

Minutes of Annual General meeting held on October 20th 2022 at 8pm

Cathy and Mike had opened up a stall prior to the AGM in order to try and raise some money for the air ambulance service.

The meeting was opened at 8pm by Martina who had agreed to chair, and Pauline was taking the minutes.

Martina started by introducing members of the current committee who were in attendance. Apologies were received from Chris.

Minutes of AGM 2021

Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as correct.

Reports by Committee

Secretary

Pauline reported that she continues to send out the weekly e-mails and respond to any queries or issues. Pauline also continues to minute the meeting of the committee and AGM has an additional role of investigating complaints.

Treasurer

Martina had already sent out a report of the current breakdown of all the money held by HAWOG (also attached) which has been checked by an independent auditor.

Martina spoke about this, explained the various categories and answered a few questions / clarified points from the members. Pauline had also received a written question about the points system and will respond to this directly.

The meeting was informed that a bank account is being opened; Jan and Martina will both be signatories.

Social Secretary

Diane was able to share with the meeting the events she has organised over the last year and these were considered by the meeting to be very successful, with Diane obtaining good tickets at events. The meeting commented on the amount of variety and number of events and commended Diane for her work.

Membership Officer

Jan reported that we now have 393 members and this is the largest ever membership number. Although these are high numbers, we seem to retain a core group of about 150 members. Recruitment continues to grow via meet up.

The meeting agreed to keep the membership fee at £10.00.

Programme Planner

Brian had provided a report (this is attached) and was able to talk about his report showing the large number of walks, bike rides and other events being scheduled. The meeting was informed that the majority of the walks are on the easy side. Malcolm and Runi are trying to encourage members of the group to schedule some more challenging walks.

The meeting heard that by way of encouraging more leaders of walks we are now offering free membership in addition to the points for new walk leaders this year.

Heather continues to provide navigation training.

The meeting thanked Brian for all his hard work on managing such a busy programme.

Information and Publicity Officers

The meeting was informed that Runi and Chris were co-opted into these roles after the last AGM and that Runi was arranging Zoom meetings with Martina and helping to encourage members to lead walks. They are also trying to increase the amount of people putting on more difficult walks or weekends away. Runi is happy to mentor anyone who wishes to develop their skills in these areas.

Runi questioned if the committee had any of the business cards with HAWOG details, as she has been handing these out. The meeting agreed to try to locate these or arrange for others to be purchased.

Martina informed the group that there are now tote bags with HAWOG on them and these will be given to walk leaders to help with identifying them on walks.

Election of Committee for 2022/3

All members of the committee formally stepped down. The meeting was asked if there were any other nominations and there were not. The nominations and seconders were put forward (see below chart) and accepted by the meeting.

Whilst the role of chair remains unfilled Malcolm was asked to consider this role and he requested some time to consider it.

| Role | Nominations | Proposer | Secunder |
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| Chair | no nomination | | |
| Secretary | Pauline | Runi | Martina |
| Treasurer | Martina | Brian | Jan |
| Programme Planner | Brian | Martina | Diane |
| Information Officer | Chris | Diane | Brian |
| Publicity Officer | Runi | Jan | Pauline |
| Social Secretary | Diane | Brian | Chris |
| Membership Officer | Jan | Pauline | Jan |

AOB

HAWOG have a tradition of giving £100 to a charity and the following suggestions were received by email: St Luke's Hospice, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Macmillan Nurses, Age UK and Reunite. It was agreed these will be put on Facebook for voting.

There was a discussion about borrowing tents which some members kindly lend to new members for their first camping. This cannot be expanded as storage for such items can be problematic. It was noted that Nick and Rachael have donated a BBQ to HAWOG and the meeting wished to thank them for this.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm and then members stayed for Mike and Cathy's charity event.

Pauline Ciereszko
Secretary for HAWOG