

**OHJAC AGM**  
**TEMPLE METHODIST CHURCH BUDLEIGH SALTERTON**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009**  
**7.30pm**

**Minutes**

**1. Apologies for absence.** Chris Scratchley, Rosemary Fletcher, Paul Champion, Roger Rosewarne, Keith Ascough

**2. Minutes of the least meeting.** Available to all on the website

**3. Matters arising from the minutes.** There were no matters arising.

**4. a) Chairman's report.** Continuing computer problems has meant difficulties in checking updates on website. We have 14 members, most of whom regularly take part in events. All 15 of the planned events had taken place, ranging from 2 walking weekends away, daywalks, picnic and orienteering (not sure about the high altitude event on April 1<sup>st</sup>). The Advent Calendar had been of it's usual high standard... The Chairman thanked Pete, Peter and Chris for leading the walks.

**b) Secretary's report.** Reminder emails from the BMC about our renewal had been received as well as other emails and post from various companies about equipment and holidays. Many emails forwarded to members. The BMC group membership has increased to £250 to £210 (for the first 20 members). If we changed our membership date to have all monies paid by 1<sup>st</sup> March, all members would receive membership cards and copies of their magazine.

**c) Treasurer's report.** Copies of the balance sheet were passed around to all. The closing balance is going down and is now £132.55 and the present membership of 14 is likely to reduce by 2. Our commitments are £250 to the BMC, £25.50 to the YHA and £15 for the use of the hall this evening so we will need to raise our subscription this year.

**d) Event secretary's report.** All events since the last committee meeting had gone ahead and had varied from 2 residential weekends in Dorset and Cornwall, 7 day walks, 1 orienteering evening, 1 stroll / picnic and 1 social.

**5. Election of Officers** All current officers were willing to stand again if the members were happy with this and all were re-elected, Proposed by Sue Wilkin and Seconded by Ann Wilson

**6. Membership Fee** We need to raise the membership fee this year to help pay our expenses. Our annual expenditure is £290.50. If we increased the fee to £15 this year and made-up the shortfall from our £130 balance we could increase/re-consider in a year's time or pay £20 straight away. Possible ways to raise funds include asking visitors or members who bring them along to pay a contribution/donation, £5 suggested. We could also contact past members and waive their rejoining fee to tempt them back. Peter reminded us that our smaller membership had resulted in a high level of attendance at each event.

**7. Future programme of events**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April** Easter Bunny Walk Peter Fletcher has suggested a walk from Belstone.

**Saturday 9 May** Ten Tors 2008 walk. This may not go ahead, Pete may not be available.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May** Lake District to stay in one hostel for three nights several possibilities suggested. Pete will look into where there are vacancies for all those who wish to go and make a provisional booking for the group (probably cheaper than booking individually).

**Saturday 6th June** Dartmoor walk with Chris Fitzroy TBC

**Thursday 9th July** Summer stroll and picnic, Lympstone, Candy's Field. TBC

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September** SW Coastpath, Brixham to Kingswear

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October** A day walk around Portland Bill staying the night in the YH and a walk somewhere on the way back.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November** Exe Valley Way from Stoke Canon to Bickleigh and return to cars by bus.

#### **Charity Walks**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April** Midnight Beach Walk, Anthony Nolan Trust. 4 members hoping to take part as the 'Over the Hillers'

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May** The Rotary Club Walk at Bicton Arena

<http://www.exmouthrotaryclub.co.uk/the-walk>

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June** The Big Midnight Walk for Rowcroft Hospice / MacMillan Cancer Support

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June** ELF Challenge Walks on Woodbury Common. There are more distances this year, the longest now 19 and 26 miles. As Woodbury Common is unlikely to be the venue in future, there may be a few interested in taking part.

**8. AOB** Chris Fitzroy thanked all committee members for their work during the last year

**9. Date and venue for next AGM TBC**, The Fletcher's have kindly offered their house as the venue. The AGM is likely to be held in January 2010.

**10. Refreshments**