**Annual report of the Irregulars’ Committee 2023-2024**

**Chairman Report**

First of all, I would like to thank all members of the committee for the hard work in the past year also the non-committee members who have helped to keep the Irregulars going. These include John and Sharon Whiteworth, Mike Phelan, Alan Booth and Pat and Jeff Coulson. There is also another person who should be thanked, Peter Wood who keeps coming up with new routes for us to walk.

I think we must say a special thanks to Raj who has worked tirelessly throughout this year to get the constitution passed, only to be frustrated by the NEC deciding to review their constitution so our new constitution will go into another year.

The committee also took a look at the expenses claim of 45 pence per mile and thought that if all the helpers on the Foot in 2dales claim this then the challenge walk would become unviable, so with that in mind we agreed to 30 pence per mile in line with payment by charities Also, as some of the money made on this event has been given to the Mountain Rescue in the Area there is still some more money to be given to 2 more rescue teams. In the 2019 AGM it was agreed that £1000 would be split into 4 £250 to be given to each group when funds allowed.

We also agreed that any Primary member of the Irregulars who offer to help on 2 or more of our challenge events would get their Christmas Lunch paid by the club as a way of rewarding those members who stand there and get wet and frozen on the check points. Without their help these events could not take place!!

The club had a very successful trip to Arenzano in Italy with 29 members on it thanks to Mike Colley.

I would just like to mention the sad passing of Frank Jennings in December, he will be missed by those that new him.

***Alan Tinker***

**Secretary’s report**

This report is brief as many of the activities of the committee have been reported by the other officers.

The main task for the year was the adoption of the new constitution. The committee had produced a new version based on the previous version and the comments at the last AGM. The revised version was due to be debated by the members, but the Special General Meeting had to be cancelled because the information had been sent to the members one day later than the required notice. However, this proved to be fortuitous, as the NEC of the LDWA produced a new template for the Local Groups’ constitution. I sent a copy of this template to all members and received two responses. The committee worked through the template and, bearing in mind the previous discussions, has produced a new version which will be presented for discussion and approval at the AGM on 17 March.

Much of the other work of the secretary has involved organising meetings and dealing with correspondence. I thank Jimmy Smith for hosting some of the committee meetings at his residence and the others were conducted on Zoom or by email correspondence. At my election at the last AGM, I had said that I would serve for a year and so I shall be standing down at this AGM. I thank all the officers of the committee for their congeniality during my term and wish the Irregulars continued success.

***Raj Joshi.***

**Treasurer’s report**

This is presented as a separate item on the agenda.

**Challenge Walks Co-ordinator’s Report**

The Irregulars ran three challenge events in 2023. I believe that they can all be counted as successes financially and for the participant’s enjoyment despite the best efforts of the weather in two of the events!

The help of our members in planning, organising halls & food, placing route markers and marshalling etc is what made them a success. For our 50 miles Afoot In 2 Dales event, we also needed the assistance of other LDWA groups such Cleveland, North Yorkshire and Nidderdale.

It is the financial surpluses from these events that helps fund our group more than our annual subscription – so please all help where you can. We get lots of positive feedback from the entrants and this is very good for our group in terms of image and potentially bringing new members.

All our challenge events are entered through SiEntries for ease of entering and our administration.

Last year’s events were: -

7th May 2023 – Marsden Moor Marathon – 111 pre entered.

15/16th July 2023 – Afoot in 2 Dales – 184 pre entered

9th December 2023 – Regular Irregular - 83 pre entered

**Events For 2024**

We have reinstated the New Year’s Day Hangover Hike and it ran again successfully on 1 January 2024 and it will run again in 2025. The three events which we ran in 2023 will also run again in 2024 on the following dates:-

11th May 2024 – Marsden Moor Marathon

20/21st July 2024 – Afoot in 2 Dales

14th December 2024 – Regular Irregular

1st January 2025 – Hangover Hike

Please put these dates in your diary and enter or help marshal at one or more of them.

***Jimmy Smith***

**Social Walks’ Co-ordinator report**

This will be presented at the meeting or sent separately.