

## Merseyside Red Rope AGM Minutes

8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 via zoom

Present: Pat Nicholl, Jennifer Mirdamadi, Dave Symonds, Angela Brown, Lawrence Brown, Rod Kay, Jen Kay, Paul Grunnill, Isla Cameron, Andy Scott

Apologies: Anne Malone, Andrea Kelly- Lansley, Dot Calloway, Sue Joyce

Chair: Pat Nicholl

1 Pat welcomed all to zoom AGM that had been postponed due to covid lockdown

2 Minutes of the 2019 AGM were accepted as true and correct. All actions completed.

3 Officers reports

Finance report prepared by Dot.

Opening balance £626.34 and closing balance of £805.30. Accepted as accurate record of club's finances

PN asked if we had ever received the low band membership discount and whether we can claim in retrospect.

**Action for Dot to follow-up**

Membership Report

Verbal from Jennifer- Currently have 49 members, we have lost 9 members and gained 2 members during 19/20

Rod raised about needing to recruit younger members. This has been raised previously and PN suggested we have a separate zoom meeting about this.

**Action – PN to arrange Spring 2021- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 7.30 zoom**

Secretary Report

Summary of 2019-20 activity reported. 2020 activity limited to local walks due to covid pandemic.

Huts – 2 trips in 2019 but 2020 had to be cancelled

4 Election of Officers

All current Officers agreed to continue for 20/21, no other members expressed an interest in taking on positions

Finance – Dot Calloway

Secretary – Pat Nicholl

Membership – Jennifer Mirdamadi

Hut bookings – Andrea Kelly-Lansley

*Please note Social Media currently done by Sarah Thwaites but not discussed at AGM*

Thanks to all the Officers was expressed by the members.

5 Motion to change financial year

Pat Nicholl put forward a Motion to change Merseyside Red Rope's financial year to be January to December. This fits with a recent change by National Red Rope at the National AGM, and it falls in with the membership year.

The Motion was passed by all attending the Merseyside RR AGM and Dot Calloway, Finance Officer had emailed agreement.

**Action: Dave Symonds to inform National RR of this and Officers names**

6 Remembering Alan Armstrong

Dave Symonds wrote a piece for the RR Bulletin about Alan, with photos and quotes from a number of members. The meeting thanked Dave for his thoughtful article. Thanks was also given for the whole Bulletin and design- something cheerful to receive at end of a difficult year.

Dave has also been liaising with Alan's wife, Jane, and a memorial walk near Grange over Sands will occur when we are able to do this in 2021.

Merseyside RR members have donated £370 in funds in memory of Alan. £250 will go to the Woodland Trust to a site at Parc Mawr, nr Conwy N Wales where we can hopefully visit as part of a walk in 2021.

£120 will be donated to the Samaritans.

7 Walk schedule for Spring 2021

The club will be following government covid restrictions. Members are encouraged to organise local walks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, 6 people are currently allowed to meet together outside.

Jennifer asked that people circulate their favourite walks so members can do them as they wish.

8 **Action: PN to organise zoom meeting in January about future walks & hut booking  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 21 7.30pm Zoom**