Management Meeting Sunday 22nd August 2021

Minutes of the Management Meeting held on Sunday 8th March 2020 accepted.

Proposer: Jean Bobker Seconder: Sid Upton Carried

1. Matters arising from 8th March 2020

Donations of £250 have been made to Wasdale MRT and Calder Valley MRT.

2. Subscriptions for 2021/202

Sue England, Treasurer, explained that although the £1 walk fee was stopped in 2019 the reserves have increased from \pounds 7,000 to \pounds 8,850 as at 31/12/2020. Subscriptions have been paid until 28/02/2022.

The previous subscriptions of £10 for an individual and £15 for a couple reflected the costs of producing and distributing the newsletter which is now online. A new rate of £5 renewal per member would be appropriate, to be reviewed annually. 10 members have joined The Irregulars this year, each paying the usual £10 fee, which will continue for all new members.

The total membership stands at 165.

Proposer: Mike Phelan Seconder: Reg Taylor Carried

3. Support for The Irregulars' Challenge Events

The running of challenge events is dependent upon membership support.

Action To be discussed at the next committee meeting.

4. Celebration Walks

2000 Walk

Nick Ford gave details of the celebration. There will be 2 walks from Marsden on 22/09/21, featuring the new signpost on the Pennine Way. A 14-mile walk led by John Whitworth and an 8-mile walk led by Nick Ford.

The walks will be followed by a 2-course meal at the New Inn in Marsden at 2pm. Attendance will need to be finalised by 15/09/21 at the latest.

Sue England stated that the very reasonable costs of £7.50 per head will be borne by the group.

Action Nick Ford to liaise with the New Inn, providing menus and finalising details.

20th Anniversary Celebrations

This should have taken place earlier this year but has been postponed until 17th March 2022. All members will receive a commemorative buff. A magazine will be produced, including photos from the early years provided by members.

Action Mike Phelan assisted by Andy Mohun-Smith to produce a magazine with photo contributions from everyone.

John Whitworth to find a venue for a meal.

Committee to arrange a date

5. 100 Checkpoint

Sara Dyer/Christine Stratton described the difficulties of finding a venue for the Worsley checkpoint on The Trans-Pennine 100 in 2022. Traditional locations have become unavailable owing to the Queen's 70th Jubilee celebrations. Negotiations are still ongoing for a marquee at the rugby club.

A volunteer is needed to co-ordinate the running of the checkpoint. A team will be required to man it.

Pete Bruniges offered to be the co-ordinator. 5 people volunteered to help.

Action To be discussed at the next committee meeting.

6. Life membership

Life membership has been awarded to Pat and Jeff Coulson in recognition of their many years of service dedicated to The Irregulars.

7. Peter Gardner Trophy

The inaugural award of the Peter Gardner Trophy for outstanding resilience and fortitude was presented by Pete's daughter, Caroline, to Jean Bobker. Jean also received a commemorative medal.

Andy Mohun-Smith was recognised for his organisation of the award.

Date of next AGM and Management Meeting 13th March 2022