

**LDWA East Lancs Group**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 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	IT Secretary
Alma Walsh (AW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Ken Noble	Ordinary Committee Member
Peter Steckles	Ordinary Committee Member
Caroline Tennant (CT)	Roger Jackson
Barbara Shelton	Julie Spencer
Steve Clarke	Sue Boardman
Paul Raine	Sue Raine
Peter Hill	Jane Hill
Peter Balshaw	Viv Pike

**Apologies:**

Gordon Stone	Publicity Officer
Nick Halford	

**The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 8.05pm and closed at 9.35pm.**

**A warm welcome was extended to new members Jane and Peter Hill.**

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

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

**2. Matters Arising:**

**Action 18.01:** Local Groups must obtain name, address and emergency contact details for non-members who participate in advertised Group walks. This is to ensure that the current third party insurance provided by the Group covers non-members.

**Action 18.01:** The Chair and Walks Secretary to agree a pro forma for implementation in January 2018.

The Chair presented a draft Procedure entitled 'Management of Walk Safety' which had been shared with the Secretary and Walks Secretary. This Procedure adds this new requirement to current best practice and also includes sections covering the responsibilities of every walker. The aim is to provide an easy to use, best practice guide that can act as a reminder at the start of each social walk.

Comments received include:

1. Amend the section to state that whilst dogs are usually accepted on walks check with the walk leader that this is the case as there may be some exceptions, for example walks in nature reserves etc.
2. Add a section to advise new walk leaders on how to carry out recces.

The Group voted to implement the updated Procedure with the Chair trialing it on his 29<sup>th</sup>

April 2018, Bronte Round walk.

CT will provide laminated copies that will be distributed to regular walk leaders.

**April update:** This issue has been overtaken due to the requirement for the NEC and every local group to comply with new national General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and is currently on hold. Draft documents have been issued by NEC for review by Group Secretaries. NEC are to meet on 7<sup>th</sup> April, with advice, guidance and an updated Data Protection policy being issued to all group officers and all LDWA members in May. The introduction of GDPR will probably mean some different ways of working for the Group. We will await the new documents and discuss the implications with the Group at a later meeting.

**Action:** Ongoing

- 18.02** The Chair tabled a proposed Income/Expenditure for 2017/18 which shows that the Group generated a healthy profit from the 2017 Two Crosses and Red Rose 50 Challenge Events and listed the usual routine spend (Equipment storage, June party, Xmas meal thank you paid to Event Marshals, meeting refreshments etc). The Group are invited to make proposals as to how this money could be spent. New agreed items include:

- Refresher CPR Course
- Purchase of 100 plastic soup bowls at an approximate cost of £150.

**Action 18.02:** The Secretary to action the above, and all to provide further suggestions.

**April update:** 99 plastic bowls have been ordered at a cost of £126. Further suggestions can be tabled at any time.

**Action:** Ongoing

- 18.03** The Treasurer has received a cheque for £170 from the North Yorkshire 100 Committee in recognition of the Group's contributions to the breakfast stop on the 2017 100. A debate on how these monies should best be used took place and the Group voted that the money should be divided equally between the marshals who provided a full shift at the breakfast stop.

**Action 18.03:** Viv Lee to provide names of the marshals to the Treasurer who will then issue cheques.

**April update:** Viv has identified 16 marshals who will each receive an equal share of the £170. The Treasurer will send out cheques.

**Action:** Closed

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **3. Chair and Secretary's Update:**

- 3.1 The Chair thanked all members for their cards, messages of support and the gift voucher following his hospital admission for drainage of a large pelvic infection resulting from his recent hernia surgery. As of today he is off the intravenous antibiotics but still needs to take oral antibiotics to prevent the infection recurring but a return to full recovery will take some time and a long walk now consists of one mile followed by a much needed rest!
- 3.2 The Chair apologised for the size of the room. The Doffcocker has received a paid booking for the Billiards Room so we were asked to relocate to this smaller room.

#### 4. Treasurer's Update:

4.1 The Treasurer gave a verbal update on the Group's financial position.

#### 5. Event Secretary's Update:

##### 5.1 Two Crosses Event

- CT reported that due to adverse weather it was decided to only allow the 17 mile route to proceed. This decision was taken for health and safety reasons as the Event was not fully staffed with marshals and certain CPs were inaccessible by car. All entrants accepted this and there were no complaints.
- There were 199 pre-entries and 18 on the day entrants. As there were 126 non-starters, 91 entrants started the event. 6 people safely retired from the event with no reported injuries or incidents.
- Whilst a healthy profit was made, this was reduced due to fewer on the day entries. All food had already been purchased and left over perishable food was donated to marshals after the event with VL donating the remainder to Bury Blind Food Bank. Where appropriate tinned food and items with a long use by date have been stored for use at the Red Rose 50. Other items were shorter use by dates were distributed at the meeting with the remainder being donated to Paul Raine for use at the Peelers Hike.
- A table was broken during the event, VL has replaced.
- The status of all entrants who stated they were members was checked and there were no anomalies.
- No charge was made by the National Trust for the Event.
- The new route description was used which bypasses Reddish Wood. The Chair stated that as The Two Crosses is an anytime challenge the revised GPX and route Description need updating on the Long Distance Paths section of the LDWA web site.  
**Action 18.04:** CT to arrange the update.  
Action: Ongoing
- CT has updated the Two Crosses Manual and sent it to the IT Secretary for inclusion on the web site. Specific reference is made to the fact that the Group does not provide disposable items.
- If any Marshal has any clippers left from the Event please return them to Caroline.
- There are no badges left but a few queries were made as to whether they will be available in future. Given the high volume of badges required to place an order, the Group agreed not to provide badges in future.
- The Group agreed to make the following donations to recognise support given to the Event:  
£45 to Bolton Mountain Rescue  
£25 to the National Trust  
£100 to the Laurel Centre's Roof Appeal  
**Action 18.05:** The Treasurer to make the agreed donations on behalf of the Group.  
Action: Ongoing

- It was agreed to hold the next Two Crosses Event on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Entry prices were agreed as follows:

Members                £8.00

Non-members        £10.00

All above prices are in addition to SI fees

On the day entries   £14.00

**Action 18.06:** Viv Lee to book the Laurel Centre.

**Action:** Ongoing

The Chair thanked all the organisers and marshals for the efforts to make another memorable and successful Two Crosses Event despite the adverse weather.

## 5.2 Red Rose 50 Event

- The RR50 Committee had met before the Group meeting, brief update as follows:
- CT confirmed 23 entries received to date, all via SI. Entry numbers are expected to increase following the publication of an article about the Red Rose 50 which appeared in the recent Strider.
- All CPs and the Turton Tower car park have been booked.
- Staffing Co-ordinator Roger Jackson has most CP Leaders identified. Volunteers to marshal still required.
- There are currently insufficient Hi Viz jackets for the RR50.

**Action 18.07:** CT to order more.

**Action:** Ongoing

## 6. Walks Secretary's Update:

- 6.1 The Walks Secretary is looking for a Sunday walk leader for the September to December 2018 Walks Programme. Please contact Dave if you would like to lead a walk.
- 6.2 Dave reported that Wednesday walks are well attended and that numbers on Sunday walks are increasing.
- 6.3 The Chair thanked Steve Clark for volunteering to lead the Bronte Round on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 for him following his recent illness. The last 13 badges are available to purchase , see Steve if you are interested.

## 7. Social Secretary's Update:

- 7.1 Full details of all social events can be found on the website.
- 7.2 The Two Crosses/100 Party is confirmed as Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at St. Margaret's Church Hall. The Group will provide bottled beers, wines and soft drinks.

## 8. IT Secretary's Update:

- 8.1 The IT Secretary's had reported that the website was up to date. Website statistics will be presented at a future meeting.
- 8.2 Hilary commented that the East Lancs Facebook page had received 579 hits following the Two Crosses.

- 8.3 A recent Strider photograph had been wrongly captioned. Hilary had raised this with the Editor and accepted his apologies.
- 8.4 GM Transport are holding a Walking Week. Hilary to contact them with details of our walks.
- 8.5 Dave Morgan, new Chair of the LDWA had contacted Hilary to enquire whether the Group would be interested in including the RR100 as one of its long distance trails. The Group would be expected to maintain the trail, reporting and/or repairing any damaged stiles, keeping the route clear where appropriate, etc. There was no expression of interest from the Group.

**9. Any Other Business**

**9.1 Member's Open Forum:**

The Group offered its congratulations to Dave and Alma Walsh for celebrate their Ruby Wedding anniversary on Saturday and to Ken Noble who celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday recently.

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**Date and Time of Next Meeting**  
**8pm, on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018**  
**at the Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD**

**Sandwiches will be provided.**

**ALL WELCOME**