

Minutes for DCRA Quarterly Meeting 2nd March 2020

Agenda

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

Chairman's Report

8 people attended the meeting

Apologies from Graham Pugh, Mike Dams, Steve Kraus, Rob and Jane Wardle, Sue Taylor, Jo Stacey Davis, Sue Sugden, Dian Doble, Ruth Beasley, Robin Pitcher, .

Bereavements

Phil Heath, Joan Raum (a founder member of the Friends), Ron Halm (Midland), Alan (Iggy) Thomas, Gordon Stillman,

Secretaries Report

The minutes from last month were reviewed and there were no matters arising.

Treasurers Report

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

Membership Report

Val sent out reminders and 23 people have not responded. The news letter was sent out and we would all like to thank Val for doing this again this year.

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Walking group Report

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

Trips and Activities Report

We are still looking for a social events organizer. Anyone interested please contact a member of the committee.

AOB

Meeting Dates for 2020

21st September AGM 2pm at the Nature Centre

7th December 2pm at the Nature Centre

Next Meeting was going to be 29th June but due to the Covid19 situation this was cancelled. The next meeting will be the AGM on the 21st of September at the Nature Centre as long as the restrictions have been lifted.

**Potential speakers for future meetings are
Barry Action for Nature
Barry Docks Lifeboat
McMillan Nurses and their work
The Dow Environmental Center
Dyffryn Gardens**

We were planning to have a talk by the RNLI in September but this is dependent on the reopening of the Nature center and availability of the speaker. We will keep you all posted.

DOW CORNING RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION WALKING GROUP
REPORT TO 2nd MARCH 2020 MEETING

The December walk needed to reflect the previous recent and current weather conditions of too much rain with resultant sodden ground, lots of mud and flooded paths. So instead of the intended six mile 'Three Saints' walk around St Fagans, St Brides and St Georges we met at St Fagans museum and walked around the external exhibits for 5 miles before 19 members retired to the Plymouth Arms for a delightful Christmas lunch. Very nice it was too.

On New Year's Day seven intrepid walkers braved the weather to climb up PenY Fan and found conditions on the top to be cold, windy and cloud bound – visibility was less the 20 metres. After sampling a wee tot and sending out numerous texts to friends and families we descended to Pont yr Daf, meeting crowds of walkers making their way to the top. We finished off the walk with hot mulled wine, mince pies, shortbreads and coffee. Great!

Kenfig Burrows near Port Talbot steelworks was the starting point for the January walk which attracted 14 walkers for the 7 mile, easy walk to Porthcawl and back, mostly on the very accessible Wales coastal path. It was fairly windy so the sea looked spectacular with plenty of surfers out in Rest Bay taking a ride. We found the recently opened Surfer's Café/Bar where we had a coffee or beer and lunch. We returned partly via a country lane before re-joining the coast path back to the Visitors car park at Kenfig. This walk was suggested and led by Julia and Dave Fulford.

We drove up the Rhondda Valley to a small side valley at Blaencwm in February to complete a 6 mile, moderate walk through delightful valleys, woodland and open ground, with good views over both valleys, walking on good made up paths or muddy and flooded rutted tracks, which caused some walkers to 'fill their boots' literally. We descended alongside some dramatic waterfalls in a steep sided, deep gorge, before coming out into meadows and back to the cars. We had sun nearly all the way, largely thanks to our group weather man Mike Dams. Interestingly

some walkers could remember doing this walk in 2012, whilst other not. Umm? This walk was suggested by Philippa and Simon who led the walk.

Upcoming walks are;

4 Mar	Llantrisant Forest and Llanharan	6	M
	Meet 1030 Llantrisant Forest, Forestry Commission Car Park (ST 025 847) off A4119 to Tonyrefail		
1 Apr	Raglan and Raglan Castle	7	E
	Meet at 1030 at roadside lay-by on A40 near Raglan (SO 413 079)		
6 May	Clytha and Bettws Newydd (Bluebell walk)	8	E
	Meet at Clytha NT car park at SO 362086 National Trust		

These were cancelled due to the Covid19 situation and will resume when the lockdown is lifted.

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

We thank the Retiree's Association and the Executive for their continued support.

Dow Corning Retirees Association

Income and Expenditure Account for 2020	
Particulars	Rs.
Income	
Subscription	1000
Donation	500
Interest	200
Sale of old books	100
Income from bank	50
Income from other sources	100
Total	2050
Expenditure	
Purchase of books	1500
Rent of hall	200
Salaries	100
Printing and stationery	50
Repairs	50
Total	1900
Surplus	150

2020 Income		2020 Expenditure	
Welfare	0.00	Welfare	20.00
Members Subscriptions	338.00	Xmas cards/gifts	21.00
Admin	0.00	Admin	66.60
Coach Trips	0.00	Coach Trips	0.00
Annual Dinner/Lunch	0.00	Annual Dinner /Lunch	0.00
Interest earned	0.14	Nordic Walking Group	0.00
		Walking Group Expenses	0.00
		Secretary's Expenses	0.00
		Treasurers Expenses	0.00
		Subs	0.00
Total Income	338.14	Total Expense	107.60

Surplus for 2020

230.54

Balances -End of Dec. 2019

Balances - February 29th 2020

Current Account	3419.59	Current Account	3444.99
Unpresented Cheques at the end of 2019	-25.00	Unpresented Cheques	-20.00
Savings Account	1665.58	Savings Account	1665.72
Treasurers Float	0.00	Treasurers Float	0.00
Secretary's Float	0.00	Secretary's Float	0.00
Walking Group Float	-27.83	Walking Group Float	172.17
Coach Trips Float	0.00	Coach Trips Float	0.00
		Net Assets year to-date	5262.88
		Minus surplus year to-date	-230.54
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