

## **Minutes of Annual General meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 8pm**

There were 10 members in attendance as well as the committee members and everyone introduced themselves.

Diane sent in her apologies

Martina was unable to attend

Malcolm opened up the meeting and welcomed everyone.

### **Minutes of AGM 2022**

Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as correct.

### **Reports by Committee**

#### **Chair**

Malcolm explained that following last year's AGM he had been co-opted onto the committee and had been operating as chair for nearly a year. Malcolm thanked the committee for all their hard work in the last 12 months and felt that this had made his job much easier. He told the meeting that the committee worked harder than he had realised and that this meant he had little to do as Chair.

Malcolm had been charged with the task of replacing Diane's tent which had been ruined/lost at an event but otherwise had nothing specific to report.

#### **Secretary**

Pauline reported she continues to send out the weekly e-mails however she stated that following some research she was reducing the amount of content included, and instead giving a brief note and a link to the programme on the website. This reduces her workload and duplication of the details.

Pauline continues to respond to any queries or issues and minutes the meetings of the committee and AGM.

Pauline has an additional role of investigating complaints and deals with the insurance for HAWOG.

#### **Treasurer**

Martina sent in her accounts which had been sent out with the AGM agenda, these accounts will be independently audited but show they are balanced and we currently have a surplus of £1,000.

The group acknowledged that it was important that these were shared and transparent for the membership to see.

#### **Social Secretary**

Diane had sent in her apologies and stated that she is happy in her role and would be willing to re-stand as social secretary. The meeting agreed that events were extremely varied and Phil's analysis showed that there have been 36 social events, all of which were deemed by the group as very positive.

It was noted that other people can put on social events but this must go via Diane who has the overview for the group.

#### **Membership Officer**

Jan reported the current membership is;

Total Membership 337. New Members 123. Rejoiners 214.

Jan felt that the majority of new members come via word of mouth although some also come from meet up.

The members are generally at the older age range and it was noted that we need to think about how to attract younger members to ensure the future of the club.

### **Programme Planner**

Brian had provided a report (this is attached) and was able to talk to this. There continues to be a large number of walks, bike rides and other events being scheduled. The majority of the walks remain on the easy side because this is what the walk leaders are offering. However it was acknowledged how important it is to encourage a wide range of walks with different levels of distance and difficulty.

The meeting continues to try and opt in more leaders of walks and we are continuing to offer free membership in addition to the points for new walk leaders.

The meeting thanked Brian for all his hard work.

### **Information Officer**

The meeting was informed that Chris stepped down from his role earlier in the year and had not been replaced.

This role is not essential but is open to the membership.

### **Publicity Officers**

The meeting was informed that Runi had also stepped down from her role due to personal reasons but was now keen to resume duties if she is re-elected.

### **Election of Committee for 2023/24**

All members of the committee formally stepped down.

Pauline reported that she had not received any further nominations and the meeting was asked if there were any other nominations and there were not.

The nominations and seconders were put forward (see chart below) and accepted by the meeting.

Role	Nominations	Proposer	2nder
Chair	Malcolm	Diane	Brian
Secretary	Pauline	Runi	Martina
Treasurer	Martina	Brian	Jan
Programme Planner	Brian	Martina	Diane
Information Officer	vacant		
Publicity Officer	Runi	Jan	Pauline
Social Secretary	Diane	Brian	Malcolm
Membership Officer	Jan	Pauline	Runi

### **AOB**

### **YHA**

There was a question about whether HAWOG had discounts in Cotswold Outdoor. Brian explained that when we had YHA membership we did but unsure if this is still the case. However Cotswold Outdoor offer discount to YHA members. It was noted that if you join YHA there are many advantages and discounts.

### **Social Events**

There was a request that when you book a social event via the website could this request also go through to Diane at the same time. This already happens, however due to IT issues not all the booking mails come through via the website. It was acknowledged that there are times when this system of booking fails and members can be disappointed. It was agreed this would be an improvement and need to see if system can be improved.

### **Other Sporting Events**

There was a discussion about other sporting events and it was noted that this is perfectly acceptable to the club but does need organisers. Tennis continues in the summer and we have also been involved in Park Run. Badminton and Volleyball are other options.

There were no further items so there was a general discussion about forthcoming events and about using your points etc.

Pauline Ciereszko  
Secretary for HAWOG