

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

Held at 8pm on Tuesday 6th November 2018

at the Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD.

Present:

Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Chair
Alison Wadsworth (AEW)	Secretary
Paul Allen (PA)	Treasurer
David Walsh (DW)	Walks Secretary
Viv Lee (VL)	Social and Events Secretary
Hilary Scott (HS)	IT Secretary
Gordon Stone (GS)	Ordinary Committee Member
Alma Walsh (AW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Norman Thomas (NT)	Ordinary Committee Member
Nick Halford	Caroline Tennant
Roger Jackson	Pauline Melia
Michael Bushby	Jane Hill
Paul Raine	Sue Raine
Barbara Shelton	Andy Griffin
Steve Clark	Sue Boardman
Peter Balshaw	

Apologies:

Ken Noble	Edwina Hill
Julie Spencer	Chris Green

The AGM opened at 8.04 pm.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The Minutes were accepted as a true record of the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

2. Chair and Secretary's Report:

2.1 The Chair and Secretary thanked all officers for successfully delivering their roles and for their support, event marshals, those that attended and presented at meetings, joined in social activities and all walkers.

2.2 Annual Report:

- The NEC had produced three comprehensive documents regarding the LDWA's responsibilities and obligations under GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations). The Chair and Secretary believe the Group is compliant as of today. Hidden amongst the documentation was an insurance requirement to complete a Walks Register before each social walk. The Group has introduced this and all Walk Leaders and walkers were thanked for its successful implementation.
- Michael Bushby had put on Map and Navigation Skills Courses which were well received by all attendees and the Chair thanked Michael for all his hard work.
- A CPR and First Aid Refresher Course had been organised for 13 Group members unfortunately this was abandoned part way through due to a local fire. It is hoped that this may be rearranged in the future.
- The NEC is changing its logo which is felt to be outdated. Likewise the Group is refreshing its logo to be more up-to-date from a design and IT perspective.

- Membership of the Group appears to be rising slowly from a consistent base, the Group has 278 primary members and 257 associate members.
- Finally the Chair thanked all the Two Crosses organisers who took the brave executive decision to go ahead with this years Two Crosses, albeit the shorter route only, despite the atrocious weather conditions. The fact that all walkers, runners and marshals completed the day safe and well is a testament to the careful planning that went into the Event.

3 Treasurer's Report

3.1 The Treasurer presented the annual accounts to the Group.

- It was noted that this included three separate accounts; Current Account, Savings Account and the Red Rose 50 Account.
- It was also noted that the accounts are currently holding monies received from members towards the cost of accommodation booked for the annual 100 and other social events. Reconciliation of the accommodation costs and monies received have been provided to the Group at Group meetings and the Chair confirmed that this had been done at no financial risk or detriment to the Group.
- Changes to the type of savings account used forced upon us by Yorkshire Bank, provided the opportunity to include a balance adjustment required due to historic reasons.

3.2 The Group's Auditor, Julie Spencer, confirmed via email to the Secretary that she had signed off the Accounts as a true record and she was thanked for her work on behalf of the Group.

3.3 The Group accepted the Accounts.

3.4 The Secretary will forward a copy of the Group's accounts along with minutes of the AGM to the NEC.

4. Officer's Annual Reports

4.1 Walks Secretary

The Walks Secretary provided an annual report on walks held between 1st November 2017 and 31st October 2018 as follows:

- 21 Sunday walks held by 10 different walk leaders, with three new walk leaders. An average of 17 walkers per walk walking a total of 421 miles (average per walk 20 miles).
- 26 Wednesday walks held by 18 different walk leaders, with five new walk leaders, walking a total of 362 miles (average per walk 13.9 miles).
- 4 Plodders walks held by 3 different walk leaders walking a total of 40 miles (average per walk 10 miles).
- Christmas Cracker had 40 walkers.

Dave thanked all walk leaders .

4.2 Events Secretary

The Two Crosses

Caroline provide a brief overview as follows:

- There were 91 starters with 199 entrants having paid in advance, 126 non-starters and surprisingly 18 on the day entries.
- A profit was made of £868, this reduced profit reflected the low number of on the day entries.
- Only the shorter route was permitted on the day due to the severe weather conditions.
- There were six retirees.
- Caroline thanked all marshals for their hard work and dedication in ensuring the

safety and well being of the entrants and fellow marshals.

The Red Rose 50

Caroline provide a brief overview as follows:

- There were 131 starters with 172 entrants having paid in advance.
- 127 entrants finished the Event with 14 retirees.

4.3 **IT Secretary**

Hilary thanked all walk leaders for their prompt walk reports and photographs which helps provide a record of the Group's activities.

4.4 **Social Secretary**

Viv updated her analysis of the impact the East Lancs social events have on the local economy. 2017/18 Social Programme included holidays to Ambleside, Keswick, South West Coastal Path, Kent 100, Welsh Coastal Path, the Real Ale Amble, Ghyll Head and Llanwyrtd Wells.

Viv estimated that walkers spent approximately £63,000+ in local economies which excludes the monies spent during the regular walks programme on car parking, refreshments etc.

5 **Election of Officers**

- 5.1 The Chair made a statement outlining the events leading up to the AGM so that the meeting could agree and confirm compliance with the Group's Constitution. At the October meeting the Chair and Secretary (Paul & Alison Wadsworth) announced their intention to retire due to family and personal issues. On 16th October, with no new nominations received and to secure the future of the Group, Paul & Alison communicated to all primary members a conditional offer to stand for a further term, (conditional on planning for a further Red Rose 50 to be delayed for 12 months). By 23rd October no further nominations had been received and by the timescales laid down in the Constitution this meant that no on the night nominations could be taken. On 4th November two members made it know that they were willing to be nominated as Chair and Secretary.

At the AGM and to be able to receive this late offer and be compliant with the Constitution the current Chair and Secretary withdrew their nominations. This enabled new nominations to be received and the election of a new Chair and Secretary.

At the October meeting the following officers had agreed to stand for a further term;
Treasurer – Paul Allen

Walks Secretary – Dave Walsh

Social secretary – Viv Lee

IT Secretary – Hilary Scott

Ordinary Committee Members – Alma Walsh, Ken Noble, Gordon Stone

Viv Lee announced she would step down as Events Secretary and Caroline Tennant was proposed by Alison Wadsworth and seconded by Nick Halford.

Paul Wadsworth agree to continue as an Ordinary Committee Member, proposed by Alison Wadsworth and seconded by Hilary Scott.

The above were duly proposed and seconded at the October meeting. As no new nominations were received before the AGM they were elected for a further year.

On the night nominations made at the AGM were:

Chair – Hilary Scott, proposed by Nick Halford and seconded by Viv Lee

Secretary – Roger Jackson, proposed by Nick Halford and seconded by Barbara Shelton

Ordinary Committee Member – Pauline Melia, proposed by Hilary Scott and seconded by Alison Wadsworth

The Committee for 2018/19 is as follows:

Chair	Hilary Scott
Secretary	Roger Jackson
Treasurer	Paul Allen
Walks Secretary	David Walsh
Events Secretary	Caroline Tennant
Social Secretary	Viv Lee
IT Secretary	Hilary Scott
Ordinary Member	Ken Noble
Ordinary Member	Alma Walsh
Ordinary Member	Gordon Stone
Ordinary Member	Paul Wadsworth
Ordinary Member	Pauline Melia

6 Any Other AGM Business:

None.

7 Incoming Chair's Statement

- Hilary thanked Paul and Alison Wadsworth, Norman Thomas, John Pickton and Peter Steckles for their hard work on behalf of the Group.
- A significant number of people are unable to attend the December and January meetings and these have been rearranged as follows:
 - Tuesday 11th December 2018
 - Tuesday 8th January 2019
 - Both starting at 8pm at the Doffcocker.
- A brief discussion regarding whether the Group should hold a RR50 in 2019 saw three pros and three cons discussed. Hilary confirmed that a resounding mandate from the Group would be required before the event can go ahead. A brief discussion regarding how a primary member's vote can be made took place as the current Constitution would appear to preclude any votes other than those made at a meeting.
- The Christmas Meal is now full.
- Anyone wanting to book a hotpot lunch on the Christmas Cracker to contact Dave and Alma Walsh.

The AGM closed at 9.20 pm.

The meeting was followed by a pie & peas supper.