

Minutes

Date: 17th July 2024

Ipswich Ramblers

	Present: Ian Gosden (Chair). Jo Mann. Lionel MacKay. Ann Buckles. Keith Moxon. Paul Buckles. Helen Howe. Rob Young.	Action s
	Apologies: None	
1	Minutes of last meeting	
	The minutes of 30 th January 2024 were agreed	
2	Matters Arising / Actions completed if not covered elsewhere in agenda	
	- Expenses policy – JM – Actioned. See below - Bakewell details – JM – actioned. A good holiday was had by the	
3	Chairs Report / Area Matters	
	AGM Feb 3 rd - 24 people. Ian received the minutes a month later, no particular info. March 25 th meeting was cancelled as no information to be discussed. An email from the treasurer had been received regarding the area budget,	
4	Finance Report - Lionel	
	Main fund balance £273.54 – self funded balance - £117.15 Proposal to keep the account balance at around £200 and only request allocation funds to this amount. - Allocation of donation from Ramble Worldwide previously known as Ramblers Walking Holidays . Lionel has investigated this further and should only be used for charitable objectives. Therefore £20 from a previous donation will be transferred into the main fund. - Clarification of last point in minute 4. from January meeting regarding the self funded balance. <i>The committee agreed that funding for hall hire for social walks such as the soup and cake walks did meet the Ramblers charitable objectives and can continue to be funded from the main allocation of funds. These events should be advertised in the specific hall if possible. Investigate further use of Facebook. Also send out</i>	JM
5	Membership Report - Ann	
	317 members, 82 have walked this year, 30 people have done under 10 walks and 30 people over 10 walks. 14 joined in the last 3 months, 15 left in	
6	Footpath Report – Helen / Paul	
	A lot of paths overgrown. An issue with a path in Reydon near Hadleigh that goes through gardens that had obstructed access. Helen will keep under	

7	Holiday	
	Looking like next year will be oversubscribed. Keep to same time of year. Ideas for members to look at Cotswolds – Paul. Wendover / Amersham / Chilterns – Jo. Isle of Purbeck - Rob Different part of Derbyshire - Ian	
8	Future events and programme	
	• Committee meeting Tuesday 10th September 2pm @Ann and Paul's. Ideas for holiday. • AGM 6th Nov, Jo to look at Tuddenham. Election of officers.	
9	AOB	

New Walk leader guidance. The new guidance and handbook came into use at the end of May, there are a number of aspects that individual groups can decide how to promote. The group decided the following • Register – We will continue to take the register, if the walk leader cannot then a member of the committee will. This is useful for deciding holiday participants. The leader may wish to use the sign in sheet or take information for any new walkers however this must be destroyed after the walk. • risk assessments – The generic risk assessments will be made easily available for leader to use and it will be encouraged as a minimum to take this into account with any additional hazards and actions to be noted by the leader. Keeping a copy is no longer mandatory, individual leaders may keep if they wish but the google form will be discontinued once the new RA has been circulated and put on the website. • ratios – middle markers and back markers do not have to have full walk leader status. Therefore anyone within the group can be asked to help in this instance. Back markers to have leaders phone number, and if possible know the route or have a copy in some format . • A reminder about having ICE details when members walk will be sent, with the previously purchased keyrings again offered as an option. • Information for walkers sheet. This template will be used and adapted for how the group operates and replace current information on the website. Jo will update information and documents as necessary and forward with new links to all members on Mailchimp. Keith to update website. This is also an opportunity to send out the recently updated expenses policy that covers recces. • The programme is low on walks, with just a few names regularly leading. When the above information is sent out we will try to encourage current leaders to submit walks and also take the opportunity to ask for new leaders reminding them of the buddy system that is in place. Planning comments. Responses to planning applications are shown as from Ipswich Ramblers, if there is no objection to the planning this should clarify	JM
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GDPR – Committee members consented to their names being included in the minutes above.