

RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION LAKE DISTRICT AREA
Minutes of the 74th Annual General Meeting held at Friends Meeting House, Meeting House Lane,
Lancaster, on Saturday 14 January 2012

Present

Chairman: David Dixon

Treasurer: Stan Simpson

and 25 other members

1 Apologies for absence

Wendy Bowen, Tony Harrison, Harry Hawkins, Peter Jones, David Oldfield, Ernie Robin, Polly Robin, Colin Rowley, Richard Thorpe

2 Minutes of 2011 meeting

Approved.

3 Matters arising from the minutes

None.

4 Annual report

The report, which had been mailed to all members, was accepted.

5 Financial statement

The financial statement was approved. (Proposed by Alan Duval and seconded by George Cubiss.)

6 Election of officers

The following were proposed by Barbara Crellin and seconded by Matthew Stanton:

President: Rt. Hon. Lord Clark of Windermere

Chairman: David Dixon

Vice-Chairman: Brian Jones

Secretary: Peter Jones

Treasurer: Phil Wraith

Membership Secretary: Brenda Iles

Footpath Secretary: Dennis Pook

Access Officer: Malcolm Petyt

Publicity Officer: Malcolm Petyt

No other nominations having been received, all the above were declared elected.

There were no nominations for Area News Editor, Assistant Footpath Secretary, and Countryside Secretary, or for representatives of individual members and local affiliated organisations.

7 Election of independent examiner

The election of an independent examiner was deferred. It is hoped that during the coming year a new examiner who is geographically closer to the treasurer will be found.

8 Election of Life Vice President

In recognition of long and dedicated service to Lake District Area, Stan Simpson was elected a Life Vice President. (Proposed by Andrew Dalby, seconded by Brian Jones, and enthusiastically approved by all present.

(Other Life Vice Presidents are Andrew Dalby and Joan Hibberd.)

9 Amendment to Area Constitution

The addition of the words "(For this purpose, 'writing' shall be deemed to include Email messages and attachments to Email messages.)" at the end of Clause 24 (Annual General Meeting), proposed by David Oldfield and seconded by Peter Jones, was approved..

10 Presentation

A Ramblers' certificate of long service was presented to Stan Simpson by the Area President, The Rt. Hon. Lord Clark of Windermere.

Proceedings ended with a talk by Lord Clark about forestry and the Ramblers, which gave a fascinating inside view of the politics and economics of forestry status and access. This was followed by refreshments kindly provided by Lancaster group.