

**Committee Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021** held at 16:00h on Zoom

**Present:** Val B, Gill L, Lynda K, Joy W, Richard W, Jane L, Philip B.

1. **Chair's chat**

In the brief interlude in restrictions last year, it was good to see that several groups of members attended TDR walks and the interest was still there. My hope is that this will continue when we restart our walks this time.

2. **Apologies:** None

3. **Minutes of Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020:**

These were agreed by the Committee.

4. **Matters arising:** None

5. **Other matters:**

**Restarting walks safely– when and how**

The Committee decided that we will restart walks from week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> April, next week! Joy will collect walk offers from the four Walk Programme Co-ordinators, put them together and then pass them to Dave Patten for adding to the website. Any additional walks would then be slotted in. Lynda will contact Val Norris asking her to send out an email to all TDR members advising them of the restarting date for walks and asking for walk offers for April as soon as possible and also walks for May and June, to be sent to the relevant Walk Programme Co-ordinator. The Committee decided that a maximum limit of 12 walkers on each walk should be used initially and that places would be booked through the walk leader, who would record names and contact numbers on booking for NHS contact tracing. Numbers on walks would be reviewed at the next meeting in May. Joy had the details of walks which were cancelled from the January programme which might be offered again.

**Walk programme- online only or paper newsletter as well?**

Gill said that money is received from Area towards the cost of printing and posting the Newsletter/Programme and she has to put forward a budget to Area each year. Some members like to receive a paper copy so it was decided to look at producing one for July onwards, once we are in a more 'normal' situation. It was also suggested that we send out an email nearer the time asking if there are any members who do not require a paper copy but are happy to look at the website instead so they can be removed from the mailing list which would reduce the number of paper copies required.

**Walk box- lending items and listing on website**

Richard is now in possession of two large boxes of walk leaflets, walk books and maps which belong to TDR. He has made an inventory which he will circulate to Committee members. There was a discussion about how these items could be handed out safely on loan to members, but it was decided not to add the inventory to the website at the present time.

**Memorial walk for Anne Derbe**

Judi T and Robert W have offered to lead a walk in memory of TDR member Anne Derbe which the Committee approved of but it was suggested it might be better to wait until a larger group could walk together, hopefully in the summer. Joy will see what Judi and Robert have in mind.

**6. Officers' reports:**

• **Treasurer's report:**

See attached report. Gill said we are not spending much at the moment and she proposed that we make a further payment of £50 to Wendy Morrison towards the cost of the Zoom subscription as the Coffee mornings are still continuing and we are now using Zoom for our meetings. Lynda seconded this and it was approved by the rest of the Committee. There is still an outstanding payment to Val B of £5 which Phil needs to authorise electronically. Gill will organise both of these payments.

• **Membership secretary report:**

TDR membership is currently at 262 members which includes 16 new members in the past 5 months, so hopefully we will be able to meet some of these on our walks soon.

• **Footpath officer:**

Phil has been contacted by Kingston St Mary Parish Council regarding the footpath between the Church and Lodes Lane which is the subject of discussion with the landowner. The Parish Council may wish to obtain evidence from individual members of the Ramblers regarding the continuous use, and thus status, of this path, which is an important link in the network that enables walkers to avoid the use of the main road through the village. After discussing this issue, it was suggested that John O keeps copies of the walks programme dating back to the beginning of TDR which might give written proof that our walks included this footpath over a period of 25 years.

• **Area officer:**

Phil also mentioned that it has been agreed at the meeting of the Somerset Group Chairs that from 2022, Groups will in future take turns to 'host' the Area functions. The Chair of the

respective Group will become the Area Chair for the year, and that Group will host the AGM. In 2022 this will be South Somerset, with Taunton Deane having the responsibility in 2023. This was subsequently endorsed at the Area AGM.

**7. Summer walk Programme/Newsletter**

As previously discussed, it was decided to wait until July before producing this, both online and a paper version.

**8. AOB**

**Social events**

We have obviously been unable to hold any of these during the past year because of the situation with Covid-19. Jane will investigate suitable venues for a Christmas meal as popular venues get booked up quickly. Richard offered to scan a copy of the booking form from the 2019 Christmas meal which was printed in the programme to send to Jane as an example. Gill said we probably need a venue to hold 40 to 50 people and also to include the cost of tea/coffee in the meal.

**9. Date, time and place of next meeting :**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 16:00h on Zoom.

Meeting closed at 17.27h