MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND – GLASGOW GROUP held by Zoom on TUESDAY, 15th NOVEMBER, 2022

The meeting commenced at 7.05pm. Eighteen Group members were present from the start; a further member joined at around 7:25pm.

AGM 22/01 Arrangements for chairing meeting

It was agreed that, in the absence of an elected Chair, Barry Pottle should chair the meeting.

Barry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

AGM 22/02 Apologies for absence

It was noted that apologies had been received from Frances Arthur, Fiona MacKelve and Fiona McCann.

AGM 22/03 Minutes of the Thirty Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Group held on 23rd November, 2021

The Minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting and were approved.

AGM 22/04 Matters arising from those Minutes

None.

AGM 22/05 Annual Report of the Group Committee and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September, 2022

The Annual Report had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

- Re Magnificent 11 - Catherine Watt noted an article by Cameron McNeish (who attended the official opening of the route in June), was published in the November 2022 issue of The Scots Magazine – one of several articles giving good publicity for the route since its opening.
- Re Programmes – Catherine Watt thanked Geoff Der for compiling the figures summarising the past year's walks.

It was agreed to record that the Annual Report had been received by the meeting.

Copies of the audited Financial Statements had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

- Paula Wise asked where the Group's First Aid course had been publicised. Alan Watt replied that it had been included in several newsletters. It was organised because no such course is organised at Area or National level.
- Gary Linstead asked about 'Holidays' as a source of Group income. Alan Watt explained that the Group receives a small sum each time a member books with Ramblers Holidays.

It was agreed to record that the audited statements of account had been received by the meeting.

AGM 22/06 Election of Honorary Officers

As Barry Pottle was a candidate for election, it was agreed that Ian Brooke should chair this part of the meeting.

It was indicated that the following were willing to be nominated:

Chair – no nominee
Treasurer – Barry Pottle. Proposer Sandra West, Seconder Alan Watt.
Secretary – Sandra West. Proposer Catherine Watt, Seconder Helen Sweeting

Barry Pottle and Sandra West were unanimously elected as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.
(Following the election of other Committee members, they agreed to continue with the practice adopted at the past three Committee meetings of deciding a Chair on a meeting-by-meeting basis.)

AGM 22/07 Election of other Committee members

Ian Brooke also chaired this part of the meeting.

It was indicated that the following were willing to be nominated:

Frances Arthur
Terry Cassidy
Geoff Der
Yvonne Flynn
Gareth Morgan
Helen Sweeting
Alan Watt
Catherine Watt.

Gary Linstead proposed and Sandra West seconded that the above be elected *en bloc*. This was agreed unanimously and the nominees were duly elected.

AGM 22/08 Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2022/23

It was noted that the Independent Examiner should be independent of (i.e. not a member of) the Committee.

Gerard McCrear was proposed by Alan Watt, Seconded by Barry Pottle. This appointment was agreed unanimously.

AGM 22/09 Motions affecting the Group Constitution

The Chair pointed out that the Constitution required 28 days' notice to be given of any motions affecting the Group Constitution and no such motions had been received within that period.

AGM 22/10 Ordinary Motions

The Chair pointed out that the Constitution required seven days' notice to be given of any motions and no motions had been received within that period.

AGM 22/11 Election of Representatives to Area Council and Scottish Council

The Group was entitled to send three representatives to Area Council. It was noted that the function of Area Council is obscure to most Members.

Gareth Morgan was proposed by Helen Sweeting, Seconded by Gary Linstead. This appointment was agreed unanimously.

The Group was entitled to send one representative to Scottish Council.

Paula Wise was proposed by Sandra West, Seconded by Catherine Watt. This appointment was agreed unanimously.

AGM 22/12 Any other competent business

Ian Brooke asked for the Committee view on car sharing. Sandra West explained that, following a call for potential car sharers in the newsletter, there were now 4-5 volunteers who could be contacted by walk leaders to ask if they were interested in sharing their car on a non-public transport walk. After brief discussion, Alan Watt suggested the issue should be added to the agenda for the next walk leaders' meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 7.58pm.

Post AGM Speaker

We were very grateful to Professor Dee Heddon (James Arnott Chair in Drama at the University of Glasgow) who gave a talk about her interests in linking walking to the creative arts. This includes #WalkCreate, a research project which includes a focus on imaginative or playful activities that people may undertake whilst walking and creative interventions that may be encountered on a walk (e.g. art trails). A particular focus of her talk was The Walkbook: recipes for walking and wellbeing.