



MAD WALKERS (MR50) COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

20 June 2024 at 19.00, Online

Attendees: Marieke VDZ, Camilla Reece-Trapp, Sarah Kendall, Alex Laver, Desi Petrova, Rob Pridham, Ellie Shenk & Alice Cleary.

1. Welcome

MVDZ welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their reports.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Oli Cosgrove Fearn, James Brett, Karolina Žoramskytė, Tom Whitehead and Arthur Embleton,

3. Acceptance of minutes from April meeting.

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

4. Update on Complaints

Confidential.

5. Group Behaviours and Update from Ramblers (MVDZ)

Ramblers are publishing guidelines on Group Behaviours and an email will be sent in due course on this. Discussion surrounding how can we give guidelines on what can be resolved within the group / what would be a complaint and how we can encourage the best culture within the group.

Action 1: Update on Ramblers guidelines at the next committee meeting.

6. Funding for women walk leader training (MVDZ)

Ellie, Sarah and Marieke had a meeting with Beth Craigen and came up with ideas for delivering two types of training for MAD Walkers, one of which was more focused on map reading and orienteering skills and the other was more around the soft skills & leadership skills for walks. The plan is to run both of these sessions as one series for women (one of each two types) and another series for a mixed group. Oli has applied for funding for this.

7. Yorkshire Dales Explorer tickets (MDVZ)

The Yorkshire Dales explores is a new service running from Greater Manchester and Lancashire to the Settle Carlisle line on a Saturday with 2 trains a day. Owain Roberts has kindly donated 6 free train tickets for the opening. The committee discussed whether these should be given to walk leaders for reccies or as part of the potential training session and it was decided that these should be used for walk leader to run 4reccies for future walks.

Action 2: Draw up a post on handing out to do walk reccies on that specific line.

8. AGM planning (CRT)

The committee has agreed date of AGM is Saturday 9th November and Camilla is looking into options for this. Sarah Kendall has kindly agreed to help Camilla with organizing this. Discussion around succession planning and also publishing the roles available for next year with a weekly post focusing on one of the roles.

Action 3: Camilla to book venue / get the date fixed down. SK to assist with AGM planning.

9. Emergency Cards (CRT)

Ramblers' guidance with regards to emergency cards has changed and these are now advised to be available from groups to hand out to individuals. Ying has raised whether these can be provided by MAD Walkers. Committees agreed it is good if these can be made easily available for people.

Action 4: Camilla to reply to Ying on emergency cards and to order some cards from Ramblers for distribution.

10. Membership Renewals (AC)

A quarter of membership have elapsed and in some case members do not realise their memberships have elapsed, but discussion on how to deal with this, such as sending reminders. It is important to retain existing members as much as attract new members.

AOB

Review of actions from the last meeting

T-Shirt Update.

Action 5 – OCF to put out to group if anyone has a suggestion for a new provider Completed.

Badges Update.

Action 6- OCF to put out some communication for the launch of the badges to website / FB communications. Completed.

Action 7 – SK has kindly volunteered to help with sales. Completed

Update on female walk leader training / other training

Action 8: MVDZ to meet with Beth next week. Completed.

Action 9 – ES/SK/JB to find a Saturday to put on a general walk leader navigation day. To do.

Action 10- MVDZ to meet with Beth next week. Completed.

20th Anniversary Party update

Action 12 - KR to ask venue about preloading drinks. Completed. Venue has been booked.

Action 13– ES/SK/JB/ All to look at putting on 20th anniversary themed walk (20 mile walk or 20 kilometre walk being options etc). To keep on actions.

Footpath maintenance / volunteering

Action 14: Marieke to put the walk co-ordinators in touch with footpath officers. Marieke to check where this is up to.



Member Stories for 20th Anniversary

Action 15 – 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). **Sam to start sharing member stories in July.**

Action 16 - MDVZ to contact Weekend Walkers' chair regarding stories from past members **Marieke to close down request re old members.**

Use of WhatsApp communities as another communication channel

Action 17 – ST to set up WhatsApp communities as an official mad channel. **To add to next committee meeting.**

Sponsorship for FB/Instagram

Action 18 - CE to look at sponsorship/ target specific groups. **Ongoing**

Link to walking policy in sign up form.

Action 19 – DP/AE/RP to look into the possibility for there to be a link to walking policy when signing up for walk on the form. **Completed**

Social media marketing on walk grading

Action 20– ST /CE to do some social media marketing on what strenuous/moderate etc means. **Completed**

20th anniversary flags.

Action 21- OCF to order a flag for 20th anniversary celebrations. **Completed.**

Walk Submission Form

Action 22 - Ellie to update walk leader submission form for walk leaders / facebook page

2. Date and time of next meeting.

08 August at 7pm. Venue - The Foundry Project