

**RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION
MONKLANDS GROUP
MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2022 COATBRIDGE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB**

The 37th AGM of the Monklands Group was held in Coatbridge Indoor Bowling Club

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, Rob McKenzie

Apologies

Apologies were received from Liz Hunt.

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

A discussion took place with regard to the RA membership numbers which have decreased slightly. New membership forms will be handed out to people on the bus to attract new members.

Chairperson's Report 2022

Membership

The total Rambler Association membership of Monklands Group is down 2 and stands at 77 (2021: 79) We continue to offer a £5 introductory fare for anyone joining us for their 1st walk. The club welcomed 41 first time walkers with the group over the last year.

Committee

Committee meetings were held in Coatbridge Indoor Bowling club.

Programme

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 involved with leading walks and all those who help with reccies.

Monthly local Wednesday Walks

David Dunn restarted the Wednesday walks once a month during the summer. These were local walks which were easy to get to by car or public transport. These were attended by approximately 12-15 people on each walk. Thanks to David for organising these.

Booking on Walks

Booking on walks by text has continued with members notified in the newsletter of the booking contact. That person may be different from that week's walk leader. The newsletter is issued on the Wednesday after each weekend walk with details of the walks on offer and likely social stops. It also details any forthcoming social events.

Social programme

The club meal with short walk was held at the Forth Inn, Aberfoyle in March after a covid postponement in January. Thanks to Bernadette for arranging this. In June the club returned to Aberdour, Fife for a BBQ and games day.

Easter weekend

The Easter weekend break was held in the Royal Hotel in Oban. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the weekend, with a walk to Kerrera on the Saturday and on the Sunday some members arranged a trip to the Isle of Mull while other members did a local walk in Oban to the Connel Bridge. Thanks to Pat Rawlinson for arranging the walks and Christine McMahon for arranging the accommodation.

Finances

Douglas Bryson went over the club's financial reports. Despite significantly higher bus prices the club had a good performance financially thanks to high passenger numbers throughout the year. The group also benefited from sponsorship support from Inverhouse Distillers and North Lanarkshire Council.

It was decided that due to the increase in fuel cost that summer reccie expenses would increase to reflect the longer distances.

Tony Grimason and Stuart Sefton asked about the different accounts that we hold. Douglas explained that as a registered charity there were rules in relation to maximum balances on the accounts and more detail will be supplied to the committee.

Election of New Committee

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

New Committee

Tony Grimason	Chairperson
Douglas Bryson	Treasurer
Christine McMahon	Secretary

David Dunn, Ken Paton, Liz Cushley, David Rankin, Pat Rawlinson and Jackie Wilson, Rob McKenzie, Stuart Sefton

The committee welcomed Tony Grimason and Stuart Sefton onto the committee.

Christine thanked Bernadette for her time as Chairperson for all her work and commitment since she became Chairperson in 2014.

Honorary Auditor

Alex Gillies

Motions No motions were submitted.

Representatives to North Strathclyde Area

Ken Paton nominated Stuart Sefton and Rob McKenzie as representatives to North Strathclyde Area

Scottish Council Representatives

Ken Paton nominated Stuart Sefton and Rob McKenzie as representatives to Scottish Council

Any Other Competent Business

Christine handed out a first aid kit to Stuart and more of these can be bought for new leaders. Compeed blister pads were also handed out.

Tony mentioned some ideas for social events. A Burns night was discussed and Tony could do the toast to the haggis. A piper could also be hired and an enquiry to the bowling club to see if they could do any catering or if we could do it ourselves. The date he had in mind would be Friday 27 January. A murder mystery night was also discussed and perhaps an indoor bowling competition as well.

Date of next AGM

Tuesday 21 November 2023