

North Yorkshire LDWA Group Meet 4th July 2013 The George Hotel Easingwold: Minutes

In Attendance

Simon Leck (Chairman), Penny Baldwin, Roger Wandless, Caroline Wandless, Steph Carter, John Stenton, Cathy Stenton, Malc Reid, Sue Reid, Dave Green, Kate Ferrell, John O'Neill, Bob Jowett, David Jacques, Jill King

Apologies received from Andy Shipley

Outstanding matters from previous meet were all covered during today's meeting.

Rock and Rowel Challenge Event (27/7/13) + Marshalls Walk (20/7/13)

Present entries=76 with 85 needed for break even - may introduce a "short " alternative in future years but review in light of eventual total entry. SC detailed contact with various village halls etc + request to sleep over in Dacre Banks Hall previous night - this restricted to 3 people by chair of hall committee. – Further enquiries of farmer car park re camping as alternative. **SC Action point**. Jill later suggested Pateley Bridge Scout Hut used on past 100 for sleeping SC to take up with John Sparshatt

Will review outcome after this years event but may have to allow entries on the day if B/E not achieved.

SC ran through who marshalling where

C Parking: - Jill -Malc -Simon and possibly Alan (Jill's partner) + Bob J (all to arrive at 6 am)

Equipment van - Mike Coley

Body wagon -Dave Jacques

Road crossing at Flying Dutchman pub en route -+ at start - Alan Price

Start/finish kitchen - Penny/Sue (but cannot stay late) /Caroline/Pam (new volunteer)

Sweeper - Stuart Charlton **(SL to confirm -action point)**

Raynet

Check in and finish -Roger And Steph with Caroline helping in morning.

CP1 Brimham Hall- Dave/Kate/John O'N

CP2 Bishop Thornton - Simon/Alan/Jill and Malc

CP3 Herne Hill - Dave and Lesley Wolsey + Dave Roberts

CP4 Sawley Hall - JPS / Cath /Victoria and husband? (Email offer) -ice cream serving!!

CP5 Drift Lane- Tony Rowley & Sue W

CP6 Brimham Rocks car park -ditto CP1-D/K/J) - confirmed we can use toilets and nearby cafe has no objections.

SELF CLIP -Lumley Reservoir + **MAYBE OTHERS (must provide plenty of clippers!)**

John Darley to be used where?

All Checkpoint boxes will be filled by Penny -one table needed at all CP's and maybe 2 at ice cream -Sawley Hall!

No time out presently stipulated but will cover off in email per event - near end there is an ability to cut 2 miles from route that will be invoked for late arrivals - also to be covered by Mr. Starter

Risk assessment to be completed by SC (now done) and police advised of event and route (also now done)

Roger will cover off refreshment detail in his pre event email to all participants

Logistics of getting kit from York to Dacre Banks on Friday evening discussed briefly and Roger will co-ordinate as located at his lock up

Marshalls Walk 20-7-13 Tony &Giselle from Newcastle paying guests John Darley / JPS/SC/Malc/John

O'N//Bob/Simon **SC will do email to all Marshalls** so that we get numbers for catering (support from Penny /Sue)

Kilburn Kanter (2/11/13)

RW gave brief update - steady flow of entries - all village halls etc confirmed - progress to be discussed in more detail at next meet. Celebration bottle of beer is still under discussion but considered likely in light of entries and profit made in past.

Bilsdale Circuit Moorland Walk Review

Numbers just right but a sweeper considered appropriate for future events

Code of conduct to be introduced in future to try and stop 3-4 known culprits from charging off the front at too fast a pace! - Subject of lots of debate - to be 2 stripes and out! Will also have a reserve list in future - Pace of 2.5 ml/hr inclusive of stops is ok - Checkpoint rest times to be driven off the last to arrive.

Overall it was a great event and thanks should be given to all the helpers and leaders who undertook duties etc.

Hambleton Hobble Moorland Walk 2014

Kate wished to step down from leading but instead agreed to act as sweeper - Circa 30/31 miles

Same weekend a 2013 BUT subject to review of R&R review in case that challenge walk needs to be brought forward.....Discuss at next meet

Social Walks Program Update

Full list of events that will be submitted at the end of July to Strider was given by SC

Detail of 2013 walks was given and there are walks 3 out of 4 weekends! - Numbers of participants holding up well

Group has 151 members. - We are 21st largest nationally - new leaders always welcomed and they will be fitted in if they come forward

2014 theme to be based around TV series filming locations etc of Holmfirth (Last of Summer Wine) Harewood House /Ravenscar/Otley & Goathland (Heartbeat) Askrig

Also " Conception Walk" Sunday 12th Jan (to include -AGM) - the route of our founders very first walk near Helmsley Plus September " Birth Walk" being the 40th anniversary of the group being set up by our founders.

Linear walks discussed and Dave Jacques mentioned a bus company used near Otley at circa £6-7 a head tied to Ilkley Community Transport.

Coldstream Guards Walk -we will advertise this 12 mile walk through our newsletter- no local challenge events that day SC to provide SL with link Action Point)

2017 Hundred

Pickering show ground visited and looks very promising - some hurdles like catering is to be franchised out but our requirements are to be discussed with there Area Manager and they will return to us but size and location + facilities are all positive for us.

Pickering Grammar school might be back up alternative as would Pocklington School - latter were positive but unable to commit so far in advance.

Fyling Hall School

Not suitable as a start/ finish point but looks good as breakfast stop – see report below from Roger & Caroline

All

Following the visit to Fyling Hall School our observations were as follows

- Entrant car parking facility around the main complex was not possible. A sports field was mentioned but was some considerable distance away and down a steep slope. To adequately park 300+ vehicles we would need to hire a farmer's field which a contact name and number was given.*
- They have a very large sports hall which were unable to see due to examinations in progress which would serve the registration process. On the same corridor are male & female changing rooms with a showers and a few toilets.*
- The sports hall can be screened into partitions which could be used for the sleeping rooms.*
- Dining room can house 100 people with ease and kitchen facilities are good of which we can use.*
- There is a public footpath leading directly into the school.*
- Public transport links available*

As a start/finish venue there are a few shortcomings

- Parking facility is not good.*
- Camping areas would have to be by the sports field some distance away.*
- There is no area large enough to accept provisions delivery and to divide into CP groups with vehicular access.*
- Toilet facilities are limited and would struggle to cope with all the entrants.*
- Though the sports hall is large they are very twitchy about the sprung floor.*

It is a small school of around 200 pupils and though it could be used as a start/finish venue it is not ideal, it's size is the major drawback.

The perfect Breakfast Stop is what it is.

- A 100 person capacity dining room with a usable kitchen.*
- A converted barn with vehicular access for breakfast baggage and Raynet.*
- Nearby roomy male & female changing rooms with en-suite toilets that would cope with the footfall.*

Our conclusions are to continue the search for a site that fits our requirements without making too many compromises, keep Fyling Hall as reserve and plan to use it as Breakfast Stop unless an alternative is found.

Regards

Roger & Caroline

We are helping with mid point baggage on 2014 hundred which will aid our bid for 2017 nomination re experience etc.

It was suggested that we try and encourage donations from participants towards a local charity - if all participants chipped in £10 then we could raise £5000 for North Yorkshire Air Ambulance this to be considered per issue of application forms but may also need national committee approval - with a tear off slip to include address then could obtain tax refund also.

2013 Hundred lessons

We pulled it off - lots of positive feedback from entrants and D&C LDWA

More coca cola needed but weather e pendant

Sweepers were very complimentary as they had a food choice - we had not packed up before their arrival

Water filling from buckets / jug outside to be considered in future

Need lots of self clippers at such stops and try stretching out entrants over say 8 miles before first styles obstacles + give latitude to open checkpoint early if participants are queuing!

2014 Hundred

See Simons email interchange re assisting with baggage We have accepted their offer

Hello Simon,

It was good to talk with you this evening. As discussed, please find below a summary of the points we discussed; we would be most grateful if you could talk with your colleagues in the North Yorkshire Group and raise this with your Committee, which I believe may be meeting next Thursday.

As we discussed, I hope you don't mind me writing to you just now, about the Valleys 100 next year which our South Wales LDWA Group are organising. I'm Chairman of the Group and I also have responsibility for arranging the checkpoints for the main 100 event.

We're well advanced with our organisation and planning for the main and marshalls events, and you will have seen that the first draft of our website has gone live on the LDWA website -

<http://www.ldwa.org.uk/2014Hundred/W/2372/route-overview.html>

I'm writing because an issue has arisen regarding Checkpoint 9, the breakfast stop, which is in Tredegar at mile 56. Our original intention was to have one stop here in the same building, for baggage and breakfast.

However despite a positive response initially from the providers of the venue, it became clear that we could not rely on them to meet our needs. Consequently we have sought out an alternative arrangement which has now been confirmed.

We will be using Bedwellty House in Tredegar as Checkpoint 9A for baggage, changing and feet washing, then walkers will go on to Checkpoint 9B at Georgetown Community Centre nearby (though 0.7ml away) for breakfast.

The two CPs will open between 2315 Sat 24th May and close at 1245 Sun 25th. The baggage will be delivered from the HQ building at Pontypool from 11am onwards in several trips, and people will be needed to receive and sort & store the bags until the walkers arrive at Bedwellty House, CP9A.

It was originally intended that East Lancs Group plus a small number of volunteers from Cumbria Group would jointly run CP9.

East Lancs are used to dealing with food preparation and Cumbria with baggage and related duties.

However now that we have two distinct CPs in Tredegar, at a little distance from each other, we will need another Group to assist us in manning CP9A, to cover baggage and changing and providing bowls of water. East Lancs will not be able to share their food-preparation duties at CP9B with other duties at CP9A.

We have approached Cumbria but as a small group they cannot manage the CP9A alone and have now withdrawn. We would therefore be most grateful if your Group would consider assisting us with manning this checkpoint?

Please let me know if you would like any additional information. We would be delighted if North Yorkshire Group would be able to help us in this way with our Hundred event next year.

I can be contacted at this e-mail address or by telephone at 01443 207836.

Many thanks for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest opportunity.

Regards, John Cunnane.

A great way to see how this works

Maybe cold drinks / biscuits per breakfast in 0-7 miles

Drum up additional help from within our group + Eva Bowes (Cleveland Group)

Penny brother (vet) and sister in law (nurse) may assist as they are based locally.

Treasurer's report

Still healthy - nothing run at a loss to date - bought 2 event shelters for checkpointing/ food etc

Current acct £ 1130 Reserve acct £830

Need to buy more tables for checkpoints + food grade storage containers group confirmed go ahead.

We have Booker account but Penny advised caution re not always cheapest.

We have a link to Go Outdoors who are likely to offer group nights when additional discount would be available

Corporate wear - available from " clothes2order" with NYLDWA logo link to be provided within the NYLDWVA web site **(SL ACTION POINT)**

LDWA National News

National AGM - First week in March 2014 is now anticipated to be in Harrogate rather than Scarborough - decision expected W/E 7th July - We will offer our assistance to Nidderdale group if it is confirmed Spofforth village Hall could be used for our previously suggested figure of 8 feeding station x social walks

AOB - none

Date of Next Meeting :- Thursday 26th September - meal at 6pm followed by meet at 7pm worked well this time at to be repeated.

John P Stenton
Secretary
14-7-13