

**LDWA East Lancs Group**

**Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting**

**8pm on Tuesday 5 th November 2019**

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

**Present:**

Hilary Scott (HS)	Chair / IT Secretary
Roger Jackson (RJ)	Secretary
Viv Lee (VL)	Social Secretary
David Walsh (DW)	Walks Secretary
Alma Walsh	Ordinary Committee Member
Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Ken Noble (KN)	Ordinary Committee Member
Pauline Melia (PM)	Ordinary Committee Member
Gordon Stone (GS)	Ordinary Committee Member
Ian Hamilton (IH)	Mike Bushby (MB)
Alison Wadsworth (AW)	Nick Halford (NH))
Steve Clark (SC)	Peter Balshaw (PB)
Sue Boardman (SB)	Norman Thomas (NT)
Paul Raine (PR)	Sue Raine (SR)
Chris Greene (CG)	Edwina Hill (EH)
Andy Griffin (AG)	Jane Hill (JH)
Tony Clark (TC)	Peter Steckles (PS)
Kim Shaw (KS)	

**Apologies**

Julie Spencer (JS)	Paul Allen (PA)
Caroline Tennant (CT)	Don Watson (DW)
Barbara Shelton (BS)	

**The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 8.00 pm and closed at 08.50 pm.**

**1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

The Minutes were accepted as a true record of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

**2. Chair and Secretary's Report:**

- 2.1** The Chair and Secretary thanked everyone for their hard work over the past year. East Lancs is a vibrant group and we are very fortunate to have such dedicated officers who have fulfilled their committee roles plus so many members who have supported us by leading and participating social walks, attending activities, and helping run events.

## **2.2 Annual Report:**

2019 has been a very positive year for East Lancs. We now have 289 primary and 284 associate members.

We have successfully run two events; the Events Secretary will give details later. Both received very complimentary comments from participants. Thanks to all those who organised and helped on the day.

We have also spent some of our club funds. The main beneficiaries have been a PNFS signpost near Hollinshead Hall, the provision of ICE tags for all members who ordered them, a new club badge for members and the promise of contributing to work required in Redisher Wood. We would like to thank Jane Hill for her work with the tags, Caroline sorting out the new logo and badge and Viv for starting off the Redisher Wood project.

The club (through Viv) arranged for a First Aid training course which was held without interruption this time. We will be donating to the Fire Service Charity and the British Heart Foundation as a token of our appreciation.

The club also supported a charity event at Peel Tower which raised over £1000. Thanks to all who made cakes and bought them.

The Walks Secretary will be giving a longer report, but we have once again had a full, and in the main, well supported walking programme. The Plodder walks have made a successful return and offer one shorter easy paced walk a month.

We have also had many social activities usually arranged by Viv who works tirelessly to ensure that we all enjoy these.

Thanks to all who work so hard for the club, your work is often unseen but certainly not unappreciated. We look forward to another successful year in 2020.

## **3 Treasurer's Update:**

- 3.1** The Treasurer set his apologies, as he was not able to attend the AGM, but did make the annual accounts available to the group, prior to the meeting. It was noted that we have some outstanding commitments to meet, mainly connected with the Redisher Wood project, but even after taking them into consideration the group's accounts continue to hold a healthy balance.
- 3.2** The Group's Auditor, Julie Spencer, confirmed to the Chair that she was generally happy with the Accounts as a true record, but had not had time to quite finalise her audit. so, she cannot confirm sign off until she has finished her checks. She was thanked for her work on behalf of the Group.
- 3.3** The Group accepted the Accounts subject to Julie's confirmation
- 3.4** The Secretary will forward a copy of the Group's accounts (following confirmation) along with minutes of the AGM to the NEC.

## 4 Officers Annual Reports

### 4.1 Walks Secretary

The Walks Secretary provided an annual report on walks held between 1st November 2018 and 31st October 2019 as follows:

- 26 Sunday walks held by 14 different walk leaders. 499 walkers an average of 19 walkers per walk walking a total of 495 miles (average per walk 19 miles).
- 27 Wednesday walks held by 21 different walk leaders, 465 walkers an average of 17 per walk, walking a total of 362.5 miles (average per walk 13.4 miles).
- 10 Ploddery walks (a big increase on last year) held by 9 different walk leaders, 127 walkers an average of 13 walkers per walk walking a total of 104, miles (average per walk 10 miles).
- Christmas Cracker had the most with 51 walkers.

Dave thanked all walk leaders.

### 4.2 Event Secretary.

Caroline was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded the following report.

#### The Two Crosses

- There were 236 starters with 253 entrants having paid in advance, 44 non-starters and 27 on the day entries. Retired 4, Finished 232, **Profit £1294.05**

In 2020 we are moving to a new venue – Greenmount Community Church, as headquarters, better facilities and no leaky roof.

Also works to repair the eroded footpath in Redisher Wood are awaiting confirmation, but indications are that the Ramblers are going to donate the final funds needed for the project. It is hoped that the work will be completed ready for the next Two Crosses in March 2020.

#### The Red Rose 50

- There were 87 starters with 106 entrants having paid in advance, 19 non-starters. Retired/Timed Out 12, Finished 75, **Profit £432.82**

Overall a successful event, but with the recent increase of other 50 milers in the North, entries have dropped so the decision was taken at the October group meeting not to run the Red Rose in 2020.

### 4.3 IT Secretary

Hilary thanked all walk leaders who have so diligently provided a report of their walk. The Website is up to date. We now have a FaceBook group and this has been followed by many though very few people post to it.

### 4.4 Social Secretary's Update

Viv updated her analysis of the impact the East Lancs social events have on the local economy. 2018/19 Social Programme included holidays to Ambleside, Keswick, South West Coastal Path, Hadrian 100, Welsh Coastal Path, the Real Ale Amble, Ghyll Head, New Year at Llanwyrtd Wells, Christmas Meal and The Christmas Cracker. Viv estimated that walkers spent approximately £61,402+ in local economies which excludes the monies spent during the regular walks programme on car parking, refreshments

## 5 Election of Officers

At the October meeting the following officers had agreed to stand for a further term; **Chair** – Hilary Scott. **Secretary** – Roger Jackson. **Treasurer** – Paul Allen. **Walks Secretary** – Dave Walsh. **Social secretary** – Viv Lee. **IT Secretary** – Hilary Scott. **Events Secretary** - Caroline Tennant. **Ordinary Committee Members** – Alma Walsh, Gordon Stone, Paul Wadsworth, Pauline Melia.

Ken Noble announced he would step down as Ordinary Committee Member

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: Ordinary Committee Member – Nick Halford, proposed by Hilary Scott; and seconded by Caroline Tennant.

Nick was elected to join the committee.

### The Committee for 2019/20 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	Nick Halford
Ordinary Member	Alma Walsh ( Pastoral Care Officer)
Ordinary Member	Gordon Stone
Ordinary Member	Paul Wadsworth
Ordinary Member	Pauline Melia ( Publicity Officer )

**6 Any Other AGM Business**

None

**7 Chair's Statement**

Hilary thanked all those committee members who have agreed to stand again and looks forward to working with everyone.

In an effort to attract new members and raise the profile of the club Pauline has agreed to take on a role as Publicity Officer. Looking forward to hearing some ideas and hope we will all support her. In a similar vein, Alma is going to look at Pastoral Care for the group. The sort of areas this will involve are keeping up with any injured/poorly members and possibly following up with new ones. Again, Alma will need help from us all, I know we will support them both. So hopefully the next year will be as successful as the last ensuring East Lincs remains a great group to be involved in.

Ken Noble has moved back to Yorkshire so, although still a member will be less involved with the group. Hilary thanked him for his efforts on the committee and helping out on events in various roles. She then presented him with a small gift, from the group, in appreciation.

**8 AGM Closed 8.40 pm**

**9 Normal Group Business**

**9.1 Date of Next Group Meeting**

We agreed the next meeting will be Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2020

**9.2 AOB**

Tony Clark offered to do a talk at the next club meeting, which was readily accepted

Hilary read out a letter of thanks, from Don Watson, to the Club for the support given as he recovers from his back injury.

**10 Meeting Closed 8.50**

The meeting was followed by Hotpot supper and Norman's Quiz

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting.**

**8pm, on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

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

**Sandwiches will be provided.**

**ALL WELCOME**