

## **Minutes of AGM on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

### **Minutes of AGM 2023**

The minutes from 2023 were formally agreed.

**Present:** Malcolm (chair) Pauline (minutes) Brian , Jan, and Neil. Diane and Runi sent apologies  
There were 14 other members present.

### **Reports by Committee**

#### **Chair**

Malcolm reported that Jan will be stepping down as Membership Officer after seven years and wanted to thank her for all of her hard work. Jan will still be attending events but will no longer be on the committee. Malcolm explained Brian will be caretaking this role but we will be looking to replace her. Malcolm went onto thank all of the committee for their hard work over the year and explained that following Martina leaving Neil had been appointed as Treasurer and to date had been doing a great job.

#### **Secretary**

Pauline continues to send weekly e-mails and is responsible for agenda and minutes/organising Hall events and general administration.

#### **Treasurer (Accounts attached)**

Neil has been co-opted onto the committee following Martina leaving her role. Neil provided the accounts for members to look at and spoke to these, and answered a few questions.

Neil outlined the healthy position of the group's finances, with substantial reserves for future needs.

It was noted that there had been some small losses from the weekends away but this was quite rare and covered by reserves.

The accounts are independently audited and Neil has sent the Audit pack to Christine but has not heard back as yet. The results of this audit will be made available and it was agreed how important it was for the finances to be transparent.

#### **Social Secretary**

Diane had sent her apologies but it was noted that the social events continued to be varied and well attended. There was a discussion about not always being able to get on to events and it was explained about the points system and how this gives priority etc. It was noted that this is fully explained on the website.

#### **Membership Officer**

Jan was able to give the up to date figures as follows;

336 members of which 2/3 are rejoiners which is very positive for future stability.

Jan commented that a PayPal issue had been resolved by Neil.

Jan commented that the points system continues to be working well.

After today Brian is care taking this role until an appointment of membership officer is made.

#### **Programme Planner**

Brian provided a report which he had sent out in advance (see attached) but he spoke to this for the members in attendance. The report indicates it has been another very positive year with highest ever number of outdoor events (158) and walks (130) during the year.

#### **Information Officer**

Post is currently not filled but the committee do not feel that this is an essential or necessary role at this time.

### **Publicity Officer**

Runi sent her apologies for this meeting, however she continues to work on recruiting and supporting new members and also assisting those willing to lead walks by co leading these in the first instance.

### **Election of Committee for 2024/25**

Jan will not be standing in 2024/5 and there have been a number of expressions of interest in the membership officer role. In order that the interested parties are given time to understand and consider the role properly this committee suggest that this appointment is made outside of this meeting by the newly elected committee by co-opting the most suitable candidate in the coming weeks.

No additional nominations were received by the secretary but the below are members of the committee who wish to be re-elected.

Role	Nominations	Proposer	2nder
Chair	Malcolm	Diane	Brian
Secretary	Pauline	Runi	Neil
Treasurer	Neil	Brian	Jan
Programme Planner	Brian	Neil	Diane
Information Officer	No nomination		
Publicity Officer	Runi	Jan	Pauline
Social Secretary	Diane	Brian	Malcolm
Membership Officer	See above		

### **Motions for Debate**

The secretary confirmed that no motions for debate had been submitted.

### **AOB.**

- 1) **YHA** it was confirmed that HAWOG are not affiliated to YHA but it is easy to join and several members are also YHA members. This does give some discounts e.g. Black and Millets

Date of next meeting in October 2025 (exact date to be decided)