

Somerset Area **Groups:** *Clevedon, Family Countryside Walkers, Mendips, Sedgemoor, Somerset Walking & Activity Group, South Somerset, Taunton Deane, West Somerset, & Woodsprings*

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TAUNTON DEANE GROUP HELD AT THE TAUNTON LIBRARY MEETING ROOM ON FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2006

The Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: 34 members of Taunton Deane Group and Owen Star, Vice Chairman of Somerset Area Executive Committee

1. APOLOGIES: Dave Wood, Tony Welsman, Dave Patten, John Lowe, Joyce Leonhardt.

The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing Owen Star and welcoming him to the AGM. The Chairman called for two members to act as tellers should a vote be required during the meeting. Jim Hurst and Ann Derbe volunteered.

2. MINUTES of the EGM and AGM held on 25th November 2005 The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE EGM and AGM

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS. The Chairman commented about the success of the season and offered his written report.

5. ANNUAL REPORT - Written report presented by the Secretary.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT. Written report presented by the Treasurer. In discussing the sum set aside to fund a publicity display Jim Hurst said that another group had received a grant from the lottery fund for such a purpose. He agreed to pass details to the Treasurer.

7. FOOTPATH SECRETARY'S REPORT Written report presented by the Footpath Secretary The Chairman mentioned that Trevor Noyes had resigned from the post of Area Footpath Secretary.

8. PROGRAMME SECRETARY'S REPORT Written report presented by the Programme Secretary. Joan Gubbin said that she will be on holiday in February/March when the next programme is normally finalised she will therefore shortly be asking walk leaders to commit themselves to walks during April to June 2007. Further to the report Mike Whitmore asked the meeting, as he did last year, if anyone present would accept responsibility for liaising with the Programme Secretary for the Sunday afternoon walks but there was no response from the floor.

All Reports were accepted by the meeting.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- 9.1 Chairman Roger Conway re-elected *Agreed unanimously*
- 9.2 Secretary Bob Camp elected. *Agreed unanimously*
- 9.3 Treasurer Mike Whitmore re-elected *Agreed unanimously*
- 9.4 Committee (1) Paul Wright re-elected Footpath Secretary.
Agreed unanimously
- 9.5 Committee (2) Joan Gubbin re-elected as Programme Secretary.
Agreed unanimously
- 9.6 Committee (3) Wendy Camp re-elected as Public Relations and Publicity Officer.
Agreed unanimously
- 9.7 Committee (4) John Ollerenshaw elected as Area representative.
Agreed unanimously

10. The Chairman then invited volunteers to fill various other posts and the following were accepted

Membership Secretary	John Lowe
Social Secretary	Barbara Tester
Web-site Co-ordinator	Roger Conway
Access Officer	No volunteer left vacant
Group Archivist	John Ollerenshaw

11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Jeremy Corke agreed to act as auditor and was duly elected. *Agreed Unanimously*
Members passed on their thanks to Jeremy for auditing the last year's accounts.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

CHAIRMAN

DATE

After meeting was formally closed presentations were made on the Group Holiday to Hadrian's Wall (Joan Gubbin), progress with the RA 'Know Your Footpath' Challenge (Paul Wright) and the Two Counties Way (Roger Conway). Owen Star gave details of the forthcoming Area holiday.