

# SHEFFIELD VISUALLY IMPAIRED WALKING GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 5TH JULY 2019

AT SHEFFIELD ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND MAPPIN STREET

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME: A warm welcome from David
2. APOLOGIES: none recorded
3. MINUTES OF LAST AGM: Adopted as a true record
4. MATTERS ARISING: Membership Secretary's Report:-

Christine reported that membership is steady and that we have about 100 members. Numbers do fluctuate throughout the year.

Currently we have 88 people. New VIP members, Sandra Brumby, Melanie Kirk, Stella Naughton, Graham Straw, Kimberley Jones. New guides Marie Gelder and Margaret Smith. Sadly, we lost 2 members, Bob Priestley and his wife Jenny, original inspired Ramblers. We also lost Dan Bufton. We miss them all.

Dyane is going to do some training for the new guides.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report has been circulated to Members. It has not been a good financial year as we didn't have a challenge.

Cash at HSBC    £1,927.13

Cash at Skipton    £4,292.09

TOTAL            £6,219.22

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Firstly, I would like to thank Olwen and Wendy for looking after catering. David, Nigel and Stephen for the Bar and Sue and Norman for the raffle.

I would like a round of applause for the Committee Members who have served the members throughout the year.

Thanks also to the Team Leaders for getting us out in the fresh air on lovely walks and to Mike Jackson and the Peak Park Rangers.

A special thank you must go to the guides for consistently doing a good job and helping our membership to increase. Thanks also to all the VIPs

On the 11th May this year 18 members took part in our Challenge. Everyone completed the circuit and raised £1,377.65 to be split between SRSB and SVIWG. I would like to thank all the sponsors very much indeed.

Our holiday in Shropshire last year was lovely as was the hotel and staff. A special thank you to our Social Secretary Hilary Myers for organising and for organising our coach ramble, Christmas and New Year and the cruise for some of our members.

John Bater our Walks Coordinator is standing down and handing over the reigns to someone else. I just want to say what a wonderful loyal and faithful friend John is, a true gentleman.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank Gail for her fantastic job preparing the newsletters.

For the past 2 years it has been an honour to be Chair. Taking over from Christine wasn't easy, she set the bar high. I will stand

and serve for another 2 years.

## 7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected:

David Cadet Chair

Sue Hill Vice Chair

Treasurer Stan Wainwright

Social Secretary Hilary Myers

Membership Secretary Christine Hewitt

Minutes Secretary Pauline Bullivant

Gail Fagan Newsletter

Eileen Ingham Walks Coordinator

Martin Wing and John Bater - Advisory Capacity

Carol Adams and Brian Hirst are standing down from the Committee. I would like to thank them for their contribution to the group.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Christmas Dinner: Hilary has booked the Garrison Hotel at Hillsborough, there will be 10 people to a table. Hilary has circulated the menu and asked members to choose what they want and let Hilary know as soon as possible.

Holiday in September: Hilary has got hard copies of the information but will email everyone shortly. If anyone has any queries please don't hesitate to contact Hilary.

Cruise photos are on SRSB website/facebook. Information about a Cruise Walking Group is available and Steve read out the note that will be going on the website - everyone agreed.

First Aid Qualification: A note is to go in the newsletter to see if we can attract people. Christine will ask the same man who facilitated the last training session.

Thank you to David: The meeting closed by Norman thanking David on behalf of everyone for all the hard work he has put into the group over the last year.