

**RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION
MONKLANDS GROUP
WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2020 BY ZOOM MEETING**

The 35th AGM of the Monklands Group was held by Zoom due to Covid.

Attendance of Outgoing Committee

Bernadette Boulton	Chairperson
Douglas Bryson	Treasurer
Christine McMahon	Secretary

Ken Paton, Liz Cushley, David Rankin, Pat Rawlinson, David Dunn, Jacqueline Wilson

Apologies

Apologies were received from Kenny Weldon.

Agenda

The minutes of last years AGM were read along with the Summary of Accounts. These were approved by Ken Paton and seconded by Pat Rawlinson.

Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

Chairperson's Report 2020

Membership

The total Rambler Association membership of Monklands Group stands at 78 (2019: 83)
Membership consists of
INDIVIDUAL: 55 (2019:60)
JOINT: 23 (2019: 23)

We continue to offer a £5 introductory fare for anyone joining us for their 1st walk and this year we welcomed 6 new people. There has been an average of 40 new walkers in a normal year since the promotion started in 2014.

Committee meetings

The committee held meetings in Coatbridge Indoor Bowling Club and the Imperial Bar, Airdrie before the March lockdown.

Liz Hunt attended the Area AGM but not Scottish Council as lockdown was underway at this time.

Programme

The group were only able to have 10 walk days between October 2019 and March 2020. The Committee would like to thank Ken Paton for the task of producing the varied walks for the Winter and Summer programmes. We would also like to thank everyone who is involved with leading walks and all those who help with reccies.

Social Programme

The first social event of 2020 started with a short walk from Penicuik to Roslin with the meal at the Steading at 2.30pm. This was an excellent meal which we all enjoyed in the conservatory area of the restaurant.

Ten Pin Bowling

This was held on February 7th in Airdrie Bowling Club. This is always an enjoyable evening with 30 attending this year. The top scorers tied on an excellent 263 with winner Rob Mackenzie scoring more strikes to take the trophy and a bottle of wine ahead of runner-up Alan Robertson with third place going to Gavin McMoneagle, both winning a bottle of wine. The booby prize was won by Jackie Wilson who was delighted with her jelly babies. The four youngest players all received a prize of chocolate.

Quiz night

The quiz night scheduled for late March was cancelled due to the Coronavirus. It is our intention to hold this at a later date.

Easter Weekend

The Easter weekend was cancelled due to the Coronavirus. All going well it is hoped to visit the Royal Hotel in Oban next Easter. All members who had booked did eventually receive a full refund minus £6 each for the hotel's admin costs.

Election of New Committee

Christine read through the nominations, the new committee being as follows:

New Committee

Bernadette Boulton	Chairperson
Douglas Bryson	Treasurer
Christine McMahan	Secretary

David Dunn, Ken Paton, Kenny Weldon, Liz Cushley, David Rankin, Pat Rawlinson and Jackie Wilson.

Honorary Auditor

Alex Gillies

Motions No motions were submitted.

Representatives to Strathclyde Area

Liz Hunt

Scottish Council Representatives

Liz Hunt

Any Other Competent Business

Government and Ramblers Association advice for restarting club walks will be updated to members as and when it is received.

Date of next AGM

Monday 6 December 2021