

**RA IVEL VALLEY WALKERS**  
**MINUTES OF THE AGM held on Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 7.30 pm**  
**Old Warden Village Hall**

**Present:** Roy Carter (Chairman), John Kirkham, Andy Knight, Ian Jarry, Roger McLeod, Mandy Wisson, Jan Wolfarth, Graham Mills, Sue Tate, Derek Turner, Nick, Bernard and Mary, Barry, Tony, Bob T, Rachel, Peter, Garry, Laurie, Ann, Bob and Celia W. ACTION

1. **Apologies for absence:** Richard Brain and Carol Bond

2. **Minutes of the AGM held on 15 November 2016:**

All present agreed with the minutes and they were accepted.

3. **Matters Arising:**

*Electronic Banking*

This has been discussed by the Committee and the Treasurer is looking into the system required. John considers that the system needs to be thought out, it is not only the matter of payment but how the payments are notified and attendance at the event or trip confirmed. At the present time the Committee are not ready to implement such a system but are monitoring the issue.

*Ordnance Survey Map entry of NBHT*

Roy has contacted Ordnance Survey mapping agency to find out what is required to get the NBHT onto the O/S maps. It seems that most of the work has been done, the route has been published and signs put up. It is now for the Local Authority Officer to propose inclusion.

*Numbers of members walking*

Roy has talked to members on walks and gathered feedback which has been discussed by the Committee. There is some interest in special interest short walks and these may be tried out in the summer.

4. **Chairman's Report:**

Roy delivered his report which highlighted the success of the new printed programme and the events of the year.

Andy asked what is being done about the 2026 deadline for footpaths not on the definitive map. Derek thinks that anything in the pipeline is being dealt with and that Bedford Borough have just rolled out a consultation programme on their website.

Bob W added that Bedford Borough is actively looking at paths but Central Beds have nothing organised.

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

John handed round the Accounts summaries, these are attached. He confirmed that there are no financial problems; two quarters income has been received since the Accounts were prepared. Since September 30<sup>th</sup> the amounts have gone up significantly and there have been more donations received.

The Accounts were accepted, proposed by Bernard and seconded by Graham Mills.

**6. Election of Officers:**

Roy read through the nominations as below:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Roy Carter</i>	<i>John Kirkham</i>	<i>Ian Jarry</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>John Kirkham</i>	<i>Roy Carter</i>	<i>Richard Brain</i>
<i>General Secretary</i>	<i>Sue Tate</i>	<i>Andy Knight</i>	<i>Richard Brain</i>
<i>Membership Secretary</i>	<i>Richard Brain</i>	<i>Roy Carter</i>	<i>John Kirkham</i>
<i>Programme Secretary</i>	<i>Andy Knight</i>	<i>Sue Tate</i>	<i>Richard Brain</i>
<i>Webmaster</i>	<i>Ian Jarry</i>	<i>Derek Turner</i>	<i>John Kirkham</i>
<i>Footpaths Officer</i>	<i>Derek Turner</i>	<i>Ian Jarry</i>	<i>Roger McLeod</i>
<i>P R Officer</i>	<i>Graham Mills</i>	<i>Mandy Wisson</i>	<i>Jan Wolfarth</i>
<i>Social</i>	<i>Roger McLeod</i>	<i>Graham Mills</i>	<i>Mandy Wisson</i>

All nominations were accepted by the attendees.

**7. Election of Committee Members:**

Roy read through the nominations, all were accepted as given below:

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
<i>Member</i>	<i>Mandy Wisson</i>	<i>Graham Mills</i>	<i>Jan Wolfarth</i>
<i>Member</i>	<i>Jan Wolfarth</i>	<i>Carol Bond</i>	<i>Andy Knight</i>
<i>Distribution Officer</i>	<i>Carol Bond</i>	<i>Jan Wolfarth</i>	<i>Mandy Wisson</i>

**8. Appointment of the Independent Examiner:**

Tony is willing to stand again as Independent Examiner; this was proposed by Bob W and seconded by Mary and accepted by those present.

9. **Any Other Business:**

*Map Library*

Derek had brought the remains of the 'Map Library' to the meeting. Attendees were invited to look at the maps after the meeting and take whatever they wanted.

*Balance Sheet*

Tony indicated that it was time to write off the two way radios which appear on the Balance Sheet. This decision can be taken by the Officers of the Committee. RC/JK

*Sunday Split Walks*

Garry would like the Sunday split walks to start at 1.30 pm for the afternoon walk. The start time has already been shortened from 2.00 pm to 1.45 pm. There was discussion about the split of the walks 7 and 5 miles being considered the ideal. Andy Knight pointed out that the walk leaders have discretion to delay the afternoon start if the morning has over run. The Committee agreed to look at this again. All

*Entry fee for the Mulled Wine Ramble*

Roy asked if the entry fee to the Mulled Wine Ramble could be waived this year. John confirmed that this could be agreed.

*Parking*

Roy reminded everyone to be careful when planning walks to ensure there is sufficient parking space. He also asked members to be careful when double parking not to block in a non-walker.

*ICE cards*

Ramblers have produced some In Case of Emergency 'ICE' cards, so that walkers can carry essential information. Roy has ordered 50 – 100 cards which will be made available to members, it will be purely voluntary. Unfortunately they are out of stock at the moment. RC

*Sunday Walks Coordinator*

Andy reminded everyone that the Group needs a new Sunday walks coordinator and asked if members could ask around to try and get someone to fill the position.

*Area*

Barry confirmed that Nick Markham is likely to take over as Chairman of the Bedfordshire Area Committee. Area still needs a General Secretary.

*Palace of Westminster Walk*

Barry also advised that the Palace of Westminster trip is back on and handed out flyers for the trip.

10. **Date, Time and Place of next AGM**

The next AGM will be held on Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 7.30 pm in Old Warden Village Hall. SNT

**RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION IVEL VALLEY GROUP**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

<u>INCOME</u>	2016/2017	2015/2016	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	2016/2017	2015/2016
ADMINISTRATION	£	£	ADMINISTRATION	£	£
AREA FUNDING	625.00	1,150.00	TREASURER EXPENSES	23.21	9.48
BANK INTEREST	0.00	0.46	PROGRAMMES & POSTAGE	898.38	694.84
DONATIONS	140.00	150.00	WEBSITE EXPENSES	62.16	62.16
			GROUP MEETINGS	175.56	150.32
			PUBLICITY	0.00	58.35
			SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ADMINISTRATION	<u>(394.31)</u>	<u>324.31</u>
	<u>765.00</u>	<u>1,300.46</u>		<u>765.00</u>	<u>1,300.46</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ADMINISTRATION	(394.31)	324.31			
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	494.47	(155.30)			
			SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR	<u>100.16</u>	<u>169.01</u>
	<u>865.16</u>	<u>1,469.47</u>		<u>865.16</u>	<u>1,469.47</u>

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)
	£	£	£
COACH TRIPS			
BIRMINGHAM	1,000.00	606.70	393.30
NORWICH	748.00	649.20	98.80
NATIONAL MEMORIAL	270.00	250.00	20.00
TRIPS AWAY			
DERBYSHIRE BREAK	370.00	211.30	158.70
ROTHBURY BREAK	220.00	368.37	(148.37)
REETH WEEKEND	260.00	257.19	2.81
CHRISTMAS LUNCH	797.70	797.50	0.20
MULLED WINE RAMBLE	56.00	86.97	(30.97)
	<u>3,721.70</u>	<u>3,227.23</u>	<u>494.47</u>

**RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION IVEL VALLEY GROUP**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

<u>ASSETS</u>	2016/17	2015/16	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	2016/17	2015/16
	£	£		£	£
TWO WAY RADIOS LESS DEPRECIATION	1.00	1.00	CREDITORS	92.16	868.35
DEBTORS	270.75	124.70			
CASH AT BANK ADMIN CURRENT ACCOUNT	174.54	655.29	<u>ACCUMULATED FUND</u>		
CASH AT BANK SOCIAL CURRENT ACCOUNT	1,216.29	1,557.62	BALANCE AS AT 1 OCTOBER 2016	1,470.26	1,301.25
			SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	100.16	169.01
			BALANCE AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017	<u>1,570.42</u>	<u>1,470.26</u>
	<u>1,662.58</u>	<u>2,338.61</u>		<u>1,662.58</u>	<u>2,338.61</u>

NOTES: 1. THE TWO WAY RADIOS WERE DEPRECIATED AT 25% PA STRAIGHT LINE. COST £93.06 ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION £92.06.

2. DEBTORS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017 CONSISTED OF:

7 YEARS PRE PAYMENT OF USE OF ivelvalleywalkers.co.uk (REDUCE AT £6 PER YEAR)	£
AREA FUNDING QUARTER 4	42.00
PREPAID HOUGHTON BARN DANCE	156.25
	<u>72.50</u>
	<u>270.75</u>

3. CREDITORS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017 CONSISTED OF:

WEBSITE RENEWAL	£
OLD WARDEN VILLAGE HALL SEPTEMBER MEETING	56.16
	<u>36.00</u>
	<u>92.16</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

Having carried out procedures in accordance with the Area and Group independent examination Guidelines, I consider that the Ivel Valley Group's accounts have been properly prepared and give a true and fair view of the Group's finances for the year to 30 September 2017.

Independent Examiner

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Date

20.10.17

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