OHJAC AGM August 2023 At Social BBQ

Thursday 24th August 2023 at the Wilsons'. 6pm. (between main and desserts)

Present: Maureen White, Peter Fletcher, Peter Wilson, Rosemary Fletcher, Liz Potter, Christine Scratchley, Roger Rosewarne, Gloria Taylor, Chris Smith, Anthea Johns, Tim Johns, Ann Wilson.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

Signed and accepted.

2. Chairman's report

Maureen commented on the good walks we had had this year. She had been unable to make all but those she hadn't were confirmed as also good. Varied weather and terrain. She thanked in particular the two Peter's for organising and leading the walks. Also Tim who had also started leading walks.

Nice BBQ, excellent contributions from all. Thanks to Pete and Ann for hosting again.

It was good to have a Christmas social this year, the Sadlers Arms at Lympstone was enjoyed by all.

3. Secretary's report

We have 12 members, all active. 3 who were not active last year had not renewed their membership.

The usual emails from BMC regarding training programmes and walking holidays had been received, but maybe less than usual. Happy to pass on to anyone who wants information.

BMC membership for the club was renewed. Although price had gone up membership fee remained the same. Not get been informed if any increase by the BMC would be made this coming year.

4. Treasurer's report

Income: £275 from memberships
Outgoings: £267 for BMC membership

£58 for Web site update to S. Wilson

Closing balance to date: £ 136.12

Peter recommended that the membership fee stayed at £25 for the year 2024/2025

5. Event secretary's report

Past Events.: Pete reported there have been 11 walks since the last AGM, up on last year.

Up coming events: Abbotsbury walk (Peter Fletcher)on 2nd September

Future events:

Anyone is welcome to lead a walk or let him know if there is anywhere in particular they wish to go to for a day walk. No qualification needed.

Peter asked if there was interest in an away venture. There was and discussion was held regarding possible places to go/ suitable accommodation to suit all/ months to go (October, March, May mentioned)/ days in the week rather than long weekend due to heavy traffic.

Members encouraged to research places they might like to go and accommodation or let Peter know and he will research.

6. Election of Officers

All current officers were re-elected unopposed.

Secretary mentioned used to have a social secretary. This was felt unnecessary but Christmas social was requested and discussion regarding other ventures such as evening walk or activity involving a pub/ picnic as had happened in the past. Canoeing was mentioned in particular as a possibility.

7. Date and venue of next AGM

Summer Social 2023. Date to be arranged nearer the time. Ann and Pete happy to host again but anyone else welcome to host. No need to be a BBQ, could be a bring and share supper.

8. AOB

Ann asked if there was a need to advertise the club, for example in the library. It was generally felt this was unnecessary, all were happy with the members and it might be difficult for a stranger to join in. However anyone is welcome to bring a friend or anyone they know who would like to go on a walk to come along and meet us all, and decide for themselves.

Gloria expressed her thanks to everyone for their company and support on the walks. She would though appreciate less muddy walks and no rain!

Words were expressed that Gloria's presence on a walk adds special highlights.

Dessert time.