

SHERBURN BOGHOPPERS & HIKING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on 2 March, 2020

Present: J Sykes (Acting Chairman), B Beeton (Treasurer), J Mooney (Secretary),
Committee: D Dixon, I Smith, P Shackleton
Members: M Arnold, C Blanchard, P Bowman, P Davis, J Eldon, C Parkinson,
J Simpson, C Snowden, J & S Steele, B Wilson

In J Penrose's absence, J Sykes Chaired the meeting.

1. **Apologies** - J Penrose (Chairman), K Penrose, M Craven, S Fawell, P Backhouse, D & E Parker, B Little, S & L Doyne, E Mitchell.
2. **Minutes of the previous AGM were read and accepted as a true record – Proposed C Snowden, Seconded B Wilson.**
3. **Matters Arising** – None.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

First of all thanks to Pat & Dina for standing in when I have not been available. Also to Pat Backhouse

Balance £2389.86. We had a pretty good raffle at the Lion Inn. The coach fares never balance out, there is always a loss but members' subs make up for the loss. Overall, there were more losses than gains, overall loss of £462.50. Visitors fees were £266.50, so the overall loss would have been greater, therefore the visitors fees made a valuable contribution. The bill for the previous walk not yet received but estimate will be a £30-£40 loss. Had to pay £77 for website domain name, so surplus of £215 has been spent.

Not having coach walks in May and August helped. Ideally need 5 – 6 more walkers on the coach to break even.

Accounts have not yet been audited as B Little is still in New Zealand.

5. **Chairman's Report**

I am sorry not to be able to be with you and thank all of you that have been able to attend our 2020 AGM.

In reflecting on our last year it is impossible not to remember the sad loss of Martin Nulty on our Remembrance Sunday walk from Hutton le Hole, he will be greatly missed.

We have maintained our usual full programme with the exception of a walk in August since we have often experienced poor attendance during this month. We enjoyed good weather for our Lakes weekend which was well attended as usual with a growing number electing to stay 3 nights. The Christmas meal at the Lion Inn was also well attended and enjoyed by all.

The club continues to struggle to break even with the costs of coach hire and occasional low numbers on some of the walks. In the last year our loss on coach fares has been more than covered by subscriptions and the raffle but this may be largely due to not having walks in May and August. We have received some encouragement with much higher numbers on some of the walks and some new members and/or visitors. We will have to keep a close eye on subscriptions and coach charges but for the time being our current pattern of club walks would appear to be sustainable. With rising costs, a membership that is growing older each year and without a significant number of new members we will probably need to consider some recruitment strategies and/or a revision of the nature of our walk programme over the

coming years to secure the sustainability of our club. If you have any ideas please share them with members of the committee!

A big thank you to all the members that have prepared and led walks over the last year without whom the club simply would not function. And finally a thank you to those that have worked hard to keep the club functioning: our Secretary Jean; Walks Secretary John; Treasurer Barbara and her assistant Pat, and Mike for the website.

6. Election of Officers/Committee

Current Officers & Committee Members are all prepared to continue and E Mitchell has expressed interest in joining the Committee.

Proposal that the existing Officers & Committee are re-elected enbloc and E Mitchell be elected as a Committee Member - Proposed by P Davis, Seconded J Eldon - all agreed

B Little to remain as Examiner – Proposed P Davis, Seconded J Eldon – all agreed

7. BUSINESS MEETING

7.1 Constitution

Amended Club rules were discussed and accepted.
Proposed J Simpson, Seconded P Davis – all agreed.

7.2 Correspondence – None.

7.3 Finances

The Committee recommended that subscriptions should remain at £10 and fares at £11 for members and £13 for non members/visitors. The situation to be reviewed in 6 months but the Treasurer to raise the matter if needed before 6 months. – Proposed P Backhouse, Seconded S Fawell – all agreed.

7.4 Walks Programme

As in 2019 there would not be a walk by coach in August. Dates for 2nd half of the year – 19 July, 13 Sept, 4 Oct., 25 Oct., 15 Nov., 6 Dec. Walk + Lion Inn for Xmas Meal.

7.5 Lakes Weekend

Following another successful Lakes weekend in 2019 bookings had been made at the Patterdale Hotel for 2020. Deposits had been paid and the balance was due by no later than the walk on 26 April.

8. A O B

Contributions to be asked from members for the Air Ambulance in respect of M Nulty on the June walk being led by M Arnold