DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
held on Wednesday 26 July 2023 at 7.15 pm

Present: Richard Jack (Chair), Dave Twigg (Programme Coordinator), John Samson (Area Rep), Lynne Atkinson (Membership Secretary), Sue Mears (Social Secretary), Stuart Tyler (Footpaths Secretary)

1. **Welcome by Chairman**
The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked DT for hosting the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Chris Rimbault and Margaret Machin.

3. **Minutes of the last Meeting (10/5/2023)**
The minutes were approved.

4. **Matters arising from previous Minutes**
No matters arising

5. **Officer's Reports**

(a) **Treasurer's Report**
Currently there is £922.83 in the main account and £865.88 in the social account making a total of £1788.71. We have just received the 4th quarter payment from Area. A small surplus was made on the coach trip and on the weekend away.
JS pointed out that at a recent Area meeting there was some discussion about several groups, not named, having reserves in excess of 100% of their annual expenditure and area would be looking into this.
It was suggested that we should spend some of the money out of the main account to buy first aid kits but as these would go out of date every year it was decided to buy some antiseptic wipes and plasters in bulk and distribute these to walk leaders. (SM agreed to organise this.) Another idea was to purchase the Group OS app and DT agreed to look into this.

(b) **Membership Secretary's Report**
Membership stands at 131. We lost 5 members between 1 May and 26 July 2023, two members had moved group, two members had resigned and one membership had lapsed.

(c) **Programme and Web Report**
(a) <u>Web Site</u>
The transfer from the new web site went well but some people were finding a few issues when trying to enter their walk.
Some members still hadn't given their permissions in order for their walks to be entered on Walks Manager.
All the Committee meeting minutes are now on the web site.

DT gave a demonstration of how to enter details on Walks Manager.

(b) Programme
No new walks have been offered to DT. We desperately need new walk leaders and although some members had offered to lead walks none had been forthcoming. SM offered to lead a walk from the Outwoods up to the sculpture trail at Beacon Hill and LA offered to lead a walk from Queniborough.

(d) **Social Secretary's Report**
There were 20 people going on the Church Stretton weekend.
The breakfast walk on Wednesday 5 July went well.
The evening social river walk on Wednesday 19 July attracted 15 people.
A date of Saturday 13 April was suggested for the Malvern coach walk. DT to put on web site.
The AGM was arranged for Wednesday 1 November. SM to book venue and DT to put on web.

(e) **Report from Area Committee**
Area needs a new Secretary and new Communications Officer.
The Area AGM had been arranged for Saturday 27 January at the Linford.
There were some grumbles about the format of risk assessments and a suggestion that in future all walk leaders will need training mainly to do with insurance.

JS is unable to attend the next meeting. If anyone wants to take his place at the Area Executive Committee meeting at 19.30 on Thursday 19 October by Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85040043991?pwd=ZHVoQ0RadS82ZFllc29nTXU5YTU0QT09 contact the Secretary Katherine.Hardwick@samworthbrothers.co.uk

(f) **Footpath Officer's Report**
At present no planning permission had been put in for the quarry extension in Mountsorrel.
Two planning applications had been submitted, one in Thrussington at the Old Mill where they want to put some containers and works on the lane, and one at Tickow Lane in Shepshed where they want to build 350 houses.

6. **Attendance and Recce Forms**
It was agreed that walk leaders would keep their own recce forms for three years but that the attendance forms should be destroyed. DT would remove Tony's details at the bottom of the form.

7. **Any Other Business**
There was no other business.

8. **Date of Next Meeting.**
Wednesday 4 October 2023.