

Aycliffe Fell Walking Club



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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2012

1. Attendance & Apologies:

See appendix 1

2. Minutes of the previous AGM:

Minutes from 2011 AGM issued to all present. Tim Jeanes proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting; seconded by Eddie Adam and accepted unanimously.

3. Chairman's & Walk Secretary's Report

The Chairman was encouraged by the arrival of several new members and commented that walks early on in the year were quite well attended but this dropped off during the year. He expressed concern that we seemed to be attracting new members but losing them at the same rate and questioned why this was. All but two of the walks in 2011-2012 ran at a loss. The importance of the Prize draw in raising funds was emphasised and anyone who could do anything to help with this including selling tickets was asked to come forward.

Sheila Pinkney was thanked for her efforts in securing £1000 from the Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership (GAMP).

Walks held during 2011 were then covered in detail in the Walk Secretary's report that can be seen in Appendix 2. It was suggested that the Summer Camping / B & B weekend needs to be organised sooner to allow people to book accommodation while there are vacancies.

Unfortunately there was one incident to report regarding a broken ankle which resulted in the fell rescue and the air ambulance being called.

4. Secretary's, General Secretary, Membership Secretary's, Publicity Officer's Report

Several members of the club were thanked for their help during the year. Dave O'Hara was thanked for his very valuable contribution in maintaining the Club's web site which continues to create interest in the Club. The website domain licence runs out in January and this will need to be renewed. The INEOS Sports and Social Club was thanked for their support during the year in providing the venues for the AGM free of charge and for providing a welcome grant of £200 for the 2012-2013 year. Other sections of the club were in desperate need of grants so the committee members of the INEOS Sports and Social Club agreed to help sell prize draw tickets to raise money in lieu of a larger grant for our club.

The membership currently stands at 77 but not all are active. Of these some 60 people were paid members and the remainder were Sports and Social Club or life members.

5. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer presented the accounts from 1 November 2011 to 31 October 2012. He went on to explaining the notes to the accounts and in particular that the Coach payment for November was made but the goods not yet received so this was shown against Debtors. The accounts summary can be seen in Appendix. 3

The "Treasurer's" bank account with the Halifax will have to be closed because the bank will no longer support this. An alternative has been found with Barclays Bank and the rather complicated process of opening this account is underway.

6. Election of Officers:

Alan Holmes agreed to continue as Chairman and Walk Secretary for the coming year.

Barry Wilkinson agreed to continue as Secretary, General Secretary, Membership Secretary and Publicity Officer for another year. He announced that he will be resigning from the Post of Secretary at the AGM in 2013. (Note he will continue as General Secretary and therefore as the Club's representative on the INEOS Sports and Social Club Committee.

Sheila Pinkney was elected to the Committee and will be a signatory on the bank account as "Committee Member" with authority to withdraw funds.

Andrew Jakob kindly offered to help with the club's affairs and was elected as a Committee member.

7. Any Other Business:

The following items were raised, discussed and a decision made where necessary.

Honorary Life Membership

The Committee have in the past nominated a select few people as honorary members. Justification for this could include membership & contribution to running the club for many years, being a founder member and in particular where there has been service to the club as an official. Often the people nominated have retired from work. It has been many years since the last person was nominated. At this meeting the contribution of the following people was explained and they were nominated for Honorary Life Membership

- Lenny Nunn
- Alan Fowler
- Geoff Sinderson
- Ian Brewster
- Alan Holmes

In each case the proposal was carried by a large majority.

Proxy Voting for the next Year's Walks

For the first time this year, the list of potential walks was circulated by email in advance of the AGM and a number of people who could not attend the AGM expressed their preferences for walks. This was discussed and it was agreed that anyone who is a member should have the right to vote by Proxy.

GAMP Funding and requirements; Marketing

The grant requires the money to be accounted for in terms of coach subsidy, marketing and the training of first aiders. The GAMP logo needs to be used. The accounts and walk record sheets are evidence of the coach subsidy. The intranet is provided free of charge by Dave O'Hara and the Domain licence is minimal cost and the GAMP logo will be put on the Clubs website. The club will be exhibiting at the Aycliffe Community Fair in 2013 but the cost of this is minimal. In addition to these it was proposed and decided that we should produce some professionally printed leaflets that can be handed out to people. The Committee will action this. First aid will be given to some members and this will again be arranged by the committee. It was suggested that regular articles reporting on walks and including a photograph could be sent to the Newton News to help publicise the club. This will be pursued through the year.

Donations

A £100 donation split between a fell rescue group and an air ambulance was agreed. This will be arranged by the Committee. It was noted that a number of members had contributed to these charities individually.

Structure of the voting sheets

It was pointed out that the structure of the voting sheet had reverted back from what had been agreed at an earlier AGM. This will be corrected for next year.

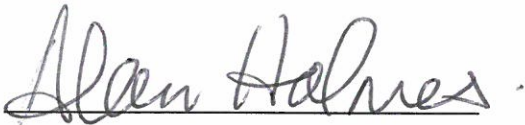
Discounts and Collaborations

The members were reminded that a discount has been negotiated with Cotswold Outdoor. To get this a current membership card and a letter (Available from Barry Wilkinson) are needed.

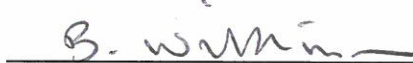
On the website, there is now an accommodation search with laterooms.com. If members use this, there is no extra cost to them but the commission will help to cover the costs associated with running the web site. In a similar fashion, using the on-line shop through the web site brings the same benefits.

8. Programme of Walks for 2013:

Nominations for 2013 walks were voted upon and hence selected. Details of these will be issued under separate cover to all members and posted on the club's web site when available: www.afwc.org.uk



Alan Holmes – Chairman & Walks Secretary



Barry Wilkinson – Secretary

10/11/2012

APPENDIX 1 – ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

AFWC AGM Attendance List (Nov 2012)

ILAN FOWLER	MICK BEALE	
BARRY WILKINSON	ANDREW JAKOB	
ALAN HOLMES		
ROGER COLLEY		
ANNE CUMMINGS		
CAROLINE TAKAULIS		
EDDY ADAM		
JAKE SMITH		
LENNY NUNN		
MARIA TODD		
SHELLA PINKNEY		
ALAN FOGETHAM		
MOIRA BAYNE		
IRN HARDCASTLE		
KEITH DODD		
MAUREEN RAINBRIDGE		
TIM JEANES		
BILL BUCKLE		
ADELE YATES		
GEORGE MORL		

AFWC AGM Apologies From: -

MATTHEW PANGHEN	DONNA HARRIS	KEN CUMMINGS
MICHELLE "	LORRAINE RICHARDSEN	JENNY CAMERON
PAUL BROOKES	GEORGE JACKSON	ISOBEL REMMER
ROB TURNER	IES SMITH	
SHAUN FIRTH	IAN MONKMAN	

APPENDIX 2 – Walk Reports

WALK SECRETARY'S REPORT ON WALKS DURING THE YEAR Nov 2011 to Oct 2012

November - Malham 45 travelled & enjoyed the same bright warm sunny weather we had enjoyed the previous month on Hadrian's Wall. The highlight of the walk, perhaps, was the ascent of Goredale Scar beside the beck. Many of those that tried to descend the scar got into difficulties and made a hasty retreat back up to safer ground. There's always another day! The trip was quite memorable for us all; for me especially, as I fell on a slippery limestone path and fractured a finger! (Alan Holmes)

December - Wensleydale (42 out). Many undertook high level walks; the surrounding hills had taken on a different complexion, there being lots of snow underfoot. The weather stayed kind and we all enjoyed a true winter outing. A quiz was organised for after the walk and all enjoyed sandwiches and chips in the pub at Askrigg before leaving for home. (Geoff Jackson)

January - Ryedale, NYM (34 out). I was away skiing during this walk but got a brief report from Rob Turner. "A welcome return to the North York moors, with the majority going for a 13.5 mile walk on which there was an excellent pub stop at lunch (The Hare at Scawton). Good weather, apart from a pretty bad hail shower and very high winds felt only when on the Cleveland way heading to Sutton Bank. The Feathers in Helmsley was a decent pub and the chippy brilliant. Many people saw deer and hares and there was a lot of pheasant shooting going on. The meet up with Ryedale walking group didn't really happen!" (Rob Turner)

February - Apedale. (39 out) Most did either walk one, a high level walk taking in Harker Hill, or walk five, a shorter walk starting from Reeth after an early breakfast halt but still taking in the high ground of Harker Hill; a handful did other walks but all had to put up with early rain, occasional snowfall and a day-long head wind! All, that is, except for two wise members who, very sensibly, stayed on the coach until it reached Gunnerside and set off, after the rain had cleared, to do a circular, well-sheltered and extremely interesting walk amongst the lead mine workings within the steep-sided Gunnerside Gill! Beer, sandwiches, soup and chips were enjoyed by all in the Kings Head pub afterwards! (Thanks to Jenny, Caroline and Tim)

March - Bassenthwaite to Caldbeck (44 out) A strong contingent alighted from the coach at Scales, and made straight for the nearest pub; another group got off in Threlkeld, preparing for a tough walk over the high hills of Blencathra and Knott; a third smaller group set off from the road west of Bassenthwaite Village to do the "focused walk" by ascending the Uldale and Caldbeck Fells, i.e. the route actually voted for when the walk was selected. All walked in bright sunshine until early afternoon when, as forecast by the Met Office, clouds rolled in and brought hail, snow and then constant rain until circa 4.30pm when most were arriving into Caldbeck. The Oddfellows Arms provided warmth, real ale and a friendly atmosphere for the raffle of unclaimed Xmas Draw prizes. (Thanks to Alan Fowler for planning the walk!)

April - Upper Eden Valley (36 out) The forecast had been quite discouraging and we were all pleased when the early conditions seemed to indicate that we might get a day with little or no rain. We were proved wrong as it rained on a number of occasions and we could also not have imagined the drama that would unfold during the day - both on the grounds above the Eden valley and then later, lower down within the valley. Andy Jakob was descending from Nine Standards Rigg around noon when he fell and broke his ankle - in almost identical circumstances to when Maria had her mishap. Lenny, Roger & others were on hand to assist the fell rescue team in the recovery operation, Lenny capturing the action on his camera, whilst still at the scene! Andy was airlifted to Carlisle hospital via Great North Air Ambulance and had his foot in plaster when I went through to collect him, and bring him home, later that day! Andy told me that the help he received from members that day was unbelievable and he expressed his thanks, that so many members had looked after him and shown so much concern for his welfare! We had a second unfortunate event, further south in the Upper Eden Valley and perhaps 2 hours later, when a girl on her first outing with us slipped in the wet conditions and sprained her ankle. Alison was able to get to the Moorcock and after resting her foot in the bar was able to travel back with us on the coach. You could say that "it never rains, but it pours" and it certainly poured, two or three major downpours seeing to it that most out that day received a good soaking! The Moorcock Inn was a welcome haven and most walkers declared that despite the accidents and the poor weather they had enjoyed a good day out! (Alan Holmes)

May - Grasmere to the Langdales (40 out) The forecast had indicated improving weather, but this seemed a little in doubt when the majority set off up Helm Crag. Things did improve and we all had a great day re-discovering the delights of Easedale Tarn, High Raise, Jack's Rake and the dramatic Langdale hills. Stickle Barn and the Walker's Bar at the New Dungeon Ghyll hotel provided welcome 'medication' for aching legs, resulting from steep descents down into Langdale. When we weren't climbing hills, Sheila kept us entertained with a liberal sprinkling of 'broadmindedness'. (Alan H)

June - Summer Camp: The planned camp at Lorton in the Lake District did not go to plan! A wedding in the Lorton area meant that B&B accommodation was fully booked and those among us used to enjoying more overnight comfort than camping affords, found it impossible to find suitable hostelry for the weekend. The organiser suggested going to the East Coast instead, and so several finished up staying near Robin Hoods Bay, whilst 2 or 3 hardy souls having already booked into the camp site at Lorton, stuck to their guns and stayed in the Lake District. Not having attended either "encampment" I must rely on those who did for views on the event and how it went. ?????? One thing is for sure. We must plan well ahead if the summer event is to be repeated this coming year! (I propose to return to this subject at the end of the meeting!)

July - Keswick to Cockermouth (32 out) Rain, rain and lots more rain! Many were panicking over the forecast of widespread rain and flooding - this due to the really heavy rain and flooding that much of the country had endured in the 2 weeks leading up to this walk. There was more heavy rain and floods due on the day; at least that's what the met office had been indicating! And so, many cancelled their seats on the coach, many asked if the trip was still on! Oh ye of little faith! As it turned out, the rain did not materialise and we enjoyed an absolutely gorgeous day in the Lorton hills; very bright, lots of sunshine and plenty of warmth - right through till the Bitter End! One of the better days out! (Thanks to Geoff Jackson)

Sept - Dockray to Thirlspot (Lakes) (26 out) It wasn't well publicised but this was the Club's 35th anniversary walk and we enjoyed another glorious day, with plenty of sun and clear blue skies! Like the July walk, we had minimal numbers out; not sure why! It was such a pity that so many missed the great weather! It was the most tiring walk for some time, but also the most rewarding. Many of those out enjoyed splendid views over Ullswater from the path encircling Gowbarrow, as well as dramatic views down Glencoyne from the Glencoyne Head path! Only three managed to ascend to the summit of Helvellyn. (Alan Holmes)

Oct - Appleby to Dufton (35 out) Yet another fine day was enjoyed for our visit to High Cup Nick and the surrounding hills. Quite wet underfoot but the exhilarating views down the Nick made up for it - and we had some canny beer and food afterwards, at the Stag Inn in Dufton. A memorable walk. (Thanks to Geoff Jackson for proposing the routes)

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Thanks to all those who helped with the walks programme for 2012. Hopefully we'll get more of you agreeing to champion walks, once we've voted on the 2013 programme!

APPENDIX 3 – ACCOUNTS

Income & Expenditure - Year: 1 November 2011 to 31 October 2012 ¹						2011-2012	2010-2011
INCOME		Members Paid	EXPENDITURE			PROFIT/LOSS	PROFIT/LOSS
Subscriptions	£300.00	60				£300.00	£320.00
Xmas draw tickets 2011	£794.65		Xmas Draw Prizes 2011	£395.13		£399.52	£292.09
Coach fares collected	£3,517.00		Coach Hire & Parking	£4,106.00		-£589.00	-£135.50
Bank interest	£3.06		Quiz Prizes	£53.00		-£49.94	£1.59
Donations	£4.50					£4.50	
INEOS Sports & Social Club grant ²	£0.00					£0.00	£1,000.00
GAMP grant ⁴	£1,000.00					£1,000.00	
Raffle on March walk	£51.00		Web Site Domain	£0.00		£51.00	-£10.79
			Miscellaneous	£0.00		£0.00	-£17.25
Total Income:		£5,670.21	Total Expenditure:		£4,554.13		
						Profit/Loss	£1,116.08
							£1,450.14

Balance Sheet at 04 January 2012					
Liabilities			Assets		
Creditors		£0.00	Fixed assets		£0.00
Reserves ³			Current Assets		
Balance brought forward from 2010/2011	£3,442.93		Cash at Bank	£3,829.01	
Profit/Loss	£1,116.08		Cash in hand	£330.00	
			Debtors ³	£400.00	
Total Reserves		£4,559.01	Total Current Assets		£4,559.01
Total Liabilities		£4,559.01	Total Assets		£4,559.01
Balance to carry forward	£4,559.01				

Notes:

1. Accounts run from 1 November to 31 October (Ready for the AGM on the first Wednesday in November).
2. The Aycliffe Fell Walking Club (AFWC) is a section of the INEOS Sports and Social Club (S&SC). The reserves held by the AFWC would be due to the S&SC should a winding up situation occur.
3. The coach hire fee for November 2011 was paid in October but appears in these accounts as it belongs in the current year. The Coach hire fee of £400 for the 10/11/12 walk was paid in October 2012 and is shown in these accounts as a debt owed to AFWC.
4. An application was made for a grant from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) which supports local amenities and organisations. A grant of £1000 was made and is shown in these accounts.

Individual walk profit/loss							
Outing Name	Income	Expenditure	Profit/Loss	Extras (not full trip)	People on coach excl. extras	Profit/Loss per person	Subs Collected
12/11/11 Arncliffe to Malham	£376.00	£410.00	-£34.00	4	40	-£0.85	
10/12/11 Wensleydale	£372.00	£370.00	£2.00	1	41	£0.05	36
21/01/12 Rydale	£340.00	£400.00	-£60.00	0	34	-£1.76	9
18/02/12 Apedale	£390.00	£388.00	£2.00		39	£0.05	2
17/03/12 Skiddaw	£426.00	£430.00	-£4.00	2	42	-£0.10	6
21/04/12 Upper Eden Valley	£350.00	£388.00	-£38.00	2	36	-£1.06	3
19/05/12 Langdales	£380.00	£440.00	-£60.00	4	40	-£1.50	3
07/07/2012 Lorton Fells	£303.00	£470.00	-£167.00	3	29	-£5.76	1
15/09/12 Matterdale Common	£250.00	£430.00	-£180.00	2	24	-£7.50	
13/10/12 High Cup Nick	£330.00	£380.00	-£50.00	0	33	-£1.52	
Totals	£3,517.00	£4,106.00	-£589.00	Average	35.80	-£1.99	60

