

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
DERBYSHIRE DALES GROUP
OF
THE TR REGISTER.**

HELD AT THE SOUTH WINGFIELD SOCIAL CLUB, DE55 7LX

12TH APRIL 2023

1. **Minutes.** It was agreed that Chris Thirtle would take the minutes of the AGM.
2. **Apologies.** Simon Cowling, Peter and Kate Callendar, David and Linda Smith, Roger and Chris Topley, Alan Hawley.
3. **Attendees.** 29 in total. David Burgess (GL) Ryan Walker (Treasurer) Chris Thirtle (Scribe) Alan Jones (Webmaster and Communications) Gareth Southwell, Darren Solomon, Alan and Liz Ford, David and Val Sygrove, Michael Miller, Jim and Chris Tully, Peter Jenkinson, Carole Bonsall, Barry and Hazel Cockayne, Dave Worne, Gwen Walvin, Robert Griffiths, Penny Heath, John Browett, Martin and Helen Flanders, Sarah Southwell, Geoff Brown, Phil and Jenny Kirk, Ian Walker.
4. **Group Leaders Report.** Dave Burgess, Group Leader (GL), opened the AGM with an overview of the previous year's events. He thanked Dave Worne, Gwen Walvin, and their band of helpers for their efforts in making many of them happen. He also thanked Jim Tulley and Barry Cockayne for stepping up to organise The Peaks Weekend 2023. He then made a plea for more volunteers to come forward and take on organising Group runs and other events through the year. The first 'leaderless event' was noted as being 'Drive It Day' on 23 April 2023; less than 2 weeks away. The Group is only active and successful if its members make the effort to make it so, and the GL made clear anyone 'putting their head over the parapet' would be supported in their endeavours. Finally, the GL explained that the Group had still not found a new regular venue for its meetings, but hopefully a decision would be made at this AGM.
5. **Minutes of AGM 2022.** The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and the GL asked they be accepted as a true record.

Proposed by Dave Sygrove, seconded by Gwen Walvin. Carried unanimously.

6. **Treasurer's Report.** The GL led this item on behalf of the Treasurer due to some complexity with regarding the financial documentation provided to Members due to the Club 'account' currently being held by the TR Register Main Office. As such, there wasn't quite the clarity or detail some Members would have preferred.

The GL, whilst acknowledging the limitations, asked that the accounts as circulated be accepted.

Proposed by Chris Thirtle, seconded by Jim Tulley. Carried unanimously.

The accounts did show that the Group had uncommitted reserves of around £3000 and had increased its reserve by almost 10% over the year. A discussion ensued concerning what an appropriate reserve of Group funds might be. It was generally accepted that the reserves needed to cover the Groups biggest financial risk of the Peak Weekend, where significant advance payments were required to secure venues and bands while uptake was

unknown or, at worst, could be nil in the event of restrictions such as had been seen during the Covid pandemic. It was also noted that venues had, due to the recent surge in inflation, increased their charges significantly from last year.

Decision. The Treasurer will continue his work to identify and open a suitable bank account for the Group funds at the earliest opportunity.

Decision. Club events will continue to be planned and costed on a 'break even' basis.

Decision. The Group reserve will be maintained at around £3000 but allowed to increase in line with annual inflation should events run at a slight, unplanned, profit.

The decisions outlined above were then proposed by Dave Worne, and agreed unanimously.

7. **Election of Officers.** The Steering Group consists of: Dave Burgess (Group Leader) Ryan Walker (Treasurer) Chris Thirtle (Scribe) – all of whom were prepared to stand for re-election. Alan Jones (Webmaster and Communications) who had maintained a 'caretaker role' since announcing his intention to stand down at the last AGM was not willing to be re-elected.

Sarah Southwell was the only volunteer offering to take over from Alan Jones.

Decision: The GL asked that the GL, Treasurer and Scribe were voted back in, with Sarah Southwell being voted in to replace Alan Jones.

Proposed by Alan Jones, seconded by Dave Worne. Carried unanimously.

8. **Proposal for a permanent Club Night Venue(s).** The GL outlined the current state of play and history behind trying to find a new 'permanent' meeting venue for the Group. Three courses of action had become apparent:
- a. Continue to use The South Wingfield Social Club.
 - b. Return to our old haunt, The Amber Hotel.
 - c. Use 2 venues alternately: The South Wingfield Social Club and The Crispin at Great Longstone.

A lively discussion was had. The dual venue option was discounted due to a belief the Group should commit and be loyal to one venue. The Amber had yet to re-open and there was no evidence that any of its shortfalls had been addressed. It was agreed the South Wingfield Social Club was certainly the venue of choice for winter meetings and formal occasions, such as the AGM, but there was less certainty that it was a place we'd want to meet on a sunny summer evening. The meeting was fairly evenly split on the issue. The GL then proposed trialling a second monthly meeting in the 'driving season' which would be held on a Tuesday. This might enable those who were not able to attend on a Wednesday to be more active in the Group and could also cater for those on the more northern fringes of our area. The Crispin at Great Longstone was generally considered a good option for this Tuesday meeting in the first instance. This idea was favourably received. The discussion then resolved around whether this should be activated on a 'short notice' basis when weather conditions were suitable or, should be pre-agreed to allow people wishing to attend to plan their schedules accordingly.

Decision. The South Wingfield Social Club would be the new permanent home for the Group's routine meetings, which would continue to be on the second Wednesday of the month throughout the year until further notice.

This was agreed with one abstention (Darren Solomon).

Decision. During the main summer season months, nominally April to September inclusive, there would be a second Group gathering on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The first gathering would be on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at The Crispin, Great Longstone.

Action. Chris Thirtle to confirm venue availability with The Crispin.

The formal business of the AGM concluded at this point.

9. AOB.

Barry Cockayne advised the Group that The Great British Car Journey, Ambergate, were planning a Triumph Day on 16 July 2023. More details would be provided once the event was confirmed.

Chris Thirtle reminded the Group that as Scribe writing for TR Action, he needed members to provide him pictures and words about their TRing activities. For example, he had heard nothing from the Pre-Season Lunch, or about anyone's early season drives over the sunny Easter Weekend. His deadline for providing copy for the next edition was 19 April 2023.

Dave Worne raised 4 issues:

- a. The Pre-Season Lunch at The Black Swan, Ashover had been well attended but the food and service had been a big disappointment. Dave proposed the Group create a 'living document' on the website listing venues where members had had good experiences such that Group members and TR'ers visiting our area could access it and find recommended places to go.
- b. Dave re-iterated that WhatsApp should not be seen or used as the prime method of communication with Group Members as less than a third were signed up to the WhatsApp group.
- c. Dave suggested the Group consider having a small budget to enable to purchase of quality raffle prizes. The GL then asked Members to be generous and donate quality prizes as well.
- d. Dave reminded the meeting that, whilst still over a year away, a venue and dates for Peak Weekend 2024 should be secured.

Decision: Dave Worne, supported by Gwen Walvin, will secure the venue and agree dates for Peak Weekend 2024.

The GL reminded the meeting that Barry Cockayne had not been at the Annual Dinner to receive his Gold Award for organising the 'Best Run Of The season'. The GL then invited Barry to accept his award.

There being no further business, the GL closed the meeting at 2055.

Minutes taken by: Chris Thirtle