St Andrews & North East Fife Ramblers

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Zoom at 7pm on Monday 15th November2021

Attendance 12 members joined the meeting, with AGM chaired by Convener Jane Houston

Apologies 6 members and Guest Speaker Jeannie Cranfield

Adoption of minutes Minutes of AGM dated 9th November 2020 proposed Jim Coates seconded Christine Arnold.

There were no matters arising from Previous Minutes

Convener's Report already sent out. The Convener also thanked Jim Coates for arranging the Holiday at Stranraer, and Ian McKenzie who is standing down as Treasurer for his long service to the Group. A voucher will be presented as an acknowledgement to Ian .

Secretary's Report already sent out, there were no questions relating to this Report.

Treasurer's Report already sent out by acting Treasurer. There was a discussion relating to Mileage for Walk Leaders preparing a walk. It was agreed this would be set at ISpence per mile if claimed.

The accounts will be audited at Financial Year End by Independent Examiner [ D Cameron ] as normal for this Financial Year.

Walk Convener's Report already sent out. The Convener advised that He will now put the remaining walks until March 2022 on the website.

Press Correspondent's Report already sent out, there were no questions relating to this Report.

Area Representative's Report already sent out. The Area AGM will take place on Saturday 20th November. 2 members agreed to attend on behalf of the Group. The Area has now purchased a Gazabo and tables and chairs for use of the groups at Shows etc.

Webmaster's Report. already sent out. The webmaster elaborated on the terms and conditions relating to the Website which have been amended.

The site now has a SSL certificate which should improve security and raise the profile on Google searches.

Holiday Convener's Report. already sent out, The Holiday Convener advised that he wished to step down, but would be willing to help anyone who was willing to take on this role

Election of Office Bearers 2021-2022

The position of Treasurer was now vacant. Will Aitken was willing to take on the task. There were no other nominations. Proposed Brian Conway Seconded Frances Neilson.

The following nominations by the Committee were all proposed, and with no additional nominations, were elected by acclamation of the members present

Convener Jane Houston Secretary Jim Coates

Walks Convener Colin Brown Press Correspondent Jane Houston Webmaster Michael Hammond Area Representative Jim Forret

Proposed Brian Conway Seconded Frances Neilson Independent Examiner

The Committee appointed Nicky Haxell to become the Examiner for future years to facilitate Dorothy Cameron being a third party for purposes Cheque signing.

Election Committee Members

The following nominations by the Committee were elected by acclamation of members present.

Susan Richmond, Christine Arnold & Carol Philip

Delegates for Area, Scottish and General Councils

As usual the Committee will arrange delegates if required. It is likely the events will take place by Zoom again.

AOB Will Aitken is completing an inventory of the remaining stock of Walks Leaflets. He has also found previous records which he will pass on.

2 members raised the questions of notice of cancellation at short notice if severe weather conditions arose suddenly. The group considered that the

Walk Leader attending the meeting place should be adequate along with a notice on the website. They also raised the question of the walk leader carrying a survival tent if a member was injured. The group did not feel this was necessary although some members carry survival bags in their kit.

The next AGM Meeting will take place on 14th November 2022. The meeting then closed at 8.25pm