

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 2nd May 2017
at the Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD.

Present:

Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Chair
Alison Wadsworth (AEW)	Secretary
David Walsh (DW)	Walks Secretary
Viv Lee (VL)	Social and Events Secretary
Hilary Scott (HS)	IT Secretary
Alma Walsh (AW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Ken Noble (KN)	Ordinary Committee Member
Peter Steckles (PS)	Ordinary Committee Member
John Picton	Ordinary Committee Member
Caroline Tennant (CT)	Nick Halford
Barbara Shelton	Paul Raine
Mike Bushby	Christa Watmough
Peter Balshaw	Julie Wightman
Tony Clark	Gordon Stone
David Holt	Elaine Holt
Apologies:	
Paul Allen (PA)	Treasurer

The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 8.06pm and closed at 9.50pm.

A warm welcome was extended to Christa, David and Elaine who were attending a meeting for the first time.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The Minutes were accepted as a true record of April's meeting.

2. Matters Arising:

Action 16.16 In total 28 people attended the two CPR courses held on 24th September and 1st October.

and 16.17: May update: The following action is outstanding:

- The Group would make a £100 donation to the Fire Service Benevolent Fund, In order to close this outstanding action, the Secretary will arrange for a personal cheque to be made and handed over as soon as possible and claim the money back from the Treasurer.

Action: Ongoing

17.07: At the April meeting the group approved the following items of expenditure for the 2016-17 accounting year:

- Purchase of beers, wines and soft drinks for the Two Crosses/100 Party to be held in June 2017 (Social Secretary and Treasurer to action)
- £5.00 subsidy to Marshals attending the Christmas meal in December 2017 (Secretary and Treasurer to action)
- Rental for equipment storage space
- Walk Recce expenses will continue to be paid as per previously agreed rules
- Donation of £25 to the National Trust (Treasurer to action)

- Donation of £45 to Mountain Rescue (Treasurer to action)
- Purchase of the following assets:
 - 2 soup kettles (Events Secretary to action)
 - 25 soup bowls (Events Secretary to action)
 - 6 aprons plus embroidery (Secretary to action)
 - 2 large teapots (Events Secretary to action)
 - A4 Weather Writers for use at Checkpoints (Norman Thomas to obtain options and prices)
 - Miscellaneous donations to be individually agreed and approved
 - Miscellaneous gifts as required to be individually agreed and approved

It was also agreed to stop funding sandwiches at Group meetings thereby saving £25 per meeting.

May update:

- Soup bowls and embroidered aprons had been purchased and need to be added to the Asset List.
- A4 weather writers costed at £20 each and agreed to purchase 5 (Secretary to action).
- One hotplate has been disposed off and needs to be removed from the Asset List.
- Viv to purchase other agreed items as above.
- Asset List to be updated.

Action: ongoing

- 17.12:** The Treasurer noted that the outstanding balances for the North Yorks Moors accommodation had increased since the time of booking, leaving a shortfall. Viv Lee to investigate further and report back.

May update: Viv reported that the final balance payment had been sent late and a late penalty charge had been incurred which explained the increase. The shortfall has been met by taking £7.00 per head from the food kitty associated with this booking.

Action: Closed

- 17.13:** The date for the 2018 Two Crosses Event and costs will be agreed at May's meeting. Caroline will assess the costs for using SI.

3.1 May update:

3.2 The Group agreed the following:

- Date of the 2018 Two Crosses Event – Sunday 18th March 2018.
- Cost of the event:
 - LDWA members £8.00
 - Non LDWA members £9.00
 - On the day entries £13.00
 - Advance entries through SI will incur SI admin charges
 - Caroline to put advert into Strider.
 - There are only a few Two Crosses badges left which will be used for Anytime Challenge requests. The Group agreed not to order any more.

3.3 Action: Ongoing

- 17.14:** Jumbles Sailing Club have informed Viv that they cannot provide bar staff for the Two Crosses/100 party. An alternative venue is therefore required. Anyone who knows of any suitable venue should contact the Secretary who with the Events Secretary will assess and agree the alternative venue.

4.1 May update:

4.2 Two potential options have been identified

4.3 **Option 1:** Hold the party at Horwich RMI, Bolton. A private room can be hired at no

charge but the Group would need to order pie and peas at £4.00 per head. The Group would subsidise the cost of the supper but drinks would have to be purchased separately.

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4.5 **Option 2:** Hold the party at St. Margaret's Church, Lonsdale Road, Halliwell, Bolton at a cost of £10.00 per hour for a large room and kitchen. The Group would subsidise the room hire and also provide beer, wine and soft drinks. Group members to bring buffet items as usual. The room would have to be tidied and rubbish removed at the end of the evening.

4.6 Option 2 was chosen by the vast majority of group members.

4.7 The Secretary to confirm the booking with the church. Viv to organise the buffet.

4.8 Details: 7.30pm Saturday 10th June 2017, all welcome.

4.9 Action: Ongoing

17.15: A complaint was sent to the Chair and Secretary following the Two Crosses from an entrant who suffered an accident in Redisher Wood and sustained head and facial injuries.

The Chair and Secretary will email the complainant with the outcome of the investigation and the actions agreed by the Group. The complainant also asked for her entry to the Red Rose 50 to be refunded and this will be actioned as a good will gesture.

May update: The complainant has accepted the Group's findings and is happy to conclude her complaint. She has expressed her desire to remain walking with the Group on future social walks and is donating her refunded RR50 entry fee to her local Mountain Rescue Group.

The Chair has sent a completed incident form to NEC.

The Chair will draft operating procedures based on the findings from the investigation and email to Caroline and Viv for inclusion in the Operating Manual.

Action: Ongoing

Agenda Items:

3. Chair and Secretary's Update:

3.1 Nothing new to report.

4. Events Secretary's Update:

4.1 Two Crosses:

Action 17.16: Following the recent incident and complaint, Viv and Caroline to produce an alternative descent from Peel Tower that bypasses Redisher Wood and present to to the Group for discussion and approval.

Action: Ongoing

An alternative storage space for the Group's equipment has been identified in the loft space at St. Margaret's Church, Halliwell, Bolton. This is clean and dry with good access. Shelving will need to be sourced.

Action 17.17: The group agreed to give notice to Rochdale Scout's Group and the Secretary will contact the church to make arrangements to commence storage.

Action: Ongoing

4.2 Red Rose 50:

- 127 entries have been received to date, 102 via SI.
- Staffing rota is nearly complete for the main event. Volunteers are still required for the Marshals' Event.
- Some concerns have been expressed over the quantity and type of food on offer at

some of the checkpoints. Please send any comments to either Viv or the Secretary for discussion at the next two meetings.

- o Group meetings between now and September will make time to ensure that all arrangements for the marshals and main event are completed to ensure success.
- o Viv confirmed that the cost of hiring the Jumbles Sailing Club for 26 hours on each of the the Marshal's and the RR50 will be £520.

5. Treasurer's Update:

5.1 In the Treasurer's absence the Chair gave a verbal update on the group's financial position.

6 Walks Secretary's Update:

6.1 The September to December walks programme has been filled. Please send walk details to Dave as soon as possible.

6.2 Alf Short's 31 mile High Street Stroll has not attracted any East Lancs members. Please contact Alf if you wish to join this walk.

6.3 Hilary, Caroline and Nick are organising 4 Saturday walks covering the Wyre Way of between 16 and 18 miles in length. Please see Strider or the website for details.

7. Social Secretary's Update:

7.1 Full details of all social events can be found on the website.

8. IT Secretary's Update:

8.1 The Group's web site is up to date, nothing further to report.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Member's Open Forum:

Alma and Dave have received an email from John Rowe announcing that he has had to give up long distance walking due to health reasons but thanking the Group for enjoyable walks. We wish John well in the future with Alma and Dave to send an acknowledgement card on behalf of the Group.

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Ken Noble was thanked for his informative and enjoyable presentation on

'Walking the Tour du Mont Blanc – Part Two'.

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Date and Time of Next Meeting

**8pm, Tuesday 6th June 2017 at the
Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD.**

ALL WELCOME