**LDWA South Pennine Group**

Minutes from meeting on 17th Jan 2017

Dovestones Sailing Club

Present: Andrew Underdown, Jane Guest, Ron Wallwork, Glen Costain, Anne Webb, Steve Clarke, Julie Spencer.

In attendance Ken Guest, Lynne Harness, Norman Johnson,Sue Boardman

Apologies: None

3. Matters Arising. There were no minutes available from the last committee meeting. From the AGM Anne was thanked for selecting the gift for John which was given to him at the start of the Xmas walk. John expressed his thanks.

4. Correspondence. An email had been received via Julie Cribb from Dorset group wanting to know how other groups dealt with excess funds. This was partially filled in the rest done by Jane and emailed back to Dorset.

5. Treasures Report. Julie reported £1400 at present, mainly from SP24 entries. There have been some problems in switching the signatures on the account. Hopefully this has now been resolved and we should hear from the bank shortly. Lynne suggested some money could be used to fund attendance at national meetings. No comment was made on this.

6. Walks Festival. Andrew said there were two walks festivals this year. One organised by Greater Manchester. SP are leading a walk on 16th May as part of this. It is hoped that we can get some interest from walkers from this to join South Pennine. In September South Pennine walking festival takes place. Andrew hopes to have two walks in this programme. He will lead one but we need a leader for the other. These walks will appear in Strider as part of our walks programme.

7. Meeting Frequency. Agreed to meet approximately every 4 months.

8. Mailing List. Glen has the mailing list compiled by John and is happy to continue using this for the monthly updates. Discussion followed about using the LDWA bulk mailing list. This would be maintained by the LDWA and would be up-to-date and complete. Steve offered to look into this.

9. Publicity material. Andrew showed the publicity document that had come from Julie Cribb. Andrew suggested using the university web sites of local universities’ walking groups in the document before the SP24 2018. Ken Guest suggested photocopying in colour the LDWA application form and have some available at checkpoints for interested walkers. Glen said he would do this. Andrew kept the document.

Lynne reported on the walks secretaries’ weekend where the publicity document had been discussed. Summary of weekend in secretary’s file.

Publicity to be on the agenda of future meetings.

10. Pace of walks. Julie Spencer expressed concern at the pace of all walks in the group. Lynne Harness and Jane Guest agreed. It was agreed that Thursday walks would remain brisk but that Saturday walks to be moderate pace. It was decided that an estimated finish time to be put in Strider, as “moderate” and “brisk” are subjective. Steve Clarke suggested some walks should be of an easy pace.

11. Hadrian 100 check point. Jane to email all members from bulk email when available to see if there is any interest. Glen will put in monthly news email.

12. New member email. Andrew to draft a welcome email.

13. Denholme Doddle. There were no expressions of interest to check point. Jane to let organiser know.

14. Other Members on walks. Discussed as part or earlier items.

15. Minutes to be posted on web site and Jane to email committee members.

16. AOB. Steve asked if walk reports could be put on web site when he is away for 5 weeks. Ron volunteered.

Next meeting 4th April at 7.30, Dovestones. This will include a debrief of SP24.