



## **Draft Minutes of The Windsor Forest TR Group Annual General Meeting on 6 Feb 2024 at Foresters Arms commencing 2000 hrs.**

Present:

Mike Heelis - Group Leader  
Barry Green - Social Secretary  
Graham Smith - Member  
Tim Bartholomew - Treasurer

28 WFTR Group members.

Apologies: Andy and Jane McClaren, Dave and Jan Hankin, Paul Chandler, Terry and Helen Schraider

### **1. Minutes of the previous AGM**

The minutes of the previous AGM approved. No abstentions and no votes against.

### **2. Group Leaders Report**

Mike Heelis welcomed all to the AGM and provided a brief overview of events and activities over the last year.

Mike Heelis thanked the committee for all of their support and hard work over the last year. Additionally thanks to the Committee and Group the enthusiasm and effort which went in to making the WFTR Drive it Day a great success.

He considered that commitment and activity amongst WFTR members was slowly getting back to pre Covid levels which was good to see.

Total TR Register allocated Membership has fallen from 159 to 139 of which 26 are family members. So so grass roots membership at 109. I send out to 120 addressee's on Mailchimp most usually for the news letter with an average opening rate of 66%.

Roll out plastic banner is unserviceable and it was suggested we dispose of the item.

*Motion carried.*

Mike Heelis stated he is standing down as GL.

### **4. Website Report**

Graham Smith gave a brief overview of the WFTR website which is a great success and is the backbone of the Group from a communication perspective. Over the last 12 months we had 6,675 visitors who reviewed 1926 pages from 58 countries. 4434 users landed directly on the site and 2241 arrived via Google. The most popular pages were the events followed

by the home page and then Galleries. 60.2% of the total visitors used a mobile phone to access the website. Cost to the club for running and maintain the web is £105 per annum. This includes the domain name registration fee (paid every 10 years).

## **5. Treasurers Report**

Tim Bartholomew gave a a detailed presentation of WFTR accounts which showed the Group bank balance to be in a very healthy condition. Should any member require a copy of the accounts they should contact the treasurer.

## **6. Social Secretary Report**

Barry Green gave an overview of the previous years activity and provided a look forward to what we have planned for 2024.

2023 started with our annual visit to The Phoenix followed by lunch at The Watermill. Our monthly meetings at The Foresters Arms in Bagshot continued to be popular with an average attendance of 19 members (+ 2 dogs) per meeting. Throughout 2223 we have run a total of 15 different events ranging from a long weekend in Wales to a Skittles tournament, with an average attendance of 17 per event.

Barry Green then gave an overview of what we have planned for 2024 (details on the WFTR website).

It was suggested we return to Llanerchindda in 2025 and a show of hands showed this to be a popular venue. Barry will make the necessary arrangements. Note: the event is now on the WFTR website.

## **7. Election of Committee**

Mike Heelis had given notice that he is to stand down at this AGM and asked for a volunteer from those members attending. Nobody came forward as a volunteer for the role and so a vote for a replacement GL was not taken and the post remains vacant for the present.

With the exception of the GL the current Committee volunteered to continue for another year and had put themselves forward for re-election. To that end there was a unanimous vote from all WFTR members present to re-elect the following:

- a. Group Leader - None
- b. Treasurer - Tim Bartholomew
- c. Social Secretary - Barry Green
- d. Member without portfolio - Graham Smith

Mike Heelis stated that the issue of no GL had previously been raised and the opinion from a Register Management Team member was that, provided there is an elected and effective committee with a clear point of contact to the Register the Group could be effectively run.

Graham Smith stated this will be his last year as a committee member

## **8. Resolutions**

That we book the Meade Hall for our 2024 Christmas lunch celebration as soon as possible to ensure we get the date we want.

*Motion Carried.*

## **9. AOB**

Roger Hogarth questioned how the Area Co-ordinator was chosen. There seemed to be some confusion over the process especially regarding the restriction of candidates to current and past group leaders. The role was discussed at the Register GL meeting (minutes on TRR website) but Jeff Roberts stated that further discussion took place at a Area GL meeting. It was suggested the minutes of the Area GL meeting be published to confirm the process.

*Action: Jeff Roberts*

## **10. Close of meeting**

Who signs? All the committee?