**HALESOWEN RAMBLERS**

**32ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 1ST MAY.**

**HELD AT SOMMERS CLUB HALESOWEN**

**1.APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM.**

Steve Adams. Bernard Morris. Sue Porter. Sue Danter. Dave Smith. Margaret Terry. Julie Stone. Sue Porter.

**2.MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM .** Proposed by Wendy Arkel and seconded by Tony Jackson.

**3.MATTERS ARRISING**. Bob Cowin mentioned that in the treasurers report HF holidays was mentioned as the funder, it should have read ramblers. This is now rectified.

**4.CHAIRMANS REPORT.** Dawne reported that the club offered a very good range of walks and that we were a very active club offering a range of walks during the week. Dawne offered thanks to the committee for their hard work and to Jean the treasurer and Pat the secretary. Thanks were also given to Beryl and Geoff and all the walk leaders that put their time and dedication into planning walks. Dawne also mentioned Robina a committee member that has now recovered from her illness. There are plenty of Wednesday walks in the pipeline, and pat is involved with organising the clubs holidays. After so many years as chair I am now happy to introduce **Patrick Healey** who will be our new chair. As far as social events are concerned there will be no barn dance this year as interest is lacking, and Frank has stepped down from organising theatre trips due to rising prices and lack of interest. Thanks were given to Tony for producing the newsletter and the club website. Interst is increasing in the club, as we are receiving a fair few enquiries. Jean keeps the accounts in order and Tony audits. Donations were given to the usual charities. Dawne thanked all members for attending.

**5. TREASURES REPORT.** Our balance last year stood at £1714 this year it is £1771. All events are self funding. There are club badges for sale at a cost of 50p

**6. INTERVAL.** During the interval Alan Francis came to the table. He started his speech by telling a joke. As both Dawne and Tony are retiring from the committee this year Alan looked back on the years he had known and walked with them. His comments were that the club offered them enjoyment, physical exercise and social walking, so that long life friendships developed over time. He recalled that the couple had walked over Offa’s Dyke, coast to coast adventures and the Pennine Way. This was only a few of the adventures that they undertook. Thanks was given to Tony for his IT skills and Dawne her chairmanship skills. Alan then proceeded with a presentation of flowers and a caricature framed picture of them both.

**6a vote on changes to the constitution .** There was a majority vote with only one member raising an issue on a grammatical point. This will be discussed in the next committee meeting.

**7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**CHAIRMAN PATRICK HEALEY UNIAMOUS**

SECRETARY PAT SMITH UNIAMOUS

TREASURER JEAN HILL UNIAMOUS

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

FRANK FOSTER

ALAN FRANCIS

BERYL COTTCER

ROBINA COX

BERNARD MORRIS

DAVID SMITH

STEVE ADAMS

A UNIAMOUS VOTE FOR ALL MEMBERS

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**. There was no correspondence

**9. MUDDY BOOT AWARD**.

Frank had no nominations to give since he has not walked. Richard Price nominated Angela Daniels for a Tuesday walk. So the muddy boot trophy was handed over by Ken Bailey.

**10. AOB.** Pat reminded members that membership was now overdue. £40.00 from the ramblers is still in the bank account and it was suggested that Beryl could use those fund to subsidise this year’s coach travel. Patrick gave thanks to Dawne and Tony and said that we have a very good year ahead of us, we are a vibrant club with good people and the year ahead looks very promising.

**Meeting closed at 8.20**

**Date and venue of the next AGM to be advised.**