

Minutes Tyneside Group 23rd AGM
 (Northumbria Area Ramblers Association)
held at Brunswick Methodist Church on Thursday 28 January, 2016

1	<p>CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION</p> <p>Bob Copeland welcomed members. He began by thanking Barbara Dickson for the positive input she had put into the Group and sent her our very best wishes.</p> <p>He introduced Barrie Russell as our proposed new Chairman and checked if there were any other nominations. There being none, Barrie was proposed as Chairman by Bob Copeland, seconded by Malcolm McVey.</p> <p>Barrie then took the Chair, saying that he was looking forward to another enjoyable year with Ramblers and had no zeal to make great changes.</p>
2	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>There were 21 members present. Apologies for absence were received from Ruth Sides and Andrew Wright.</p>
3	<p>APPOINTMENT OF 6 TELLERS</p> <p>These were not required</p>
4	<p>MINUTES OF 23RD AGM (CIRCULATED)</p> <p>Barbara Williams' name was corrected in the Footpath Secretary's Report.</p> <p>The minutes were then signed by the Chairman as a true record. Proposed by Barbara Harrington, seconded by Arthur Harris.</p>
5	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>* Date of the AGM. Following the request for the date of the AGM to be brought forward to be within 3 months of the end of the financial year, the committee decided that if the finances could be audited by early to mid December and the Annual Report published on-line, this would save weeks in time and a large amount of money in postage. The fourth Thursday in January was felt to be the earliest date that could be achieved for an AGM. This proposal was put to Area Chairman, Penny Ford, which she submitted to HO. HO agreed to this proposal with the following clause to be added to item 10 of our Constitution- 'Under exceptional circumstances the group AGM can be outside the first 3 months, but must be held no later than the end of January and before an Area AGM takes place.'</p> <p>Consequently the date for the Tyneside AGM will be the 4th Thursday in January. Area have also compromised by moving their AGM from January to February so as to be in line with the normal progression of AGMs.</p> <p>I would like to record my thanks to Penny Ford for helping us achieve this sensible solution.</p>
	<p>* Ann Key's seat. Progress is slow but the wood has been cut and is now seasoning.</p> <p>The Treasurer and I would like to thank Tony Royston for his help in getting the Annual Report published on-line. Gill Dallow</p>
6	<p>ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT (CIRCULATED)</p> <p>The Report was accepted and signed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Arthur Harris, seconded by Barbara Harrington</p>

7	<p>ADOPTION OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT (CIRCULATED) The statement was accepted and signed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Malcolm McVey, seconded by Arthur Harris.</p>
8	<p>APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS FOR 2015/16 Clarkes, the Independent Examiners, had indicated their willingness to undertake this task again next year. It was agreed to accept their offer. Proposed by Gill Dallow, seconded by Bob Copeland.</p>
9	<p>APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2016/17 This item covered earlier in the meeting this year.</p>
10	<p>APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY FOR 2016/17 Gill Dallow agreed to carry on as Secretary for another year and was duly elected. Proposed by Barrie Russell, seconded by Myra Wiseman.</p>
11	<p>APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER FOR 2016/17 Yvonne Hall agreed to carry on as Treasurer for another year and was duly elected. Proposed by Barrie Russell, seconded by Myra Wiseman.</p>
12	<p>APPOINTMENT OF HONARY OFFICERS FOR 2016/17 The following were duly appointed. Footpath and Incidents Officer Secretary, Steve Germain, Membership Secretary, Malcolm McVey, Booking Secretaries- Sunday (Hancock), Myra Wiseman, Sunday (St. James), Andrew Wright, Wednesday 9.30, Gordon Lumsden, Wednesday 10.00, Ruth Sides. Proposed by Bob Copeland, seconded by Arthur Harris.</p>
13	<p>ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2016/17 Dorothy Anderson, Bob Copeland, Barbara Harrington, Arthur Harris, Angela Joyce, Dave Morley, Ron Robinson, Don Scarratt, Kenneth Wright agreed to stand for another year and were duly elected. Proposed by Barrie Russell, seconded by Gill Dallow.</p>
14	<p>ELECTION OF 3 REPRESENTATIVES TO NORTHUMBRIA AREA COMMITTEE 2016/17 Barrie Russell, Malcolm McVey and Gill Dallow volunteered to be representatives for the year. Proposed by Barbara Harrington, seconded by Myra Wiseman.</p>
15	<p>MOTIONS There were no motions to discuss.</p>
16	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS Steve Germain proposed that as the Annual Report is now published on line, the word 'circulated' in items 4,6 and 7 should be changed to 'published'. In view of the growing importance of our Ramblers web page, Barrie make a plea for members to ask around to see if there is a web designer amongst us as the Tyneside page needs updating and improving.</p>

16	<p>Members were informed of the following dates:</p> <p>*the Area AGM will be held on Saturday 6th February 2016 at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Dockendale Lane, Whickham. NE16 4EN, hosted by Gateshead Group. 10.30am meet for 5 mile walk, 2.00pm, business meeting.</p> <p>*General Council will be held on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd April at the University of York. Members wishing to attend should contact Penny Ford, Area Chairman.</p>
17	<p>DAY, DATE & VENUE FOR THE AGM 2017</p> <p>Tyneside Group 24th AGM, Thursday 26th January 2017.</p>
	<p>Barrie thanked the Officers for their work over the passed twelve months. He also thanked everyone for coming to the meeting on such a stormy night and hoped that the next twelve months would be provide some enjoyable walks for us all.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7.50pm.</p>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Income	2015/2016	2014/2015
	£	£
Allocation from Northern Area	767	1250
Income from Sale of Key Rings	<u>28</u>	<u>-</u>
	795	1250
Expenditure:		
Accountancy	(120)	(120)
Room Hire	(320)	(304)
Printing, Postage & Stationery	(-)	(628)
Officers' Expenses	(92)	(149)
Sundry Expenses	<u>(-)</u>	<u>(36)</u>
	<u>(532)</u>	<u>(1237)</u>
<u>Net Surplus on General Account</u>	263	13

COACH AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Receipts	Expenses	Surplus/(Deficit)	
Sunday "Early"	17145	(17171)	(26)	1755
Sunday "Later"	16490	(16443)	47	(540)
Wed 09.30	32680	(34405)	(1725)	239
Wed 10.00	<u>17287</u>	<u>(16864)</u>	<u>423</u>	<u>362</u>
	<u>83602</u>	<u>(84883)</u>	<u>(1281)</u>	<u>1816</u>
Deposit Account Interest		1		<u>1</u>
<u>Net Surplus/(Deficit) on Coaching and Social Activities</u>		<u>(1280)</u>		<u>1817</u>
<u>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</u>		£ <u>(1017)</u>		£ <u>1830</u>

Treasurer's Report 2015/16

The financial position of the Tyneside Group Ramblers Association for the year ended 30 September 2016 remains stable and has been throughout the period. The total cash position stands at £13,714, after taking account of fares paid in advance and amounts owed for coach costs. There is a deficit of £1,017 for the year compared to a surplus of £1,830 in 2014/15. General Expenses total £532, a considerable reduction of £705 compared to the last financial year. This is mainly due to the publication of our Annual Report on the website removing the need for printing and postage costs relating to the AGM. This also means that we have succeeded in our objective to reduce the amount of funding we require annually from the RA, administered by Northumbria Area.

The financial position in the coming year is expected to remain satisfactory provided coach seat occupancy rates remain at the current levels. Coach secretaries continue to work diligently to fill the coaches, collect the fares, and balance the books.

Our thanks go to Clarke's Chartered Accountants for conducting the Independent Examination of the Accounts.

Yvonne Hall

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

CURRENT ASSETS		2015/2016		2014/2015	
		£		£	
Bank Account Balances	Current	Deposit		Current	Deposit
General	2159			1896	
Sunday "Early"	3463			4663	
Sunday "Later"	3761			4091	
Wednesday 9.30	2015			6588	
Wednesday 10.00	3107			4152	
Deposit Account		<u>2514</u>			<u>2513</u>
	<u>14505</u>	<u>2514</u>	17019	<u>21390</u>	<u>2513</u>
					23903
 CURRENT LIABILITIES					
	Sunday Early	Sunday Later	Wed 9.30am	Wed 10.00am	
Creditors					
Accruals					(120)
Fares in Advance	(480)	(410)	(850)	(464)	(2204)
Coach Hire	<u>(-)</u>	<u>(981)</u>	<u>(-)</u>	<u>(-)</u>	<u>(981)</u>
					<u>(3305)</u>
					<u>(9172)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			£ <u>13714</u>		£ <u>14731</u>
 Represented by: CAPITAL RESERVE					
Opening Balance			14731		12901
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for Year			<u>(1017)</u>		<u>1830</u>
			£ <u>13714</u>		£ <u>14731</u>

Yvonne Hall (Group Treasurer)

Signed: *Yvonne Hall*

Date: 13 December 2016

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Having carried out procedures in accordance with the Area and Group Independent Examination Guidelines, we consider the Tyneside Group accounts to have been properly prepared and give a true and fair view of the Group's finances for the year to 30 September 2016.

Signed: *Clarke's*

Date: 13 December 2016

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