

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 1st October 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
Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Gordon Stone (GS)	Ordinary Committee Member
Pauline Meilia (PM)	Ordinary Committee Member
Norman Thomas (NT)	Barbara Shelton (BS)
Ian Hamilton (IH)	Nick Halford (NH)
Alison Wadsworth (AW)	Paul Raine (PR)
Sue Boardman (SB)	Peter Balshaw (PB)
Steve Clarke (SC)	

Apologies:

Paul Allen (PA)	Jane Hill (JH)
Ken Noble (KN)	Mike Bushby (MB)

The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 8.10 pm and closed at 09.30 pm.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The Minutes were accepted as a true record of Septembers meeting.

2. Matters Arising:

19.01 Ongoing discussion of spending some funds.

VL has established contact with 'Friends of Redisher Woods'. A meeting will be established shortly, to establish where East Lancs would wish repair work to occur, with a view to a possible donation to assist with these costs. Will report back for the group's consideration on this **May Update:** A meeting has now been arranged to view the area concerned and then a decision can be made. **June Update:** VL has had a meeting with Dave Chadwick and others to discuss the required Redisher Woods footpath improvements, in particular ones related to the Two Crosses event. The full estimate for the work is £8000 to £10000. It will be completed by a contractor who does regular work for the council and can be done either in one go or in several stages as the money is available. Crowd funding is being considered with

various groups including 'Ramblers' as possibilities. Also, we are applying to the NEC to see if they can help. VL suggested East Lancs LDWA offer to contribute £1000, which was proposed by the Chair and agreed by the meeting. **July Update:** HS has contacted Dave Chadwick concerning our contribution. Also, VL/CT have put together a detailed proposal, requesting additional funds, to be sent to the NEC. **Action:** HS to send proposal to NEC in time before next NEC meeting. **August Update:** HS sent the proposal to the NEC; it was accepted and the full £1000 granted. She has also informed Dave Chadwick of the decision so he can progress the repairs. **September Update:** We have not heard from Dave Chadwick re the contractor looking/starting the work. **Action:** HS to email Dave Chadwick requesting an update on progress. **October Update :** HS has spoken to Dave Chadwick who has in turn spoken to the contractor. Apparently one hundred steps are required, he will be coming back to Dave with a quote for the work. Dave has since contacted HS to say the contractor has quoted £5000 for the work, split into four sections. This means we are £2000 short of funding the whole scheme. Dave has contacted the Ramblers and had an initial positive response. He has provided the relevant information and they will discuss the request for funding at the next Area Executive Council meeting scheduled for 14th October. Having split the scheme into four sections we have options to carry out some of the work if funding falls short, but he is not going to give that further consideration until after the Ramblers' meeting. **Ongoing:**

19.6 Contribution to Horwich Fire Service

Following the very enjoyable and informative First Aid Course at Horwich Fire Station on August 10th, we thought we should consider sending a letter of appreciation and offering a donation to the Fire Service Charity. During the debate the point was raised that as the British Heart Foundation provided the Defibrillation Units, perhaps they should also be included. We finally decided we should give £100 to each. **Action:** RJ to progress. **October Update:** RJ contacted Heart Foundation and was informed he could hand a cheque made out to them in a store and they would provide a receipt. Also, he has sent a thank you letter to Horwich Fire Station addressed to Watch Commander Lunt which also asked about best way to donate but has not received a reply. **Action** RJ to organise donation to Fireman's Benevolent Fund as advised by AW, who had arranged one previously, and make one by cheque in a Heart Foundation shop. **Ongoing**

3 Chair and Secretary Update:

September saw the third successful Red Rose 50 event. Although numbers were lower than previously, we received many compliments from competitors, on the day, particularly about the friendliness and food. Thanks to the organising committee headed by Roger and all those who gave up their time to help. We will discuss later tonight whether to run the event next year and will hold a vote to decide. The social walks have been well supported, in the main, and the next walks programme has been submitted to strider. There will also be a short report in Strider about the work in Redisher Wood which will be in the environment slot.

4 Treasurer's Update

The Treasurer forwarded details of our accounts which continue to hold a healthy balance. Paul is unable to make the AGM but will produce a statement, on the group's finances, and would be happy to answer any questions prior to or after the meeting

5 Event Secretary's Update:

Two Crosses – Early recce has been completed. There are no obvious issues with stiles or gates. Part of the route early on is extremely overgrown, the owner has promised to clear it, if he hasn't there is an alternative route we could use. There is a new warning sign on Bull Hill which is a bit confusing but should not impact on the route. Other groups have been in contact to 'warn' us about this, but it is not a section we use, so any further queries can be confidently ignored. There are still nine entries to date.

6 Walks Secretary's Update:

Details have been finalised for the January to April program and submitted to Strider, Leaders are now required for the May to August program.

Although progress has been made, there is still a problem putting the walk registers onto the main LDWA system. To load they must have a specific file type, which is different than the one that is automatically generated with and is not easily altered. DW working with LDWA IT support to progress.

Dave and Alma are taking names for Norman's Christmas Cracker walk but are not collecting money at this stage.

7 Social Secretary's Update:

VL Hi-lighted the following future events.

Future Events

2019

Nov - Real Ale Ramble, Llanwrytd Wells

Dec – Ghyll Head. Walks in South Lakes. Fully booked

Dec – Christmas at The Rivington – Fully booked

Dec New Year – Newadd Arms, Llanwrytd Wells fifteen booked (15 people), full but other accommodation available in the town.

2020

Jan - The Old Vicarage – 12 people booked.

Feb - Keswick – Fully Booked 18 people.

April – South West Coast Path. Based Weymouth.

May – The Welsh 100 Accommodation at Longtown Outdoor Centre.

June 6th Two Crosses / Red Rose 50 / LDWA 100 Party – looking for a venue – any volunteers?

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

8 IT Secretary's Update:

The website is up to date except for one missing walk report – I have chased it up.

Facebook – Caroline has joined me as an Administrator and will promote events on the site. Ken and Andy have left as administrators.

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Red Rose 50 Report

A big thank you to the Committee, Marshals and everyone else who helped to make the Red Rose 50 a successful event for the third year running.

Numbers participating were lower than in previous years, possibly due to the re-introduction of two local popular fifty-milers, but those who did the event clearly enjoyed it and we received a lot of very positive feedback on the day.

Statistics

Entries – 106 Non Starters - 19 Starters - 87 Completed - 75

Retired - 12. **Profit - £432.82**

There was a small error on the detailed spreadsheet produced at the meeting. The 'Gift for warden St Margaret's £35 ' should have been broken down into 'Gift for warden St Margaret's £10' and 'Extra food Items £25'.

10 Future of Red Rose 50

Following the Red Rose 50 report there was a discussion on the future of the event. Although we believed this year's to be a success, the lower numbers and the fact that there are two new LDWA 50's and a biennial one scheduled for 2020, the general feeling was it would not be viable to run it next year. This was confirmed by a decisive vote of those present.

11 Breath of Fresh Air Website

As the Breath of Fresh Air website has only had a few hits recently and entries in the walkers register at the Stork Hotel have been mainly limited to East Lancs LDWA members. we felt we should consider if it should be retained as an independent site and domain. After a short discussion it was agreed not to keep the website but to hold all the information on the East Lancs LDWA site and provide a link from the main LDWA website.

12 Rivington Christmas Meal Subsidy (or not) ?

Last year the group offered a subsidy, for the Rivington Christmas meal, to members who had marshalled at the Two Crosses and/or Red Rose 50, of £5 for each event. After a debate we agreed, by a majority vote, to do the same this year.,

Date and Time of the Next Meeting which is the AGM

8pm, on Tuesday, 5thNovember 2019.

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

Hotpot will be provided.

ALL WELCOME