

# **Ramblers' Association of Malta**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2007 at the premises of Din L-Art Helwa, Melita Street, Valletta.**

*Committee Members present:*

Lino Bugeja, Joe Bugeja, Alex Vella, Carmen Vella, Louis Vella, Romano Cassar, Victor Martinelli, Frank Spiteri, Steven Bonello.

*Excused:* Andre Catania and Denise Catania (abroad) and Anne Zammit (unwell).

Some sixty members attended the AGM. This number was not enough for the quorum established by the statute (half of the paid-up members) at 10am, the published time of the meeting. However, it was more than enough for the quorum of twenty members required "after the lapse of 15 minutes", so the AGM could go ahead.

The order of proceedings followed the Agenda established by the Statute.

The President opened the meeting by addressing the members present and giving a general outline of the achievement, or otherwise, of the association.

This was followed by the administrative report, read out by the Secretary. The annual statement of accounts, prepared by the Treasurer, was also read out by the Secretary, as the Treasurer was unavoidably absent. The financial report was vetted and approved by two Auditors, as per the statute, and their report read out. These two Auditors, Mr Joe Agius and Mr Charles Calleja, were also appointed as Auditors for the forthcoming year.

Mr Amabile Agius, one of our walk leaders who unfortunately passed away late last year, received special mention in the Secretary's report.

The Heads of the working Commissions then read out their report.

Dr Victor Martinelli, Education Commission  
Dr Louis Vella, Legal Commission  
Mr Steven Bonello, Environment Commission

The International Commission and the Archaeology Commission are at present inactive due to lack of human resources.

The current Committee Members retained their posts for the forthcoming year, as per the Statute.

After the reading of reports, there ensued a general discussion on the various aspects of the association. The issue of the closing-off of countryside paths

was mentioned. Some comments were made on the organisation of walks, their timing and access by buses.

There was a call for help from the Committee, as there is a lot to be done and not enough human resources to do it. In fact, the following people offered their services:

Mr Charles Calleja and Mr Joe Agius volunteered to help the Education Commission.

Mr Ian Hulland and Mr Robin Smith-Saville volunteered for the Archaeology Commission.

Mr Mike Smith volunteered for the International Commission.

Mr Godwin Darmanin volunteered to help the Treasurer with fund-raising activities and also as walk-leader.

Mr Felix Grech, a current walk leader, volunteered to continue as a walk leader and to help in other specific areas.

Mr Wilfred Borg (through Mr Charles Calleja) offered his services as a walk leader.

No other matters were raised, and the AGM closed at 11:45.

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