

**Minutes of the Red Rope National Committee
Held at the Old Queens Head, Sheffield Saturday 8 March 2008
11:00am – 3:00pm**

Present: Andy Bateman (Chair), Pam Case, Steve Wright, Dave Jefferies, Jan Lancaster (Minutes), Pravin Patel, David Barnes, John Dickie
Apologies: Pat Durrant, Gill Platt, Colin Knowles, Janet Saunders, Yvonne Gilligan, Adrian O'Connor

Introduction and Welcome

1. **Minutes of the meeting 12 January 2008** were approved by David B and Jan L
 - a. Matters Arising: Download for Treasurer was done.
 - b. Trip Organisers pack changes are in hand by Becky B.
2. **Banding Review:** Dave J handed out a 'revised' banding review based on monthly/annual as well as weekly income. for discussion
Action: Janet S has volunteered to synchronise the Banding review and then ensure the implementation.

Much discussion: What is included in the deduction?
Fixed ratio between top and bottom bands
Monthly figures will be published – disposable income to be used (not net).

Target date for implementation: 1 May 2008. To be announce din MIS

Thanks to Dave for his work on this

Question: Do we need a fuller discussion on 'disposable income'?

Action: Dave J to send off 'review' to all members of the NC to inform them of the discussion.

3. **Mileage Rates.** Andy B addressed the issues:
 - a. Way in which we pay for car use and petrol and how that impacts on drivers.
 - b. 20% increase on petrol charges

Proposal: Put the mileage rates up immediately by 20%. Proposed by Andy
Seconded by John
Rates will be published in pence format and will be reviewed at the AGM.
Agreed unanimously.

However, our present system does not address the following:

- a. Difficult to predict costs ahead of a trip. Will driver get the sufficient reimbursement?
- b. Doesn't address s' wear and tear' on a car
- c. What proportion is petrol and what is not?

Action: John D and Andy B to pursue the above questions and present a paper at the next Meeting in July. Proposed by: Jan L
Seconded by: David B

4. **Hut Fund Alternatives:** Jan L read out Colin K's email re action jointly with Lancs Climbing Club.

Action: Colin K - NC would appreciate a full report on the actions taken both with LCC and other alternatives for the July Meeting.

5. **Out of region Transport Costs:** No action or discussion taken

6. **Gear:** Tabled until meeting in July

Action: Adrian O'Connor

7. Publicity:

a. John D had proposed sending letters to Universities (student clubs). This was discussed and it was unanimously decided not to pursue this action.

b. It was agreed that we needed a publicity officer but meanwhile Jan L was prepared to do some of the work i.e. badges and car stickers.

Action: Jan L will pursue buying more badges (101 as it's a cheaper option) and request that each region be asked to sell a minimum of 10 badges to its members. The personal kind of publicity is invaluable.

Action: Jan L will check over the Red Folder (compiled some years ago) and sent to all Regional Reps and ascertain if some changes are required.

8 Ramblers Association

a. There is a link on the web site.

b. The RA contact person on Red Rope web site needs changing

Action: Dave J

c. David B has proposed a motion for the AGM re amalgamation of RA/Access and Conservation roles.

9. Open Spaces Society. RR is described on their web site as 'RR walking and climbing club.

It was agreed unanimously that all links/publicity etc should read 'Red Rope Socialist Walking and Climbing Club' and/or www.Redrope.org.uk

10. **Privacy Policy:** No action taken

11. Standing Orders: Jan L distribut3d forms for discussion. David B states that it minimises work - Dave J thinks that it makes more work.

Action: Tabled until July meeting. Pat D and Pam C to explore the possibilities and ascertain whether it will minimise the work or not.

12. AGM 2009. It was proposed that we return to Gradbach in 2009.

13. Winding up NE Group: Agreed. Charlie F is the only member up there.

Action: Pat D will be asked to produce list of regions with less than 10 members and a list showing the number of members in each region for July meeting.

14. Report from Officers:

Treasurers Report: change over almost ready to happen. Next Tuesday Jenny P and Pam C are doing the hand over.

Trip Treasurer: No info has yet been sent to John D by Humphrey. Need to change signatures. One trip so far – successful and small surplus.

Action: John D will chase Humphrey re change over and deal with the change of signatures from Humphrey and Arthur to Adrian O’C; Pravin P, John D and Becky B.

National Trips Sec: Feb trip was successful. Easter was cancelled. May bookings going well. Sept bookings going well.

2009: Alex Mac hut booked for Feb; May - Glen Brittle. Easter - no decision taken yet. NY trip planned.

Membership – tabled until July

Bulletin – Agreed to refund David S £20 for a programme he had bought to do the Bulletin. Good edition just produced.

MIS – no report

IT: Dave J needs £10 to move Domains.

Training officer: Steve is preparing a ‘hut etiquette sharing’ document.

Safety on Hills booklet - will approach Plas y Brenin to see if still in print.

Action: Jan L will send him some good titles re safety on hills.

Action: Safety on Hills info will be put on Web Site by Dave J and Steve W
Will look into training weekends and trainers.

BMC – nothing to report. Links are now in PDF format and so less visible – applies to all clubs. PP will look into this.

15 Regions:

NW group is now CUMBRIA AND LANCAHISRE.

Action: All references to be changed by David B

London: Pam C reported that it's going strong – weekly walks and over-subscribed weekend trips.

Sheffield: Dave J – walks not going well attended but new co-ordinator has been appointed.

Manchester: Going well, new members. AGM planned and had a planning meeting at the end of Feb. Weekends planned and monthly walks, although not too well attended, particularly by old members.

West Midlands: One walk a month. Doing another 4 day hostelling trip

Any Other Business:

Attracting new members: idea to be discussed at next meeting i.e.:
Invite friends and family on a weekend on 'E' band

Action: John D to prepare a paper for discussion

NEXT MEETING: 11 12 13 July - Nant Peris, North Wales.
Meeting on late Saturday afternoon (to allow for time on hills)
All welcome.

Organiser: Pravin Patel – please send booking forms