

MAD WALKERS (MR50) COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

7th June 2023

Mayfield Park

Attendees – Marieke, Oli, Sarah, Alex, Angela, Arthur, Lowri, Catherine, Ti

Agenda item	Requested by
1. Welcome	OF/MVDZ
2. Apologies	ALL
3. Acceptance of April committee meeting minutes	ALL
4. Review of actions from last meeting	ALL
5. Pricing policy to be approved	TW
6. Christmas party	KR
7. Code of conduct	MVDZ
8. 20 year anniversary	MVDZ
9. A.O.B.	ALL
10. Date of the next Committee.	SK

1. Welcome

OCF Welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their reports.

2. Apologies

Apologies from Katie and Luke

3. Acceptance of minutes from April Meeting.

The minutes from April 2023 were accepted pending amends from any committee members unable to attend.

4. Review of Actions

Summary of actions from last meeting	
ACTION 1: T SHIRTS 5 designs made and possible supplier lined up. OF a to take forward t-shirts designs/processes including members preference. Settled on 3 designs. KR/OF - 1 fit to also be added. Should be available to be ordered mid May. Competition open to win a t-shirt	Closed – on sale. Sold double figures so far Thanks to Katie for getting it going. Potentially change colours, design etc
ACTION 2: Ramblers website Ramblers website – needs looking into further but t updating their system. Requested to add walks to the Rambler’s website - AE/LR to see about automating system. Agreed to look at this later in the year once updates to the Ramblers system have been completed	Wait until errors with their system are fixed would be good to have automated in the future. May not be possible with current system, will need to buy something external
ACTION 3: Website AE/LR - Monthly reports to be published on the website MZ to add minutes to Facebook OF to add AGM minutes to website AE/LR - Need to adjust sign up system due to number glitches at the moment	Closed Reports added to website Need to add past minutes/reports LR spending time each Monday to catch up that aren’t working. AE set automated system for weekends
ACTION 4: Automatic email for non members sign up for walks including FAQs LR to look into this or the possibility of using a system like Mailchimp.	No update
ACTION 5: MAD MAD now biggest group in the area! MVDZ to put a message out about this when we reach 600 members	LD to post message
ACTION 6: University social prescribing To look at possible links with university hiking group/joint walk – ideally reach out to younger members to lead AR contacted social prescriber there, but not yet heard back	Very keen to collaborate – given a couple of dates for joint walk. MIND – planning to meet regarding possible mental health walks
ACTION 7: Pricing Policy Pricing surplus policy draft is ongoing Policy to be adapted to suits current needs – TW/KZ/MVDZ/OF to adapt, including making it ‘discretionary £1 surplus’ AE/LR - to add note saying policy suspended until amended version is completed	NY refunds completed – not everyone repaid but repaid over half

AL/TW to process refunds for New Years week send email to get details, adding a deadline to p information. Info gathered and payment in pro	
ACTION 8: Badges Badges – now low on stock. Agreed that it would be idea to order more in the future. Possibility of havin ‘standard’ design as well as a special edition e.g. LG design. Charlotte is working on the new designs	No update on new designs yet. Plan to re boot but also have new design. Accounts show the initial expense and w we’ve now made back. Will take off web when low
ACTION 9: Meetup Meetup – TW to help AR to test walks on Meetup. Selective walks to be added as well as the monthly s Meetup – walks now added. Agreed it would be goo continue paying for this for now – shared costs with Weekend Walkers, now increased to £35 per 6 mont	Lots signing up for group, but unclear h many then come on walks. Relatively straightforward to cancel if needed. To set up a whatsapp to help with communication when TW unable to repl Agreed to also add monthly drinks as a recurring social
ACTION 10: Walk Leader Diversity Agreed a buddy system may be a good idea to h improve the confidence of new walk leaders – volunteer mentors from within the group? MZ message on FB AR to let committee know when new walk lead try get committee member attending KR to arrange social to discuss new walk leader anxieties etc	MVDZ – organizing walk leader social to improve confidence/advice etc with fem walk leaders All but 1 new leaders walks so far attend someone from the committee. Good feed so far
ACTION 11: Whatsapp Policy needed around best practice, guidelines possible risks. OF to write policy and to add to website. Agreed it shouldn’t be a live link on website – in people to sign up and walk leaders to email eve link.	Closed Policy to be added to website and sent o when needed
ACTION 12: Data retention LD to delete walk sign up sheets once membership have been sent (approx 4 months). KR and TW/KZ to do the same for socials and weekends.	Closed AE - Now automated to be deleted after months. Thank you to Arthur for makin process much easier and more secure. AE to check if socials or weekends are a this system TW sent email to all weekend organisers ensure data deleted
ACTION 13: Summer Party KR to look into booking Disley again and to arrange for the summer	Closed Now booked - £20pp, option to come for drink. KR – needs to adjust social advert to say may not be guaranteed if busy unless yo

	not booked on.
ACTION 14: NYE Push to find someone to organize a NYE weekend	On backburner for now. Have potential destination in Peaks, but not essential a plenty of walks
ACTION 15: Facebook membership OF/MVDZ/LD to check membership is up to date	Closed – cleared out 50-60 people. Needs doing at least once a year
ACTION 16: Social media KR to ask permission to use people's photos for social media posts	Closed
ACTION 17: Next Meeting SK to confirm next date for committee meeting (provisionally 7 th June). Acknowledged that pubs are sometimes too noisy and to try find somewhere quiet	Closed

5. Pricing policy to be approved

New policy sent out to all committee members – Thanks to Tom for completing this

- Reworded voting of socials/weekends to be approved
- Changed £1 surplus policy
- Changed wording on losses
- Removed charity donation part of policy

Agreed to review once a year, with the view that changes may need to be made if funds drop, with proviso that £1 surplus policy may be reintroduced if needed

6. Christmas party

Voted – all present agreed January preferred due to cost, timing, availability of venue etc

7. Code of conduct

MVDZ/OF to do a reminder on Facebook about our code of conduct

8. 20 year anniversary

We need to start thinking of ideas! Recognised it may be good to do multiple events - suggestions included mini festival with games, 20 mile walks for 20 years, formal ball, awards for people who have done 100 walks etc. Previous members included, 20th anniversary badge/t-shirt. Action - To appoint sub-committee along with 10 of members

9. Date and time of next meeting.

2nd August at the Wharf – To be confirmed



10.AOB

LD – turnaround time for t-shirts unknown. Will be monitored, but currently contact needs to be directly with manufacturer

AR – dry bags needed for walkie-talkies – agreed to purchase these

TW – ski weekend is a go with over 20 people signed up so far. Will do another big booking if enough demand. No financial risk to MAD and money is all ATOL protected.

Shap weekend – almost full. Just triple rooms to go.

