breast Cancer and it was proposed that the club sponsor them to the amount of £40 as each walker needs to raise £100.

Events Secretary The website has had 810 hits since last Easter. We are very grateful to Stuart Wilson for designing the new site, which does not have any costs to us. There have been a few problems recently with the site due the host. There is a new members login so we are able to add and amend pages on the website. More details to follow. The walks have been planned until Ten Tors on May 13 but there has been a problem finding a hostel in the Lake District with beds for the Mayday weekend. He would now look into the Spring Bank holiday weekend instead but not so far away, possibly the Cotswolds or the Wessex Way. Chris had suggested that his Lych Way walk on Sunday 5th March should be postponed due to the weather conditions. It was a long walk 6/7K with no easy exit points. Instead he proposed starting at Prewley Moor and walking a loop dependent on the conditions to start 9.30 in Exmouth or 10.15 at Prewley. Peter and Rosemary Fletcher would research the entire Dart Valley walk from Dartmouth to Totnes returning by boat for later in the year. Paul Champion had details of a charity walk at Bicton for the Rotary club in May. Other charity events would also be advertised on the website.

5. Election of Officers

Chairman

Liz Potter was nominated by Sue Wilkin
seconded by Paul Champion

Liz Potter was re-elected as Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Maureen White proposed by Liz Potter
seconded by Sue Wilkin

Treasurer Maureen White was re-elected as Vice-Chairman
Peter Fletcher nominated by David Potter
seconded by Chris Fitzroy

Secretary Peter Fletcher was re-elected as Treasurer
Sue White nominated by Liz Potter
seconded by Sue Wilkin

Events Secretary Sue White was re-elected as Secretary
Pete Wilson nominated by Chris Fitzroy
seconded by David Potter

Committee member Pete Wilson was re-elected as Events Secretary
Les Johnstone nominated by Liz Potter
seconded by Ann Wilson
Les Johnstone was re-elected as committee member

6. Membership fee This would remain at £10 renewal or £25 for new or lapsed members.

7. AOB.

- The BMC had emailed us to support their stand on Vixen Tor. It was agreed to put a letter on the noticeboard section of the website for members to use. Sue would do this asap.
- Peter Fletcher offered the use of his garden for a summer picnic. Date to be arranged.
- Pete may still arrange an evening climbing event either outdoors or on the climbing wall at the college, and possibly a canoeing and / or cycling event.

8. Presentation by Lianne Dry and 4 students on their Polar Quest trip to the North Pole in April, www.polarquest.co.uk We were very grateful for their very interesting presentation and they promised to update us with a further talk on their return.

9. Date of next AGM: Feb /March 2007