

EASTLEIGH GROUP

MINUTES OF 19th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT VALLEY PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHANDLERS FORD

on 3rd November, 2007

1 CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Eve opened the meeting, thanked the 34 members for attending and said the provision of hot soup had proved very popular. She remembered Peter Radburn who had stood in for her at the last AGM, when she was in hospital. Sadly, the Group had lost Dave Saunders. Colin Bate had celebrated his 80th birthday, alongside Richard who was a young 60-year-old. Tracey and Richard had been married and many people had joined them at the Lapstone pub in the evening. There had been a good quiz evening with Colin and Chris Bond. The slide show with Peter Benham and John Cawley had been well attended and much enjoyed. There had been a reprint of the Eastleigh Rambles book with slight amendments, and there were plenty to sell.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

were received from Wendy Bassom, John Cawley, Janet Franks, Jan Kidd and Vince McDonald. Eve asked the Secretary to send Vince best wishes.

3 MINUTES OF 18th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chris Bond proposed, seconded by Joy Gerrard, that the Minutes of the last A.G.M. be accepted as a true record of the Meeting. Unanimously agreed.

4 MATTERS ARISING – none.

5 VENUE FOR 20th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2008

Dave Shepherd proposed and Les Coe seconded that Valley Park Community Centre again be the venue for the next A.G.M. Unanimously agreed.

6 FINANCIAL BUSINESS

6.1 Treasurer's Report

Bob Battle went through his report and passed around a financial statement for the year, which Jane Carrington thought was very well prepared. The Auditor said the accounts had been audited. Eve said we were very grateful to have someone to be the Treasurer. Bob said it had been a quiet year with no coach rambles, the main activity being the production of programmes. Printing costs would go up next year and he would be asking for an increased grant from Area R.A. to cover these. The year just finished had seen the conclusion of the Parrett Trail, and refunds and final expenses for Cranborne Chase Path. Deposits had been received for Coleridge Trail and he had made the first payments to Angela Holidays.

6.2 Adoption of Accounts.

Proposed by Colin Bond, seconded by Jane Carrington and adopted unanimously.

6.3 Pricing Policy – Cost indices for 2007

The Treasurer thought the x-y-z figures should remain as they were. He said the pricing policy was of help in controlling social events; it ensured there was no loss to the Group and that any profit was minimal. Unanimously agreed.

6.4 Appointment of Hon. Auditor.

Diane Raddon was prepared to continue in the post. Proposed by Wilma Forbes, seconded by Dave Bond and unanimously agreed.

7 OFFICERS' REPORTS

7.1 Area Representative

Eve had attended three meetings of Area Council and the A.G.M. in February. In Oct. 2006 membership was 5448, a loss of 15 since 2005. Angela Potts was the new Treasurer. This year "The Hampshire Rambler" was more expensive to produce but was a vast improvement on previous issues. Eve had undertaken to help at the General Council in Winchester on 4th, 5th & 6th April 2008 and asked for assistants. Lynne Shepherd volunteered. Footpath and access work continued to be well covered at Area. Area A.G.M. would be at Nursling Village Hall on 9th January, preceded by a 5-mile walk at 11.00 a.m.

7.2 Ordinary Members – Nothing to report.

7.3 Rambles Secretary

Dave Jupp thanked all the people who had led walks during the last nine years, the time in which he had been the Rambles Secretary. The current programme was full. He thanked everyone for his/her efforts and hoped continued support would be given to the next Rambles Secretary. He said he had enjoyed doing the work and repeated his thanks to everyone. There was applause.

7.4 Footpath Secretary

Richard Kenchington gave his report. He had numerous, additional tasks which included producing the Newsletter and maintaining the website. He asked people to look at the specific pages he had set up on the website for reporting footpath problems and said that, as local government used the website extensively, results were obtained. He had almost finished a new book of 40 pages on the Itchen Way (to be published by "Walk-the-World") and had begun another on the north section of the Strawberry Trail (which might be an Eastleigh Borough Council production).. He had reccied two-thirds of the Dorset Jubilee Trail, which was proving to be an interesting walk. A book was obtainable from Mrs. Susan Blake, 19 Shaston Crescent, Dorchester. DT1 2EB tel: 01305 263759. He gave details of a new contact centre for reporting footpath problems to Hampshire County Council. There was £200 in the accounts for way-marking the Itchen Way and he had asked Eastleigh Group Executive Committee to authorise expenditure to produce stickers. He required permission from Hampshire County Council and Southampton City Council, after which he would be way-marking the route.

7.5 Publicity Secretary

Tracey said she had been distracted by major events such as getting married, and was not able to continue as Publicity Secretary. She had produced a leaflet and distributed it around a new housing estate but without result. She had also e-mailed Radio Solent but had heard nothing.

7.6 Membership Secretary

Lynne Shepherd gave her fifth A.G.M. report since taking over in 2002. Since then membership had fallen from 483 (plus 77 affiliates) to 390 (plus 65 affiliates). She listed the various means by which the Committee had tried to recruit new members but reminded everyone that there was much competition nowadays. She was now standing down and sent her best wishes to her successor.

7.7 Chairperson's Summary

Eve thanked Dave Jupp for all his hard work as Rambles Secretary since 1998. She thanked the Secretary for her help, and the Footpath Secretary. She said Richard did an enormous amount of work, was most competent and kept everyone well informed, especially about stiles. She asked everyone to notify

Hampshire County Council of damaged stiles. She said the Membership Secretary was a very important person and that Ordinary Members could be very well informed. She thanked them and reminded members that everything was done on their behalf.

8 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

POST	NAME	PROPOSER	SECONDER	VOTE
Chairperson	Eve Peckham	Dave Shepherd	Joy Gerrard	Unanimous
Treasurer	Bob Battle	Jack Bentley	Chris Bond	Unanimous
Secretary	Pat Beazley	Lynne Shepherd	Jane Carrington	Unanimous
Footpath Secretary	Rchd. Kenchington	Jan Coe	Dave Bond	Unanimous
Membership Sec.	Gillian Porter	Jane Carrington	Barbara Burlfingher	Unanimous
Rambles Secretary	Chris Bond	Dave Jupp	Jane Cotton	Unanimous
Social Secretary	Dave Jupp	Jack Bentley	Colin Bond	Unanimous
Ordinary Member	Wilma Forbes	Dave Shepherd	Jan Coe	Unanimous
Ordinary Member	Lynne Shepherd	Eileen Saunders	Joan Denham	Unanimous
COUNTRYSIDE AND PUBLICITY SECRETARIES – VACANT				

9 FUTURE EVENTS

9.1 Christmas Lunch (8th December 2007)

41 people had booked. The lunch would be held at the Mortimer Arms, Ower. Closing date was today, but Tracey would take later bookings. Support was rather low.

9.2 Dorset Jubilee Trail (2008) (Walk-the-World)

This would be walked over a series of Bank Holidays. Everyone had received the leaflet but Richard said that, at the Committee's request, a 53-seater coach had been ordered, instead of a 57. A half-day would be allowed at Forde Abbey on the last day.

9.3 Coleridge Trail (23rd/24th/25th/26th May 2008 (L. & D. Shepherd)

Dave Shepherd spoke: It was all arranged and they were going back in February to finalise. A total of 50 people had booked.

9.4 Suggestions from the floor – none.

10 PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Dave Jupp had led the most walks and the most miles. Eve presented him with the two cups and there was applause. Carol Bradbeer took photographs, one of which would go in the Newsletter.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS - none.

Carol Bradbeer thanked the Committee for the soup. Applause.

Eve thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 3.30 p.m.

WALK LEADERS LEAGUE TABLE/

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WALKS LED		MILES LED	
Dave Jupp	24	Dave Jupp	201
Richard and Tracey	13	Richard and Tracey	124
Les Coe	12	Val Ritchie	108
Val Ritchie	10	Marcia	81
Marcia	9	Vince McDonald	74
Vince McDonald	9	Les Coe	66
Chris Bond	7	Chris Bond	59
John & Pam Cook	7	Bob Battle	54
Anne Carpenter and Sue Page	5	John & Pam Cook	53
Lynne Shepherd	5	Anne Carpenter and Sue Page	46