

Preliminary Notice of LDWA AGM - 14/15th March 2015

In previous years, the LDWA has produced about 8,000 booklets announcing the AGM to the membership, with approximately 250 of these being used by members planning to attend the meeting. The rest are wasted.

At the last AGM, the constitution was amended to permit the publication of official notices through electronic media. Your National Executive Committee has decided that in future notice of forthcoming AGMs will be given in three ways;

By email (herewith), by a full version of the announcement posted on the LDWA website, and by a notice in the Winter edition of Strider. Members may print their own copy of the announcement from the website, and a printed version will be available on request in writing to the Membership Secretary, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped A5 size envelope.

A printed copy of the full agenda, annual accounts, officers' reports, 2014 draft Minutes and Committee nominations for 2015 will be given to each attendee at the AGM, as previously.

Resolutions may be submitted by members, duly seconded, for debate at the AGM under the heading of Special Business, and must be received by the General Secretary at least 6 weeks before the meeting.

At the 2015 AGM, the following National Executive Committee officers will be standing down, having completed their term of office.

Chairman John Sparshatt, Long Distance Paths Officer Paul Lawrence, 100's Co-ordinator Gail Elrick, Merchandise Officer Tim Glenn.

Nominations of **suitably qualified** members are invited for these, or for any other positions on the Committee. A form for the submission of nominations to the Committee is attached. Completed forms must be signed by the nominator, seconder and nominee, and returned to the General Secretary at least 16 weeks before the date of the AGM i.e. by 12th November, 2014.

Duties of the Executive Officers vary depending on the role, and job descriptions are available from the LDWA website Library under the heading of 'Downloadable Documents'. Retiring officers may be consulted for further information. Attendance is expected at Committee meetings on a quarterly basis, with written reports of related activity in the period being submitted for consideration. Normal expense incurred in the performance of duties is refunded by the Association.

Hotel Details

The meeting will be held at the Norton Park Hotel, Sutton Scotney, Winchester, on Sunday, 15th March 2015, and there will be a programme of walks on the preceding Saturday. Details of the hotel, walk programme and room reservation forms will be published in the December edition of 'Strider'.

Formal Notice and Draft Agenda

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Long Distance Walkers Association Limited will be held at the Norton Park Hotel, Sutton Scotney, near Winchester, at 10.00 am on Sunday 15th March, 2015

The business of the Annual General Meeting will be as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 16th March 2014.
3. To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2014, and the reports of the Directors and Accountants.
4. To appoint Accountants for 2014/15, and to authorise the Committee to fix their remuneration.

5. To receive reports as follows:

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| (a) Chairman | (g) Events |
| (b) General Secretary | (h) Hundreds Co-ordinator |
| (c) Membership Secretary | (i) Long Distance Paths |
| (d) Editor | (j) Merchandise |
| (e) Local Groups | (k) Environment |
| (f) Internet | |

6. To Elect the 2015/6 National Executive Committee

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| (a) Chair | (e) Editor |
| (b) General secretary | (f) Internet Officer |
| (c) Treasurer | (g) 6 Executive Officers |
| (d) Membership Secretary | |

A list of nominations received will be published after the November deadline, with background details of nominees, where available. Voting for the Executive Committee is by a poll of those members of the Association entitled to vote and attending the AGM in person or represented by proxy.

7. To determine the subscription for the Membership Year 2016
8. To authorise the Committee to determine honoraria payments in accordance with past practice.
9. Any other business. *Items must be notified to the General Secretary at least 6 weeks before the meeting.*

End of Formal Business

Open forum and discussion. To include any matters which the membership would wish the Committee to consider during the forthcoming year. Questions can be submitted in writing to the General Secretary by 5th March 2015. There will also be a box for questions at the Registration Desk for the AGM, which will be collected at 8.00am on Sunday 15th March. Questions will be accepted at the meeting at the discretion of the Chairman. Invitees and attendees of this meeting should be aware that the minutes of the meeting will be published on the LDWA website and available to the public.

Phil Heneghan, General Secretary

On behalf of the Executive Committee