



MAD WALKERS (MR50) COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

07 August 2024 at 19.00, The Foundry Project

Attendees: Marieke VDZ, Oli Fearn, Camilla Reece-Trapp, Sarah Kendall, Desi Petrova, Rob Pridham, Ellie Shenk, Sam Towers & Karolina Žoramskytė.

1. Welcome

OCF/ MVDZ welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their reports.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from James Brett, Tom Whitehead, Catherine Elliott, Alex Laver, Alice Cleary, Tom Whitehead and Arthur Embleton,

3. Acceptance of minutes from June meeting.

The minutes from June 2024 were accepted pending amends from any committee members unable to attend.

4. Update on Complaints

Confidential. **Action 1 – OCF to check with Margaret Manning/ John Ireland how to minute confidential complaints as a deterrent to group.**

5. Group Behaviours and Update from Ramblers

Diane Simco from Ramblers has drafted an email to all MAD Walker members which sets out what is a complaint / what's not & signposting on safeguarding issues. It is with the communications team at the moment. No action but keep on agenda for next time.

6. Facebook Automated Update on Anonymous Post

Committee agreed unanimously that Facebook anonymous posting is not beneficial for group. This will be kept switched off going forward.

7. Update to new volunteer joining process

Action 2 – OCF tidy up post on website/ Facebook and for socials organisers registered as volunteer.

Action 3 – webmasters to update submission form with tick box for socials to ask if registered as volunteer/ postcode to register as volunteer

8. Update to weekends policy wording

Wording on weekend organizer proposed to be changed to admission to the weekend can be refused by the committee or the weekend organizer. **Action 4- OCF has changed the wording on the weekend policy.**



9. National Young Ramblers Weekend

Offer for someone or a group of people from MAD Walkers to organize the National Young Ramblers Weekend. It is a weekend in a city of your choice with a range of walks available and social activities in the evenings. 80-100 people may attend this.

Action 5: Sarah Kendall to look into organizing this/setting up a group of people to help with this.

10. Donation from CWU for walks training

Donation of £250 from CWU for walks training, which is a really valued contribution to the group. Committee have agreed to spend this donation on women walk leader training. **Action 6- Marieke to update Beth and get the training organized with women walk leader training.**

11. AGM and succession planning

Action 7- CRT/SK to find a venue for social after AGM.

Action 8 – ST to feature member roles for the committee on Instagram/FB

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Action 8 – Desi to add signposting to safeguarding at the ramblers / report criminal offence to complaint policy.

Review of actions from the last meeting

Yorkshire Dales Explore Ticket.

Action 9 – Draw up a post on handing out 6 free tickets to do walk reccies on that specific line.

Marieke has gone back to order the tickets and will put out a post on this.

In Case of Emergency Cards.

Action 10- Camilla to reply to Ying on emergency cards and to order some cards from Ramblers for distribution. Completed.

Action 11 - CRT to put out a post on putting emergency cards on phone.

Update on female walk leader training / other training

Action 12– ES/SK/JB to find a Saturday to put on a general walk leader navigation day. Ongoing.

Footpath maintenance / volunteering

Action 13: Marieke to put the walk co-ordinators in touch with footpath officers. Ongoing.

Member Stories for 20th Anniversary

Action 14 – ST to look for 4 more member stories from the group for 20th anniversary to social media and website too. ST has two contributions from the wider group plus one for herself. Several committee members have now also volunteered (Marieke and Ellie).

Use of WhatsApp communities as another communication channel

Action 15– ST to set up WhatsApp communities as an official mad channel. Ongoing.



Walk Submission Form

Action 16 - Ellie to update walk leader submission form for walk leaders / facebook page **Completed**

2. Date and time of next meeting.

02 October at 7pm. Venue - The Foundry Project