

# LEICESTER LOCAL YHA GROUP

## 75th AGM

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
Venue: The Western, Western Road, Leicester  
Time: 8.00 pm

### **Present:**

**Committee: D. Self (DS), C. Hunt (CH), A. Summers (AS), B. Wasyliw (BW), L.Kemp (LK), S.Harper**

**Members: P. Barrows, W. Haynes, M.Nice, A.Shapland, J.Chalmers, K.Burditt, J.Spiers, S.Peasgood, A.Nicholson, S.Smythe, J.Lindley, A.Raven,**

### DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

#### **1. Apologies for absence ACTION**

D.Spencer, Veronica Lindley

#### **2a. Minutes of the Previous AGM – Nov 2010 (accuracy)**

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#### **2b. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes of previous AGM – Nov 2010**

**There were no matters arising. Chairman signed copy as agreed by all present and thanked CH for having agreed to take the minutes at short notice on the night**

#### **3 Annual Reports - Matters arising at the meeting (See separate written reports)**

##### **Chairperson (A. Summers)**

AS referred to his current eyesight and hearing problems. He has an appointment shortly for new spectacles and then hopes to soon be able to see where he is walking/cycling etc. As a result of health issues he has attended very few weekend events this past year but noted the group had had a good year and an excellent activity programme including good hostel weekends. Three group members had attended the recent local group conference. CH's successful election as the group's new chair this year left his previous delegate role free which was taken up by BW. He and DS attended the meeting and reported back to the committee. It is hoped that CH will continue his chair role this year and that there will be two delegates elected to attend nearer the time.

CH and  
Committee

##### **Secretary L.Kemp)**

- a) LK read from the e mail received from Helen Johnson in Matlock to all group secretaries re head office proposals: i) benefits to be offered to Affiliated Groups and their members and ii) Support to be provided to local groups including entry into social media via the website for circulation and advertising group events. In both cases these are likely to be operational in early 2012.

A re-written Affiliated Groups Information pack was to be sent out by 31-07-11.

As none was received by either LK or CH LK to chase this up with Helen Johnson by e mail

LK

- b) LK also read e mail from Borrowdale YHA group who will be devoting a noticeboard to YHA Affiliate Groups and invited us to send them a card/poster with Our gp details for display on it. It was agreed LK to respond letting them know that a poster is in process being put together by CH and SH jointly which will be passed to them as soon as completed LK  
CH +SH
- c) LK confirmed receipt of the civil liability insurance documents taking us up to 29-02-2012 from Membership Team Leader Matlock. To be kept on file for reference purposes LK
- d) Details of special weekend offer at Arneside were read out to the group and it was confirmed there were 7 definite members wanting to be included which means the weekend can be booked. The last weekend in January (last day of scheme) was the preferred option. LK to phone and book immediately LK

### **Group Treasurer (D.Self)**

### **ACTION**

The main group accounts for the year 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010–31<sup>st</sup> August 2011, which had been internally audited, were presented and accepted as accurate by the meeting and signed as such by the Chairperson.

Hostelling weekends (p3) were discussed. Only two weekends out of a total of 13 in that period had been run at a loss. One of these had been the Hindhead weekend which had been hit by a levy of £100 due to it being a half term weekend, and also by two members having to pull out, one on the day of departure. This issue was discussed later as part of AOB

It was agreed that the Admin charge will remain at £1.

At the end of this report it was proposed by DS to rationalise the way the funds/finances are managed i.e. that the £1000 cap on the group fund be removed. This was voted on and unanimously agreed by members present

### **Social Treasurer (D.Self)**

Ratae Ramblers account (Social fund) was presented. DS explained that when a/c first set up it was intended that the annual surplus (i.e. this year £100.77 at 31-08-11) should be used for a subsidised social event/meal or similar. Social account was accepted by the meeting.

MN Proposed that the current 50pence admin charge on social events be formally approved by the group. This was seconded by BW and after an amendment to increase this to £1 fell due to lack of support, the 50p this was unanimously approved.

DS proposed the following a) that the group vote to authorise transfer £200 from social account to main account to ensure there was sufficient disposable income to manage this; and b) that the programme fund to be transferred to the social fund. DS explained rationale for changes to reflect electronic advances which have influenced a change in ways most people manage their finances now for greater expediency/convenience. For 11 out of the last 12 social events no group check was requested/necessary.

Discussion Ensued:

DS confirmed that if in fact a cheque was needed from the social fund, the action being voted upon would not exclude that possibility.

Membership trends were discussed and a breakdown of numbers and relative contribution of individuals to group finances has been undertaken by DS. Inactive names have now been removed from the list i.e. where there has not been any activity

for a length of time and no request for a programme had been made.

AS Chair asked if there were any questions about the finances and proposals made. He then thanked DS for all his work which was unanimously seconded by those present.

**Programme Secretary (B. Wasyliv)**

BW reported a very full programme with the exception of November with a good mix of day walks, weekends, and social events. He thanked all of the organisers of events without whom there would be no programme. He noted that unfortunately we are still down to the same few people organising events and made the usual request for new organisers to get involved to ensure a healthy ongoing programme of events.

He noted the next three programmes will be out January, June and September next year. He pointed out that we currently have 4 weekends and 2 day walks already on the calendar for next year.

BW

**Publicity Secretary**

SH explained her difficulties with website/computer access currently and time/work restraints. Also reported that LINK no longer supporting free advertising for events and groups. However she reported having put together suggestions for a poster which is currently with web master. They agreed to set up a mutually convenient date in their diaries to progress this into an electronic poster for circulation as appropriate.

SH + CH

**Editor / Webmaster (C. Hunt)**

ACTION

CH informed there was little in the way of change/things to report - generally website still going strong. Website has now been updated since last year's AGM. There are now several ways to submit photos and write ups, share views and events. This opportunity has not been taken up by many members and CH is keen for other group members to contribute in these ways especially with write ups from event organisers. He explained that brief write ups are fine and can be done in a BLOG format where others can also add their comments etc so responses can accumulate and develop. CH has also created a Twitter account for the group. Now can tweet about events (1wk before or 1 day before events) . Notes on past events can also still be put on. Suggestions were discussed for another group calendar next year. Suggestions for captions to photos are invited by members to put on website electronically.

All members

Event organisers

**4. Motion from the Committee: From this AGM the post of Social Treasurer shall be abolished and its duties combined with those of the Group Treasurer as one post.**

This motion was opposed by Mick Nice, previous social secretary and treasurer. He made the point that this post should remain open until at least the AGM 2013 to give 2 years to enable another group member to put themselves forward for the post. He explained that this was a fairly manageable role for somebody new to the group to take up and that only if there were no takers for period of 2 years should the post become defunct. This amendment was carried on a vote from the group that the motion should be deferred until AGM 2013

AGM 2013

**5. Elections**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Secunder</b>
<b>Chair</b> – A Summers	A. Shapland	P.Barrows
<b>Secretary</b> – L Kemp	K Burditt	S Smythe
<b>Treasurer</b> – D Self	S.Peasgood	S Smythe
<b>Prog. Sec.</b> – B Wasyliw	A.Shapland	J.Charmers
<b>Social Treasurer</b> – Vacant	W.Haynes	P Barrows
<b>Publicity</b> – S Harper	P.Barrows	Mick Nice
<b>Editor/Webmaster</b> -C Hunt	S Harper	A Shapland
<b>Auditors</b> – A Nicholson + K. Burditt	A Shapland L Kemp	P Barrows J Chalmers

CMT

CH's proposed that selection of delegates to the Groups' Conference be postponed till nearer the time to see who would be available then. Committee to elect nearer the date when known

**6. Discussion: The drivers' concession on hostelling weekends is now considered to be unfair and should be revised in the light of very high cost of fuel**

SH explained she had put this forward as a discussion point and had no actual evidence herself of other members views reflecting this. Discussion ensued. No motion was passed to change existing practice where drivers receive free fuel in lieu of driving responsibility and wear and tear on vehicles.

SH

**7. Discussion: The Group Logo – for or against? Discussion ensued.**

Outcome: It was agreed that the logo would benefit from a facelift – possibly to make the fox look slimmer and healthier as a way of promoting group walking. CH and SH to liaise on this as part of their work on the poster.

SH

SH + CH

**8. Any other Business and/or Announcements**

- i) Refunds when unable to attend a weekend already booked discussed  
It was agreed this should be for committee to discuss and use discretion on each individual incident and the particular circumstances.

Committee

- ii) Fuddle December 21<sup>st</sup> 2011 discussed. Reason unable to use the Western upstairs room clarified and liaison with alternative venue reported by LK. It was agreed that WH and PB will take this up and contact the LOAF directly and make definite arrangements. An e mail confirming availability is still awaited by Gp Secretary. If this should arrive over next few days LK will forward to WH – e mail address noted.

WH + PB

**8. Date & Venue of next meeting**

The date for the next AGM will be Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at The Western, Western Road, Leicester.

Liz Kemp ( Minutes Secretary)