**LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION - BEDS BUCKS NORTHANTS GROUP
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND JUNE 2016
AT 18 BRANDETH AVENUE, DUNSTABLE**

The meeting commenced at 7.35 pm

**Present:** Gill Bunker (Newsletter/Website), Norman Corrin (Chairman), Dave Findel-Hawkins (Membership), Mary Knight (Social Walks), Peter Simon (Secretary), Alan Leadbetter (Local Groups Rep), Ian Sage (Treasurer)

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| Noman welcomed everyone and thanked Ian for hosting the meeting.  | **ACTION** |
| **1.** | **Apologies:** Chris Bent |  |
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| **2.** | **Minutes of Previous Meeting (14th January 2016) and Matters Arising:** |  |
|  | The Minutes were approved. Prop: Alan Sec: Ian |  |
|  | Matters Arising: |  |
|  | * BBN badges have been purchased
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|  | * AGM booked – 2pm Anchor Inn, Great Barford, Sunday 27th November
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|  | * Set of Binatone Latitude 100 Twin Walkie Talkies purchased – held by Merrian and used on Thursday walks. (Cost £21.84)
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|  | * Still to do – purchase of banners.
 | ***Gill*** |
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| **3.** | **Reports:** |  |
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| **(a)** | **Chairman**: **Norman Corrin** |  |
|  | Norman’s report had been circulated before the meeting: |  |
|  | I’ve done the following.**New Members/Enquiries from Public**Dave has notified me of 17 new LDWA members who live within our group’s catchment area. I’ve spoken to most and emailed all with an information pack. |  |
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| **(b)** | **Secretary: Peter Simon** |  |
|  | * 12 copies of April 2016 Strider received from national LDWA - 11distributed; spare copy (Ian) may still be in my car boot. What to do about Nigel's 3 copies when he embarks on his round-the-world tour?
* Received and responded to emails.
* Few phone enquiries.
* Putting a lot of unwanted e-mails in spam folder or else unsubscribing.
* Regular news updates put onto website and link emailed to members.
* Keeping e-mail distribution list up to date.
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|  | Spare Striders: It was agreed to ask for the same number – extra copies can be distributed by committee members/put out at BBN events. |  |
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| **(c)** | **Treasurer: Ian Sage** |  |
|  | Ian’s report had been circulated before the meeting: |  |
|  | Treasurer’s Report 28/05/2016Significant activity since last committee meeting: 1. Donation to Thames Valley Air Ambulance £100
2. Donation to East Anglia Air Ambulance £100
3. Greensand Ridge Walk hall hire & bus deposit £432
4. New Event Signs from Running Imp £ 69
5. BBN Badges £202
6. General Expenses payments to 7 Committee Members £210
7. SS Triple Challenge Badges £221

Monthly payments being received from Sportident with event breakdown details. |  |
|  | Arising from Ian’s report: |  |
|  | * Cost of SS badges allocated to “Miscellaneous” as they relate to more than one event
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|  | * 2015 Accounts sent to LDWA Treasurer
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|  | * Gill to be third BBN cheque signatory
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|  | * Ian read out the required Resolution:

*It was resolved that the authorised signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 2, be changed in accordance with sections 5 and 6 and the current mandate will continue as amended.* | ***Ian/Gill*** |
|  | * Pick & Mix surplus £438
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|  | * Ian will step down as Treasurer at 2017 AGM
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| **(d)** | **Membership Secretary: Dave Findel-Hawkins** |  |
|  | Dave’s report had been circulated before the meeting: |  |
|  | We currently have 179 members including our five free members.We have three new members since the last meeting, but we have lost two.We have 11 yet to pay their 2016 administration fee. These have all been emailed without response. I propose to remove from membership list if meeting agrees.We have some people who have paid for multiple year membership who are no longer members of the LDWA. In theory these should be removed. Does the meeting agree?I have distributed 62 BBN badges.  |  |
|  | Arising from Dave’s report: |  |
|  | * Agreed 3 of those yet to pay may want to remain as members. The rest to be removed from list
 | ***DFH*** |
|  | * Those no longer members of the LDWA to be removed from BBN list.
 | ***DFH*** |
|  | * Dave has sold one BBN badge for £1. Agreed badges to be sold for £1.
 | ***DFH*** |
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| **(e)** | **Social Walks: Mary Knight** |  |
|  | Mary’s report had been circulated before the meeting: |  |
|  | Year to date (Jan 3rd to May 22nd) there have been 27 walks: * 10 Thursday walks
* 15 weekend walks
* Pick and Mix Marshals’ and Pick and Mix.

Thursday walks average 21 walkers and Weekend walks average 10. Gordon led a Saturday walk and had the highest number of walkers with 13.Sep to Dec Walks programme completed: * 10 Weekend walks in addition to Steppingley Marshals, Steppingley Step and AGM Walk. (so 13 in total). Three of the nine will be on a Saturday
* 9 Thursday walks

Good response to request for weekend walk leaders. As a result I will follow the same pattern for the next programme:* Table of available dates in Newsletter
* Follow up with available dates half way through the period
* If necessary ask Peter to send update with remaining available dates as deadline approaches

Still unsure if I should identify every alternate weekend as with Thursday walks? |  |
|  | Arising from Mary’s report: |  |
|  | * Peter commented that some other local groups have a tougher/easier walk on the same day. It was agreed this might be complicated to organise and extra work for leaders, but it was something that could be considered for the future.
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|  | * It was agreed that Mary would trial alternate weekend walks for the next programme, but if a leader asked for another date that would be included.
 | ***Mary*** |
|  | * Mary still has a problem getting stats from leaders. It was agreed to ask leaders to email Mary after their walk with number walking.
 | ***Mary*** |
|  | * No response to the plea for a Thursday walks co-ordinator. To be circulated again via a further Update, and Gill will include in Newsletter.
 | ***Peter/Gill*** |
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| **(f)** | **Merchandising/Equipment: Lynn Yorston (Non-Committee)** |  |
|  | Lynn’s report had been circulated before the meeting: |  |
|  | Merchandise |  |
|  | We sold a few bits at the P&M resulting in us passing £26.50 to Ian. There is little left in the box now. The committee needs to consider the future of this. We have purchased the new BBN badges which are being distributed to our members free of charge. We shall also have some for sale.  |  |
|  | **Equipment**The published equipment list is up to date as far as I have been informed. Let me know if anything needs to be altered. I have added the following note -‘It is the walk organiser’s responsibility to ensure all equipment is returned, clean and dry, to the correct person for storage as soon after the event as possible. Please let us know if anything is damaged or lost’. |  |
|  | Arising from Lynn’s report: |  |
|  | * Ian queried the whereabouts of the two large pots/ladle/spoon following the Pick & Mix. Dave will check with Lynn/Merrian.
 | ***DFH*** |
|  | * Norman will check with Lynn what merchandise is left in the box so a decision can be made what to do with it.
 | ***Norman*** |
|  | * Norman will look into the purchase of BBN buffs.
 | ***Norman*** |
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| **(g)** | **Website: Gill Bunker** |  |
|  | Gill’s report had been circulated before the meeting: |  |
|  | * Updated with group walk photos and latest news
* Added challenge walk info/results etc
* Have had a session with Terry Brown who will act as holiday cover/backup
* Thinking of putting on an “archive” page to contain old BBN challenge walk route descriptions etc
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|  | Arising from Gill’s report: |  |
|  | * “Archive” page on BBN website thought to be a good idea.
 | ***Gill*** |
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| **(h)** | **Newsletter: Gill Bunker** |  |
|  | Gill’s report had been circulated before the meeting: |  |
|  | * Deadline for next Newsletter will be Thursday 9th June
* 4 articles to date
* Anything to come from committee members?
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| **(i)** | **Local Group Rep: Alan Leadbetter** |  |
|  | Alan had nothing to report. |  |
|  | The next Local Groups’ Weekend will take place 18th/20th November at Stratford-Upon-Avon Youth Hostel (clashes with SS event). It was agreed that Peter would attend. | ***Peter*** |
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| **(h)** | **Other committee member**  Nothing |  |
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| **4.** | **Insurance Issues – Incident Reports** |  |
|  | No incidents to report. |  |
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| **5.** | **LDWA** |  |
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| **(a)** | **AGM 2016 - Norman Corrin** |  |
|  | I, Steve & Pearl, Ian & Pat and Gill & Andrew attended the National AGM in March in Buxton. The quiz went down well although it was a bit too long. Katie Hunt has asked if we will do the same again at the next national AGM. Speaking of which……… |  |
|  | **AGM 2017 - Norman Corrin**  |  |
|  | BBN are hosting the next national AGM at Horwood House from Friday 10th to Sunday 12th March 2017. |  |
|  | We have to come up with 4 walks distances of approx 20, 17, 15 and 8 miles and a coach trip. Details to be supplied by end of August/early September for Strider. |  |
|  | We also require members to meet and greet arrivals at the hotel from 1400 on the Friday and discuss the routes with the walk leaders. Katie Hunt, the National AGM organiser, has come up with a suggestion of a visit to Bletchley Park from Janet Chapman. As a lot of our members are getting older this would be of interest. However I cannot guarantee Benedict Cumberbatch being there!Dave and M have come up with the idea of using a local village hall as a checkpoint for all routes. I’ve contacted the Conference Organiser at the Hotel and will be going over in early June to look at the Hotel and routes in and outI will be putting an article in the June Newsletter. |  |
|  | * Norman is working on the various routes, hopefully all to have the same lunch stop at Wing Village Hall. Norman to check availability.
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|  | * Suggested destinations for the coach trip are Bletchley Park and Milton Keynes Museum.
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|  | * Norman to prepare item for Update and Newsletter
 | ***Norman*** |
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| **(b)** | **Group Constitution – Norman Corrin** |  |
|  | Matters raised at BBN AGM remain to be confirmed with NEC. | ***Norman/*** |
|  |  | ***(Merrian)*** |
| **(c)** | **Publicity** |  |
|  | Alan said Mike Hyland has asked for 6 LDWA promotional posters to be displayed at BBN challenge events.Dave suggested putting LDWA membership forms with non-members’ certificates after events. |  |
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| **6.** | **LDWA 100** |  |
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| **(a)** | **2016 100 – Dorset – Norman Corrin** |  |
|  | Went well. The CP was very busy. Thank you email received from Deidre. Norman has forwarded this to all helpers.  |  |
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|  | **Marshals’ 100 - Lynn Yorston**Dave & I ran 2 checkpoints on the Marshals’ event – CP1 at Crossways & CP13 at Long Bredy. Nigel Schofield joined for the duration. We had a great time & loved meeting up with all the familiar faces of walkers – happy & smiling at CP1 – tired & weary at CP13. The organisation of the whole event was superb. All the timings worked for us & there was loads of food. It was a pleasure to work with the Dorset team. We were even interviewed at CP13 for the parish newsletter. The lady keyholder & her friend who writes the articles were both SO intrigued with what was going on, I would not be surprised if the whole village was out to cheer the main walkers through. |  |
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| **(b)** | **2017 100 – North York Moors - Norman Corrin** |  |
|  | We’ve a Checkpoint at 28 miles which is a Bunkhouse in Rosedale. Merrian will be organising the group checkpoint |  |
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| **(c)** | **2018 100 – Kent - Norman Corrin** |  |
|  | We’ve been offered checkpoint at Rye 13 miles, CP2. |  |
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| **7.** | **BBN Challenge Events** |  |
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| **(a)** | **Pick & Mix 2016 – Lynn Yorston** |  |
|  | The report and results have already been published. We have had one entrant who has asked for a revision of his distance which has been dealt with.  |  |
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| **(b)** | **From Here to There & Back 2016 – Alan Leadbetter** |  |
|  | Due to a road closure I have had to reroute the start. This will need to be checked by the marshals on the marshals’ walk and by anyone who is willing to do so. This will need to be done so that we can put the route description on the website on 24th June. As at 2nd June we have 64 on the event. Hopefully numbers will be better on the day.5 walkers doing the marshals’ walk on 5th June. |  |
|  | It was suggested that something be put on the LDWA forum to encourage entries. | ***Alan/DFH(?)*** |
|  | Alan is sorting a new route for 2017. |  |
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| **(c)** | **Steppingley Step 2016 – Dave Findel-Hawkins** |  |
|  | Taking place on 20th November. CP at Westoning now sorted – it will be in the big kitchen as the hall is already being used. Routes almost sorted. Approx 25 entries as at 16th May. There will be beer again! |  |
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| **(d)** | **Chiltern Kanter – Norman Corrin** |  |
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|  | * Event notification form has been sent to David for inclusion in the August Strider. It is Sunday 5th March……….the weekend before the national AGM….☹
* All checkpoint halls have been booked. However I’ve not received a reply from Safran Power Systems ref car parking. I had the same problem last time but they eventually answered!
* 3 routes of 26, 18 and 13 miles. £7 LDWA and £10 non LDWA. No entries on the day and Entry Limit of 300. Online or Postal entries accepted.
* 13 mile route has been walked as has loop on long route. These will require checking…….someone!
* Please can someone else do the catering? I refuse to strain my car suspension with Tins of Baked Beans or Packets of Quiches any more……..
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|  | * Alan will check the 13 mile route in July.
 | ***Alan*** |
|  | * Mary will organise the catering with help from Gill.
 | ***Mary/Gill*** |
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| **8.** | **Donations/Projects** |  |
|  | To be left to next meeting |  |
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| **9.** | **Group Activities/Weekends/Social Events** |  |
|  | **Greensand Ridge Walk - 10th July 2016 –Gill Bunker** |  |
|  | * 23 walkers (27 in 2014)
* Halls booked
* Coach booked – but is going to cost a lot more than last time
* Helpers sorted
* Leaders sorted
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|  | Gill said entry fees to date only cover the cost of the halls and coach. The registration deadline is 1st July. |  |
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| **10.** | **AOB** |  |
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| **(a)** | Lynn Yorston: Dave is taking part in a charity cycle ride to raise funds for The Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals charity. The hospitals are, amongst other things, one of the leading heart specialist groups in the country.This is The GRAND CANAL CHALLENGE to be held on June 26th 2016. He goes as a member of the TEAM MALT which is made up from the staff and members of the brewery where he works. They are to cycle the 26 miles between the 2 hospital sites using the tow path of the Grand Union Canal.If the BBN committee as a whole and/or any individual would care to sponsor him, please email Dave with your name, full address and gift aid (if applicable) at dave.yorston@btinternet.com  |  |
|  | Agreed Peter can circulate this in an Update | ***Peter*** |
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| **(b)** | Norman confirmed he will stand down at Chairman at the 2017 AGM. |  |
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| **(c)** | **Date of next committee meeting** |  |
|  | Thursday 1st September 2016 at Peter’s. Peter to prepare Agenda. | ***Peter*** |
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| The meeting closed at 9.58 pm |  |
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| **The next committee meeting** will be held on Thursday 1st September 2016 at 96 Wardown Crescent, Luton. LU2 7JT |
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| **The AGM** will be held on 27th November 2016 2pm at The Anchor Inn, Great Barford, Beds. |