

MAD WALKERS (MR50) COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

8th February 2023

HOME

Attendees – Sarah, Marieke, Katie, Angela, Catherine, Tom, Luke, Alex, Arthur, Lowri

Agenda item	Requested by
1. Welcome	OCF/MVDZ
2. Apologies	ALL
3. Acceptance of December committee meeting minutes	ALL
4. Review of actions from last meeting	ALL
5. News From Area Chair (EC Meetings, group update, use of Ramblers.org)	OCF/MVDZ
6. Walking for pleasure campaign feedback and suggested routes	SK
7. Proposed 2024 weekend	TW/KZ
8. Pricing surplus policy	TW/KZ
9. University social prescribing	AR
10. Recces on Facebook group	AR
11. User accounts on website	AE/LR
12. Date of the next Committee	SK
13. AOB	ALL



1. Welcome

Welcome given by Marieke

2. Apologies

Apologies from Oli and Karolina

3. Acceptance of minutes from December 2022 meeting

The minutes from December 2022 were accepted pending amends from any committee members unable to attend

4. Review of actions from last meeting

Summary of actions from December 2022 meeting	Closed/ongoing
ACTION 1: OF and MVDZ to add post introducing new committee	Closed
ACTION 2: T SHIRTS 5 designs made and possible supplier lined up. OF and KR to take forward t-shirts designs/processes including asking members preference. Settled on 3 designs. KR/OF - Ordering sample and then will be able to print to order.	Ongoing
ACTION 3: MARKETING / SOCIAL MEDIA KR to start marketing campaign after Christmas on Facebook/Instagram KR to seeing if possible to add some walks onto the Ramblers website/Facebook/Meetup Advert on FB very successful Ramblers website – needs looking into further but they are updating their system. Requested to add walks to the Rambler's website - To see about automating this system - AE/LR	Ongoing
ACTION 4: Website Everyone to send photos to webmaster AE/LR - Monthly reports to be published on the website SK to add report to Facebook Need to adjust sign up system due to number of glitches at the moment – AE/LR	Ongoing
ACTION 5: Automatic email for non members signing up for walks including FAQs AE/LR to look into this or the possibility of using a system like Mailchimp.	Ongoing
ACTION 6: Accounts Possible discrepancies with accounts – AL questioning with John Buckland AL to create spreadsheet showing individual events summary of income and expenditure. Summary to be added to website when complete No reported issues Spreadsheet completed	Closed
ACTION 7: Committee walks AL to put out whatsapp poll to determine possible March dates	Ongoing
ACTION 8: Recce budget Is option for money to be claimed back for a recce – covering mileage or public transport. This should be a capped amount per month and the walk should be added to the calendar (or explanation why not). Action to publicize this to walk leaders – AL and AR to determine wording and LR to add to walk leaders guidance – completed	Closed
ACTION 8: Promotion of low cost travel options AR to trial using the editing process to promote low cost options – been very successful and had positive feedback from several people	Closed
ACTION 9: Post walk submission email that walk leaders receive	Ongoing

AR to check if changes had been made	
ACTION 10: Ongoing promotion of walk management – what needs saying and self-policing Buying some basic first aid kits for regular walk leaders to use – SK to look into options	Ongoing
ACTION 11: SK to confirm next date for committee meeting (provisionally 1 st Feb)	Closed

5. News From Area Chair (EC Meetings, group update, use of Ramblers.org)

They would like our walks to be added onto the Ramblers website – **AE/LR** to look into how easy this is
 MAD now biggest group in the area! – **MVDZ** to put a message out about this
 Executive committee – wants delegates from our group to help discuss issues. To advertise time/date in the group, several volunteers to attend

6. Walking for pleasure campaign feedback and suggested routes

GM by parks – linking them together to create a ‘greenway’ throughout Greater Manchester
 SK to feedback recommended routes - Sale water park, Prestwich – parks, City walks – AGM/santa walks

7. Proposed 2024 weekend

All agreed that it is a good idea to try better quality, more expensive accommodation with multiple price options.
 Weekends organizer to be subsidized rather than the full amount.

8. Pricing surplus policy

Policy to be adapted to suits current needs – **TW/KZ/MVDZ/OF** to adapt, including making it a ‘discretionary £1 surplus’

AE/LR - to add note saying policy suspended until amended version is completed

AL/TW to process refunds for New Years weekend – send email to get details, adding a deadline to provide information.

9. University social prescribing

To look at possible links with university hiking group/joint walk – ideally reach out to younger members to lead

AR to gauge interest from the social prescriber there

10. Reccees on Facebook

Good idea to help people feel more comfortable putting walks on. Important to keep monitoring it to



make sure it's being used properly

11. User accounts on website

AE/LR - Idea to possibly developed in the future with possibility of track which walks you've comepleted

12. Date and time of next meeting.

Provisional date - 12th April

13. AOB

Badges – now low on stock. Agreed that it would be a good idea to order more in the future. Possibility of having a 'standard' design as well as a special edition e.g. LGBTQ+ design.

Card for Steve/Celia signed – **TW** to deliver

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