

SOUTH DOWNS GROUP
MINUTES OF AGM.

Minutes of AGM held on 9th November 2004 at the Five Bells.

1. Apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Graeme Mowbray, Chris and Jane Worsfold and Ralph Haffenden.
2. 2003 Minutes.
Minutes of the last AGM held on 9th November 2003 were agreed and adopted with the correction to the spelling of Clive Bridle under Apologies.
3. Matters Arising.
There were no matters arising.
4. Group Leaders Report.
Ian read his report for 2004, which showed the very positive position of the Group in respect of attendance, finances etc. Ian thanked the Committee and all members for their contribution to SDGs successful year.
5. Treasurer's report and Social Secretary's Report.
Ralph had submitted his report showing a positive balance of funds. In answer to a question it was confirmed that the Compiègne Tour was not included in the accounts as the financial aspects were dealt with by the tour operator.
The accounts were accepted by the meeting.
6. Event Coordinators Report.
Gregg presented his report and all agreed that the decision to major on three shows had been the correct one resulting in strong attendance at the chosen events. It was agreed to continue this approach for 2005.
7. Election of Officers.
The meeting agreed to elect en bloc the existing officers to their current positions.
8. Group Funding.
Ian opened the discussion on the costing of newsletter, raffles etc and asked the meeting for its views on the level and on other ways of raising or increasing Group funds.
The following points were raised for the Committee to consider:
 - a) Provide a buffet lunch at shows for a modest charge. As well as raising some funds it would provide an opportunity for members to get together. Angie May raised the point and offered to arrange the buffet and other ladies offered to assist.

- b) Need to identify what funds are being raised for, therefore there must be consideration of the Groups financial requirements and provide a focus for fund raising.
- c) Buy a Lottery ticket.
- d) Provide technical assistance to another group member who would then make a contribution to the Group.
- e) Seek sponsorship of the newsletter, adverts in newsletter, on website.

9. 2005 Show Calendar.

It was agreed to follow the successful 2004 format for 2005. John Hopkins asked if the Group might attend an Autumn Fair for a local hospice to put do something for the local community. It was agreed to look into the suggestion.

10. Website.

Mark Treadwell spoke about the TR Register review of the national website as it was planning to provide facilities for local group websites within the national site.

Ian welcomed the approached but urged caution as to the amount of control the Register might want over the layout and content as this could detract from local group independence and individuality.

11. Any Other Business.

- a) A vote of thanks was proposed by Angie May for Roy and Penny for the use of their camper van at the Veteran Car Run. This was duly given.
- b) Mark Treadwell put forward a vote of thanks for the Committee which was duly given.
- c) Ian asked if there was any enthusiasm for a mid monthly meeting, say on a Sunday lunchtime. There was general agreement to pursue , and ideas for treasure hunts, visits to members own local pubs and a roving Sunday meeting were forthcoming. The Committee were asked to follow up.
- d) Mark informed the meeting that the TR Register were updating the WOHFTB section of TR Action with the use of symbols to indicate local group activities and events organised, This was noted.
- e) Mark also reminded those present that there was still time to comment on the revised TR Register Constitution which appeared in a recent TR Action.
- f) Suggestions for attracting new members to our meetings were discussed including a new member's night; drive a TR night and a prize draw via a number on a newsletter sent to all members in our area. The Committee were asked to pursue these ideas.

The meeting closed at 10:45pm following thanks from Ian for a lively and useful discussion.