

## **NORTHUMBRIA GROUP LDWA**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017

THE ANCIENT UNICORN, BOWES, CO DURHAM

#### **In Attendance**

J Falcus, W Milbourne, G Barras, J Ritchie

R Coltman, S A Lee, S Lee, L Fallick, P Ford, P Nellist, J Wilkinson, P Ashman, J Scott, C Jeffray, A Scott, D Widdowfield, J Woodruff, L Hedley, S M Foster, J Carolan, S Foster, I Ramsey, A Jones, G Jones, B Farrell, J Hall, D Moody,

**Apologies** I Lauriston, N and B Hooper, R Scott, D Clifton

#### **Minutes of the last Meeting**

These had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting and copies were circulated at the meeting

Mr J Scott proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record

Seconded by Mr J Wilkinson

Approved by a unanimous vote

#### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes

#### **Reports of Group Officers**

The Secretary reported that the group now had 367 members (199 Primary members and 168 Associated members), and increase of 45 since 2014. 34 Primary Members and 69 Associated Members had joined in 2016

Three members had died during the year:- John Mansell, Peter Whewell and Pamela Brooks.

Pam Brooks had been a very active member of the group until her last illness, having participated in a wide range of Challenge walks, including the LDWA 100 as well as completing numerous strenuous climbs in the Pryrenees and other long distance paths in Britain and Europe. Roy Coltman had led the group on one of her favourite walks in her memory shortly after her death. The meeting agreed that she would be sorely missed and wished to record their thanks for her contribution to the Northumbria Group

#### **Accounts for 2016-17**

These had been circulated to all members before the meeting and copies were circulated at the meeting

The Treasurer reported that the accounts had been prepared by I Lauriston from the records he supplied and scrutinised by P Routledge.

He drew attention to the amounts that had been paid out in advance for the Hadrian 100 and advised the meeting that these sums would be recharged to that event when it had the resources available from entry fees.

The accounts were approved by the meeting

### **Election of Officers**

J Hall Proposed that the Committee be re-elected as a whole

Seconded by P Ford and approved unanimously

### **Durham Dales Challenge 2017**

W Milbourne advised the meeting that the new LDWA PACER system would be used in 2017 in preparation for using the system at the Hadrian 100. Initially it will only be used at Wolsingham and Middleton but it will be introduced more widely next year.

He reminded the meeting that volunteers will be needed for checkpoints as usual and a request for commitment will be circulated shortly.

### **Durham Dales Challenge 2018 and 2019**

Following the demise of the Woldsman, there is a shortage of events in the region to qualify for the Hadrian Hundred so it has been suggested that the group reintroduce the 52 mile Durham Dales route as an option in 2018

This was agreed by the meeting

W Milbourne advised that in 2018 and 2019 the present team would be increasingly involved in organising the Hadrian 100 so would need more support from the group in 2018 to organise the extended route and a new team would be needed to organise the event in 2019 which will be only 4 weeks after the 100.

Ideally more people should be involved this year with a view to shadowing the roles in 2018 if the group wishes the event to take place in 2019

The Meeting agreed that it was important to maintain continuity with the Durham Dales Challenge so they wanted to ensure that the event happens in 2019

It was agreed that the Secretary would circulate the group to ask for volunteers

### **Group Walks 2017**

The Walks Secretary asked for volunteers to lead walks in the next programme starting in April. Walks need to be in Strider by the end of the month

### **Any Other Business**

There was no other business