

No.	Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Apologies	Apologies received from: Debbie Abrahams; Ian Violet, Joyce Tyledsley, Gordon Campbell, Sue Daber, Gavin Poulton, Dave Sidgewick Gwen Sidgewick, Wade Cooper, Judy Wilson, Sheila Lyons, Margaret Squires, Andy Barclay, Liz Jones, Chris Quinn, Maggie Smith, Wendy Olsen.	
2.	Chair's Opening Remarks	<p>The Chair opened the meeting, thanking Mags Metcalf for leading the pre-AGM walk. She introduced Terri Moore, member of the Board of Trustees, Des Garrahan, Chair of the BOT and Diane Simcoe, Area Support Officer</p> <p>The Chair asked for a minutes silence in memory of those members who had died during the last year: Les Jones (M &S Ramblers), Derek Ingham (Wednesday Walkers) Susan Tarr (Stockport), Roy Hamer and Carol Davidson (Bury) Gordon Drive and Dale Belcher (New Mills), Martin Hayes (Sunday Public Wlaks). Our thoughts are with the families and friends of these members.</p> <p>There will be a memorial walk for Martin on 25 June 2017 from Middlewood to Furness Vale.</p>	Secretary to ensure details posted on website
3.	Keynote Address - Teri Moore, Board of Trustees	<p>Terri opened her address by thanking the Area for the really interesting walk. She also praised the Annual Report which was one of the best she had seen.</p> <p>Her presentation opened with the vision of the Ramblers, focussing on keeping paths open, supporting walking and increasing membership. She described a new partnership with Sport England so they now recognise walking as a legitimate sporting activity, and the partnership with the People's Postcode Lottery, which had brought in significant funds for projects.</p> <p>She stressed the importance of Areas to ensure that the vision is implemented and that the national campaigns and initiatives are successful. She introduced the new CE Vanessa Griffiths and urged support for Volunteers Roadshows. She highlighted the major success of the Ramblers in recent years, the establishment of the English Coast path and showed which stretches had been opened and the ones due in the near future. This had long been a dream for the Ramblers and is now being realised. When it is complete it will be the longest national trail in Europe</p> <p>Terri took questions. Including issues on the Greenbelt and footpath issues. She told us that Janet Davies, long time campaigns officer at the Ramblers had retired</p>	
4.	Presidential Address	Apologies received from President, because she had urgent constituency business.	

5.	Address by Des Garrahan, Chair of the Board of Trustees	Des presented certificate of appreciation to Janet Cuff for her contribution to walking. He asked support for Ark project, an arts and wellbeing charity in Stockport. He invited anyone interested to see him after the meeting. He also suggested campaigning with the elected Mayor to get support for walking. This had been successful with the Mayor of London. There is a Hustings on 28 th March at 1.45. Details on website for Manchester Association for Community Care.	Secretary to circulate details to the groups and post on the website
6.	Minutes of the AGM held on 19th March 2016	The minutes of the AGM held on 16 March 2016 were approved. Moved by Edgar Ernstrbrunner. Seconded by Mags Metcalf	
7.	Matters Arising	No matters arising	
8.	Annual Report	The Annual Reports had been on the website and hard copies posted to those members who requested it. The rest were made available on the day. Margaret Manning updated report : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> announcing opening of the Salford Trail, 22 May 12.00 Salford Quays by Stuarts Maconie. Des Garrhan told the meeting that Stuart is likely to be the next President of the Ramblers nationally. Weekend Walkers may do the trail just before the opening. There is a national consultation on whether cyclists should be allowed on footpaths. She asked members to feed back views to national office Members raised other issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One announced a Rally to support Green Spaces. A second member complained that there was no report from the Access Officer, nor was she present. The chair felt that this was probably because not much had happened and that due to heavy work commitments the Access Officer had not been able to attend any EC meetings, so she had not offered to stand again. Officers agreed to contact her for all the paperwork that she has stored. She suggested that the EC look again at those posts on the EC which are not filled or not active The Annual Report was approved unanimously	General Secretary to circulate details of rally to support Green Spaces.
9.	Presentation of Accounts	The Treasurer presented the account. He explained that most of the money was spent on path work and communicating with people. Not much had been spent from restricted funds but the bills for the Salford Trail were now coming. He invited questions on the report but there were none. The accounts were accepted unanimously moved by Salle Dare, seconded John Ireland.	

10.	Examiner's Report	The Treasurer presented the Examiners report. It was accepted unanimously moved by Salle Dare, seconded John Ireland.							
11.	Election of Officers and individual members	The following members were elected to the officers posts and to the EC							EC to look at vacant posts
	Post	Candidate	Proposed	seconded	Post	Candidate	Proposed	seconded	
	President	Debbie Abrahams	M Manning	J Ireland	Footpath Co-ordinator	Edgar Ernstrbrunner	K Pennyfather	P Featherstone	
	Vice-President	Vacant			Publicity and Information Officer	vacant			
	Chair	Margaret Manning	S Dare	M Lyons	Access Officer	vacant			
	Vice-Chair	Salle Dare	J Ireland	M Manning	Sunday Walks Officer	Jeff Lewis			
	General Secretary	John Ireland	M Lyons	S Dare	Wednesday Walks Officers	Sue Daber Gordon Campbell	L Kenworthy S Wilson	S Wilson L Kenworthy	
	Treasurer	Mike Lyons	S Dare	J Ireland	Countryside Officer	vacant			
	Minutes Secretary	Salle Dare	J Ireland	M Manning	Website Administrator	Brian Coxon			
	Membership Secretary	Gavin Poulton	J Ireland	S Dare	Elected Member (up to 10)	Janet Cuff Gloria Gaffney Alan Manning, Joyce Tyledsley	S Wilson J Ireland M Lyons S Dare	M Metcalf M Metcalf S Dare J Ireland	
12.	Appointment of Examiner	The Examiner, Siobhan Cresswell was reappointed unanimously moved by Salle Dare, seconded John Ireland.							

13.	Motions for debate	<p>This AGM resolves to delete paragraph 4.2 from the constitution, which states that “ The Area Chair shall hold office for not more than two years consecutively”, allowing the chair to be treated as any other officer.</p> <p>Salle Dare moved the motion explaining that it takes time for the chair to learn the role and it is a loss of expertise for them to have to step down. The system had been in place for at least 20 years and there may have been reasons but now some continuity seemed important.</p> <p>The motion was carried overwhelmingly with 2 voting against.</p> <p>It was then agreed that the EGM should take place immediately before the next EC meeting.</p>	Secretary to arrange an EGM. Then to send amended constitution to BOT for approval
14.	Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair announced a survey from national office on support needed by groups and Areas. • Gloria Gaffney distributed leaflets on the Spirit of Kinder Day and announced the publication of book of photos by Bert Ward • Margaret Metcalf announced the May Walking Festival 	The secretary to complete on behalf of the Area
15.	Closing Remarks	Chair thanked people for coming.	