



Minutes for DCRA Quarterly meeting on 3rd Dec 2018

Agenda

- Apologies
- Chairman's Report
- Treasures Report
- Secretaries report
- Membership report
- Trips and activities report
- Walking group report
- AOB

Chairman's Report

Apologies from Don Surridge, Dave Townsend, Mavis Crockett, Rob Wardle, Steve Krause and Fred Lees.

22 people attended the meeting

Bereavements

Sadly, we report the passing of Les Luxton, Val Vinicombe and Derek Grigg

Secretaries Report

The minutes from last month were revised and no matters arising.

Glitches in email and posting of minutes seem to be fixed. The constitution has been modified and a copy will be sent to Val for posting on the website.

<http://www.val.t.caple.care4free.net/DCRA/>

Treasurers Report

Margaret went through the financial report and a copy is attached. Current balance is 6566.95

Membership Report

Nothing new to add from last meeting. DCRA now has 307 members. Reminders for payment will be sent in January.

Walking group Report

Stuart went through the walking group report (full report attached).

Trips and Activities Report

The Christmas lunch is now full with 30 people and due to the great response some had to be declined.

More activities to be announced including Quiz nights, Fish and chip supper, short holidays (e.g. Eastbourne, Llandudno) and day trips.

At a recent Committee meeting it was decided that the Association would not be sending Christmas cards to members this year but instead it would make a £50 donation to charity by a vote at the 3rd Dec meeting. The charities were:-

British Heart Foundation (7 votes)

Barry dock Life Boat (1 vote)

Welsh Air Ambulance (10 votes)

CALM (0 votes)

Therefore, a donation will go to the Welsh Air Ambulance.

AOB

It was requested that the committee should try to get a microphone for the next meeting as the acoustics in the room are very poor. GVS hire equipment free of charge.

All meetings to be at the Nature Centre near the South Gate at Dow.

March 4th, 2019 at 2pm at the Nature Centre

June 3rd, 2019 at 2pm at the Nature Centre

Sept 2nd, 2019 at 2pm at the Nature Centre

Dec 2nd, 2019 at 2pm at the Nature Centre

DOW CORNING RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION WALKING GROUP
REPORT TO 3rd DECEMBER 2018 MEETING

The September walk was one of the rare 'linear' walks that we undertake, starting in Rhossili, trekking along the delightful Wales Coast Path and cliffs through Port Eynon (an enforced Ice Cream stop) before the final push to Oxwich Bay to complete the 13 to 14 mile challenging, but popular walk. Whilst the cars were being shuffled about one walker (mad) went swimming and then all 8 walkers settled down to a freezing cold pint of Doom Bar (or whatever took their fancy) lounging in the Oxwich Bay hotel lounge reminiscing until late.

In October 10 walkers met up in Ogmore Vale to walk over the Mynydd Llangeiwyr and William Meyrick enjoying the stunning views into the Ogwr and Upper Rhondda valleys before passing a number of hang gliders moving along the escarpment and then being dwarfed by the numerous whirling wind turbines. A very enjoyable 12 mile medium to challenging walk, mostly over grass or heathland – a joy!

It is always good to have a new walk in an area that we have not walked in before and that was the case for the November walk, which was based in Mitchel Troy, just south of Monmouth. The 8 mile walk was proposed and led by Peter Davies who until recently used to live in Monmouth. Surprisingly, some 13 walkers turned out, which in light of the weather forecast (rain and wind) was remarkable. We wended our way through the lovely hamlets of Craig-y-dorth, Cwmcarnvan, Glanau, Meend Farm, along meadows with lots of livestock munching away at the luscious grass, up hills, through woods with the leaves turning colour and falling, past some delectable country houses and property. Oh, almost forgot – over 20 stiles. All in all, very pretty. Thanks Peter.

The 2019 DCRA Walking Group Walking Programme has been compiled, published and distributed, with valuable inputs from the members. It looks exciting.

Our June 2019 week long walking holiday at Lake Bled, Slovenia has been booked.

Upcoming walks are;

5 Dec	Ogmore Stroll: Pelican in Her Piety for Christmas lunch	5	E
	Meet 1030 at Pelican car park on B4524 (CF32 0QP)		
1 Jan	Traditional New Year's morning Pen Y Fan climb.	4.5	M
	Meet 1030 Pont yr Daf car park 600m south of Storey Arms on A 470		
9 Jan	Penarth, Barrage, Cardiff Bay, Mermaid Quay, Wetlands	6	E
	Meet 1030 Plymouth Park (Nr Tesco's), Penarth Haven (ST 179 725)		
6 Feb	Wenvoe, The Downs and St. Nicholas – Neolithic trail	7.5	E/M
	Meet 1030 Station Road West, Wenvoe (ST 124729; CF5 6AG)		

Anyone wishing to join, or wanting more information may contact Stuart McMillan (Tel 029 2070 5234, or e-mail mcmillan42H@talktalk.net).

Dow Corning Retirees Association					
Income and Expenditure Account for 2018 to November 30th					
2018 Income			2018 Expenditure		
Welfare	0.00		Welfare	180.00	
Members Subscriptions	498.00		Xmas cards/gifts	0.00	
Admin	0.00		Admin	512.68	
Coach Trips	574.00		Coach Trips	590.00	
Annual Dinner/Lunch	0.00		Annual Dinner /Lunch	34.00	
Interest earned (Sept.1st)	0.76		Nordic Walking Group	0.00	
			Skittles Group Expenses	0.00	
			Walking Group Expenses	347.85	
			Secretary's Expenses	0.00	
			Treasurers Expenses	0.00	
			Subs	0.00	
	Total Income	1072.76		Total Expense	1664.53
Surplus for 2018 (Mar 10th)					-591.77
Balances -End of Dec. 2017			Balances - November 30th 2018		
Current Account	4948.31		Current Account	4283.63	
Unpresented Cheques at the end of 2017	-60.00		Unpresented Cheques	-40.00	
Savings Account	1663.91		Savings Account	1664.67	
Treasurers Float	0.00		Treasurers Float	0.00	
Secretary's Float	0.00		Secretary's Float	0.00	
Skittles Float	4.18		Skittles Float	4.18	
Walking Group Float	10.55		Walking Group Float	62.70	
Coach Trips Float	0.00		Coach Trips Float	0.00	
DC Shop Float	0.00				
			Net Assets year to-date	5975.18	
			Minus surplus year to-date	591.77	
	6566.95			6566.95	

