

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 8th January 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
Caroline Tennant (CT)	Events Secretary
Alma Walsh (AW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Ken Noble (KN)	Ordinary Committee Member
Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Jane Hill	Paul Raine
Peter Balshaw	Nick Halford
Steve Clarke	Sue Boardman

Apologies:

Paul Allen (PA)	Treasurer
Pauline Melia (PM)	Ordinary Committee Member
Barbara Shelton (BS)	Mike Bushby (MB)
Chris Greene	Andy Griffin
Kim Walsh	Edwina Hill

The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 8.05pm and closed at 09.00pm.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

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

2. Matters Arising:

18.01 Mike Bushby has volunteered to produce a flyer to advertise membership of the Group.

A draft has been sent to the Secretary which was tabled at the meeting. It was felt that the flyer needed a photograph(s) to complement the text. The Secretary to contact Michael to discuss.

Anyone with good photographs of local landmarks/landscapes (e.g. Darwen Tower, Pendle Hill etc) to email them to MB or the Secretary for inclusion in the poster. Also waiting for the final new logo to be included.

MB had not received any photographs but will complete the flyer.

December Update: MB brought in and circulated a sample flyer. The following discussion suggested a few tweaks, but concluded we were on the right lines. MB will bring an updated version to the next meeting. A suitable slogan was also discussed '**Interested in going the extra mile**' proving popular.

January update: MB still working on flyer, hopes to have it ready for next meeting. PM has forwarded suggestion we should mention our Facebook page

.Action: Ongoing

- 18.02** Caroline Tennant had discussed the Group's logo with her neighbour, a graphic designer. It was agreed that we needed to check that any symbols were Lancastrian in origin using the Lancashire red rose and Lonk breed of sheep. The correct Red Rose has been agreed. The Secretary and Caroline to identify suitable images/drawings of Lonk sheep to update the Group's logo in discussion with the graphic designer. It was noted that the design needed a full stop after the A in L.D.W.A.
: Nick Halford's wife has produced drawings of a Lonk sheep for review by the graphic designer.
NH tabled three drawings of Lonk sheep, one was chosen by the Group. CT to liaise with the graphic designer to produce the Group's logo.
December Update: CT forwarded four designs for evaluation. There was general agreement on the preferred option though one or two possible improvements to the background were suggested. CT to check if feasible and final decision to be made at next meeting.
January Update: CT brought in modified designs, two of which were selected, one colour and one black and white, each to be used as appropriate.. **Action Complete**
- 18.03** All officers are advised to read the three recently published GDPR documents (Policy, User Guide and Briefing Notes). When the Secretary is asked to confirm EL Group compliance then each Officer will first be asked to confirm their compliance to their obligations as detailed in the documents.
The NEC Data Manager, in answers to questions posed by the Chair, has stated that further guidance related to insurance requirements will be issued during September. This will be considered prior to any further action.
October Update: Still awaiting further advice/guidance from the NEC.
December Update : Still waiting
Action: Outstanding
- 18.04** **Action 18.04:** The Secretary to ask the NEC Data Manager as to whether a Walk Register is required on a recce of a Group Walk in order to receive the LDWA insurance cover.
October Update: Still awaiting further advice/guidance from the NEC.
December Update: Still waiting
Action: Outstanding
- 18.05** The Treasurer gave a summary update on the Group's financial position. The accounts were shown to hold a strong positive balance mainly due to the ongoing success of the Two Crosses, the Red Rose 100 and the two Red Rose 50 events. The Chair proposed we should use some of this profit to promote walking related good causes and the East Lancs LDWA generally. Various suggestions were made including sponsoring repair work on stiles and providing kissing gates with an East Lancs LDWA plaque.
Finally it was agreed we would like members to put forward their ideas for discussion at the February meeting.
Action: Ongoing

3 Chair and Secretary Update:

The Chair wished everyone a happy new year, then went on to say the Christmas meal had been a great success with several people expressing how much they enjoyed the volunteer singer, the club decided to fund a small payment to show our appreciation. Norman's Christmas Cracker was also went well with fifty people turning out for the walk. The lunchtime whip round collected over £200 for Christies Charity which was generously matched by Norman.

Looking forward, the Two Crosses planning is all going smoothly and the first Red Rose 50 meeting was held earlier in the evening. More generally we would like to hold more social walks. With this aim in mind we should encourage new walk leaders which will spread the load and hopefully provide a greater variety of walks. Some new faces have appeared on recent walks which is welcome. In addition we are looking at using Facebook to widen our audience, NEC have contacted us suggesting we try and use the local press to the same end..

Finally reminder for members to put forward their idea's on the best use of our account balance, for discussion, at the February meeting

4 Treasurer's Update:

The Treasurer forwarded comment of nothing major to report, plus an update of the current accounts Also mentioned that the Tockholes Red Rose cheque from 2018 has still not been cashed.

5 Event Secretary's Update:

Two Crosses

The Two Crosses Event is live on SI, 53 entries received to date, slightly up on this time last year.

KN has arranged van hire from Enterprise, as it stands he will need to be the driver on the day.

VL together with Dave Chadwick, from the councils pathways department have been inspecting damaged stiles between the Laurel Centre and Affetside, photographs have been taken which Dave will take initially to land owners then if necessary to the council. East Lancs has asked for an estimate with the possibility of offering a contribution towards the cost

BS has volunteered to do the soup list please contact her if you are happy to be one of the soup makers

6 Walks Secretary's Update:

The Walks Secretary confirmed the 2019 May to August programme is full, though he is still waiting for details for one walk, which are required by mid-January.

7 Social Secretary's Update.

7.1 Recent Events

VL reported a group of nine East Lancs LDWA members had just returned from an excellent New Year in Llanwrytd Wells known to some as ' **The Wicker Man Experience**' . New Years eve included a fine meal in the Neuadd Arms, torch-light procession , Gallic Band and live music all night in the pub itself. There were also walks before and after New Year and a gentle guided one on New Years day. Neuadd Arms most probably now fully booked up for this year but there will still be accommodation available elsewhere in the town.

Future Events

VL also hi-lighted the following upcoming events.

2019

January – Old Vicarage, Ambleside. Very comfortable accommodation with pool and jacuzzi, walks in South Lakes. 12 people booked, spaces still available.

February – Hazelwood House, Keswick, walks in North Lakes. Fully Booked.

April – South West Coast Path. Based Exmouth.

May – Hadrian 100. Based Dufton. Fully Booked

Dec – Ghyll Head. Walks in South Lakes. 11 people booked 3 places remaining.

Also June 23 rd Ramsbottom Round - Visiting Peel Tower in the afternoon which will be opened & staffed by Viv & others to raise funds for MND & MS. Light refreshments available. Tower open. Please contact Viv if you would like to help.

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May – The Welsh 100

For further details or to book a place please contact the Social Secretary, Viv.

8 IT Secretary's Update

The Web Site is currently up to date, though a few changes planned, updates to the Two Crosses page and the Red Rose 50 page to include contact details for each RR committee member's individual role.

9. Red Rose 50

RJ gave a brief report on the Red Rose 50, following the first committee meeting, held earlier in the evening.

Entries Secretary

Red Rose 50 2019 details now on Si-Entries and East Lancs web site, we have 4 people entered to date.

Route Master

KN is to investigate three options to improve the section leaving Jubilee Tower down to A666 road. Ken hopes to complete recce's over the next few weeks.

Checkpoint Co-ordinator

All checkpoints have been booked, though it looks that there may be a problem using Tockholes Village Hall as date clashes with 'Last night of the proms'. Various options being considered.

Staffing Co-Ordinator

Leaders appointed for all checkpoints ,also VL has circulated suggested menu's, all responses have been favourable

10 AOB

Facebook

RJ suggested , following various conversations with members , it may be a good idea to develop our Facebook presence and possibly increase our appeal to a younger audience. A good proportion of people at the meeting were on Facebook and was generally agreed to achieve this we need more regular postings , this could include our regular walk reports , perhaps pictures or videos from some of our other activities. **Action:** HS to investigate.

Walk Leaders Expenses.

DW commented that walk leaders expenses have not changed since 2011 and suggested a review of Reccy expenses may help encourage new walk leaders. After a short conversation the following proposal was put forward and agreed.

- Expenses may only claimed by a person who leads more than one walk in a twelve month period.
- Rate 25 pence a mile
- No Maximum

Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

8pm, on Tuesday, 5th February 2019.

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

Sandwiches will be provided.

ALL WELCOME