



**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2013**

1. Attendance & Apologies:

Attendance: Eddy Adam, Maureen Bainbridge, Moira Bayne, Mick Beadle, Chris Blank, Bill Buckle, Jenny Cameron, Kevin Cargill, Roger Colley, Shaun Firth, Ian Hardcastle, Donna Harris, Alan Holmes, Geoff Jackson, Andrew Jakob, Tim Jeanes, George Morl, Ken Mullen, Lenny Nunn, Geoff Oldham, Rachel Orange, John O'Sullivan, Sheila Pinkney, Keith Pringle, Lorraine Richardson, Jane Smith, Caroline Taukulis, Rob Turner, Barry Wilkinson, Adele Yates (30 members present).

Apologies: Gail Fitton, Alan Fleetham, Alan Fowler, David Hall, Brian Henderson, Isobel Rimmer, Maria Todd.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM:

Minutes of the 2012 AGM were issued to all present. Matters arising: Alan Fowler's continuing role as Treasurer had been unwittingly omitted at "6 Election of Officers"; apologies to Alan. George Morl proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting; seconded by Sheila Pinkney and accepted unanimously by a show of hands.

3. Chairman's & Walk Secretary's Report

The chairman gave a summary of the work of the club over the last twelve months and talked of the need to have a constitution. Passenger levels had been maintained at approx 33 per coach trip apart from the March walk, where numbers were dramatically lower (18) due to extreme weather conditions. There was much comment about passengers being unable to get to the pick-up points due to the conditions in March. Alan went on to give a summary of the walks, attendances and highlights of the last 12 months. Reports of walks that had been published by the Newton News were made available for members to peruse.

4. Secretary's Report

4.1 Several Groups and all members of the club were thanked for their help during the year.

4.1.1. Local press editorials are a valuable marketing tool & generate awareness of the club amongst the local community. Thanks to Andrew Jakob & Alan H for placing these in Newton News.

4.1.2. Dave O'Hara was thanked for his very valuable contribution in providing the Club's web site which continues to create interest in the Club. Members were reminded that there is a link to Laterooms.com and an online shop and that using these incur no extra costs but provide commission to help cover the cost of providing the web site.

4.1.3. The INEOS Sports and Social Club was thanked for their support during the year, providing the venue for the AGM free of charge and for providing a grant of £250 in the 2012-2013 year. The S&SC committee had also helped with the sale of Xmas raffle tickets which further increased income.

4.1.4. GAMP (The Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership) supported the club through publicity in their organization throughout the year and the grant that was received in our 2011-2012 year. We have applied for a further grant and there will be a club display at the "Forum and Community Voting Event" on Saturday 23 November - 11am to 3pm. Attendees were asked to support this event by going along and voting for the club. See minute "7.4 Any Other Business" for more details.

4.2. The membership currently stands at 75 but not all are active. Of these 50 were paid members, the remainder were INEOS Sports & Social Club Members or Life Members and one GAMP member.

5. Treasurer's Report

5.1. The Chairman presented the accounts from 1 November 2012 to 31 October 2013. These can be seen at Appendix 1. They show that the club is in a healthy financial situation thanks to the grants received from GAMP, the INEOS Sports and Social Club and profit from the Xmas draw. Without these the club would lose something in the region of £1,000 per year. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Tim Jeanes, seconded by Maureen Bainbridge and carried unanimously.

5.2. Earlier in the year a new account was opened with Barclays Bank PLC, following a decision by the Halifax Building Society to discontinue their Treasurer's account facility.

6. Election of Officers:

6.1. Barry Wilkinson resigned from the Post of Secretary but agreed to continue as a committee member and represent the club by sitting on the INEOS Sports and Social Club Committee. He was duly thanked for his contribution over the past three years, including acting as treasurer until Alan Fowler took over this position in 2011/2012.

6.2. Alan Holmes resigned from the position of Chairman, explaining that he wished to stand for the vacated position of Secretary.

6.3. Andrew Jakob was nominated as the new Chairman by Alan Holmes. This was then proposed by Geoff Oldham and seconded by Chris Blanks and carried by the meeting.

6.4. Alan Holmes then volunteered for the position of secretary and he was proposed by Sheila Pinkney and seconded by Andrew Jakob, this was unopposed and carried by a large majority.

6.5. Following a call for a further committee person to replace Andrew Jakob, John O'Sullivan offered to join the committee and was duly co-opted.

6.6. The elected officials are therefore:

Andrew Jakob – Chairman
Alan Holmes – Secretary
Alan Fowler – Treasurer
John O'Sullivan – Committee Member
Sheila Pinkney – Committee Member
Barry Wilkinson – Committee Member & S&SC Liaison.

7. Any Other Business:

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

7.1. **Constitution** (A draft constitution was written some three years ago). This was hurriedly put into place in September and submitted to GAMP as a condition of applying for a grant. It has since been refined and was brought to the AGM. It was issued to those present and read through aloud by the chairman. It was accepted with no objections and Barry Wilkinson will take it to AGM of the Sports and Social Club for ratification.

7.2. **Dogs on walks.** This follows enquiries by two members who have acquired a dog and from two potential members with dogs. The requests and practical consequences were examined in detail and discussed at length. It was put to the floor and some people had sympathy with the request, however the request was rejected by a large majority. (Two were in favour). It was stressed that those with dogs were still welcome to join club walks but they would need to travel independently.

7.3. **Walk Sheets in hard copy.** It was proposed to the meeting that with the advances in technology and most members having access to email, it would be more efficient and cost effective if members

printed their own walk sheets with just half a dozen printed sheets being provided on the coach for exceptions. In a similar fashion the hard copy sheets that are issued for the follow-on walk could be discontinued with one single sheet being circulated together with the booking sheet on the coach. The idea was put to the members and was carried with a large majority.

7.4. **GAMP Grant.** Sheila Pinkney presented the position regarding the grant application. We have applied for a new grant to support the club and Sheila has progressed this to the extent that there will be a club display at the "Forum and Community Voting Event" on Saturday 23 November at 11am-3pm. She handed out leaflets and registration for voting forms to those present. Other community projects will be represented and competing for votes and therefore members were asked to support this event and to vote for the club on the day.

7.5. **Qualified First Aiders** were identified as: Jenny Cameron, Sheila Pinkney, Maria Todd, Adele Yates

7.6. **Donations** The meeting agreed to donate to Keswick Mountain Rescue (Treasurer: Ian Wallace, Keswick MRT, Spooner Green, Keswick, Cumbria. CA12 4PJ) and to Swaledale Mountain Rescue (Secretary: Astrid McIntyre, Swaledale MRT, 5 Devon Court, Catterick Garrison, North Yorks, DL9 3EX); donations to be commensurate with the net profit made during the year.

7.7. **"Meet Ups" Forum.** John O'Sullivan informed the meeting of this forum that could lead to increased membership. The cost would be around £5 per month. The Committee will look into this.

7.8. **"No show"** donations to the club. Tim Jeans suggested that "No Shows" should be expected to make a donation. The meeting decided that "no shows", defined as those giving less than 24 hours notice of cancellation, would be expected to make a donation in lieu of the coach fare and that this would be requested by indicating such an expectation within the walk notification sheets and emails.

7.9. **Pick-up and drop-off for partial journey coach travel & coach costs.** This was raised because a journey was extended in order to get partial journey members back to their cars. It appears that this happens very rarely, and Alan Holmes agreed to bear this in mind when he plans the coach route, which is done using the exact AA mileage for the route. Whether the coach costs were competitive was raised and Alan explained that approximately every three years he sends out the detailed coach booking plan to other coach companies, to ensure that the club continues to get value for money.

8. Programme of Walks for 2014 and the Camping/B&B/Hostel Weekend

8.1. Nominations for 2014 walks were voted upon and hence selected. Details of these will be issued under separate cover to members & posted on the club's web site when available: www.afwc.org.uk

8.2. The Hostel/B&B/Camping weekend was discussed and following a rather wet camping weekend in 2012, it was suggested that the next camp should be in the vicinity of a bunkhouse or YHA Hostel. To this end Chris Blank presented Kettlewell as a suitable venue. This was agreed and it will take place on the weekend of Friday 20, Saturday 21st & Sunday 22 June 2014. Typical costs were approximately £40 for the Blue Bell Inn and around £19.50 a head for the YHA. The YHA had some double bed, triple bed and quadruple bed rooms for a small premium with breakfast at around £5.00.

Subsequent to the meeting Ian Hardcastle presented some slides of the year's walks, which were well received. Thanks to Ian, and also to Maureen Bainbridge for once again manning the bar.



Alan Holmes – Chairman (outgoing)



Barry Wilkinson – Secretary (outgoing)

APPENDIX 1 – ACCOUNTS

Aycliffe Fell Walking Club



Income & Expenditure - Year: 1 November 2012 to 31 October 2013¹

		Members Paid			2012-2013 PROFIT/ LOSS	2011-2012 PROFIT/ LOSS
INCOME			EXPENDITURE			
Subscriptions	£250.00	50			£250.00	£300.00
Xmas draw tickets 2012	£917.00		Xmas Draw Prizes 2012	£412.78	£504.24	£389.52
Coach fares collected	£3,148.00		Coach Hire & Parking	£4,195.00	-£1,047.00	-£589.00
Bank interest	£0.00		Quiz Prizes	£20.00	-£20.00	-£48.94
Donations	£120.00				£120.00	£4.50
INEOS Sports & Social Club grant ²	£250.00				£250.00	£0.00
GAMP grant ⁴	£0.00				£0.00	£0.00
Raffle - unclaimed Xmas prizes (April walk)	£42.00		Web Site Domain	£10.80	£31.20	£51.00
			First Aid Course	£16.10	-£18.10	£0.00
			Miscellaneous			
Total Income		£4,727.00	Total Expenditure		£4,654.86	
					Profit/Loss	£72.34
						£118.08

Balance Sheet at 15 October 2013

Liabilities		Assets	
Creditors	£0.00	Fixed assets	£0.00
		Current Assets	
Reserves ³		Cash at Bank	£4,431.35
Balance brought forward from 2010/2011	£4,559.01	Cash in hand	£200.00
Profit/Loss	£72.34	Debtors ³	£0.00
Total Reserves		Total Current Assets	£4,631.35
Total Liabilities	£4,631.35	Total Assets	£4,631.35
Balance to carry forward	£4,631.35		

Notes:

- Accounts run from 1 November to 31 October (Ready for the AGM on the first Wednesday in November).
- 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.
- The coach hire fee for November 2012 was paid in October but appears in these accounts as it belongs in the current year. The Coach hire fee for the 16/11/13 walk has not been paid at the time of these accounts.
- A grant from the Greater Aycliffe and Midridge Partnership (GAMP) has been applied for but has not yet been received. To make a direct comparison between the accounts, the 2012 grant has not been included for the 2012 figures shown.

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	Donations (No Show)
10/11/12 Housesteads	£330.00	£400.00	-£70.00	0	33	-£2.12		
08/12/12 Durham Coast	£300.00	£350.00	-£50.00	0	30	-£1.67	17	
28/01/13 Hole of Horcum	£280.00	£440.00	-£160.00	0	28	-£5.71	10	
23/02/13 Langdon Beck to Holwick	£316.00	£358.00	-£42.00	2	31	-£1.35	4	
23/03/13 Shap to Pooley Bridge	£180.00	£410.00	-£230.00	0	18	-£12.78	1	£70.00
20/04/13 Ingleborough to Horton	£400.00	£410.00	-£10.00	4	38	-£0.26	11	£40.00
18/05/13 Conistone Fells	£380.00	£457.00	-£77.00	2	37	-£2.08	8	£10.00
13/07/2013 Ullswater to Ambleside	£280.00	£440.00	-£160.00	0	33	-£4.55	1	
14/09/13 Bolton Abbey to Grassington	£300.00	£480.00	-£180.00	0	30	-£6.00		
12/10/13 Yorkshire Coast	£360.00	£450.00	-£90.00	0	36	-£2.50		
Totals	£3,148.00	£4,195.00	-£1,047.00	Average	31.60	-£3.84	50	