LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the LDWA West Lancs Group held on $15^{\rm th}$ April, 2019 at the Sea View

Meeting opened 19.45 hrs

Members Present 28

	Apologies: Emma Bolton, Pat Fergusson, Glyn and Julie Watson, Bob and Margaret Waller, Edwin Kilpin	ACTION
	Brian and Eileen Dearnaley	
	A hotpot supper was served before the AGM	
	At 19:45 Chairman, John opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. This was John's last meeting as Chair.	
1	Approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.	
	Minutes of the 2018 AGM, which had been sent to members, were passed as a true record.	CARRIED
	Proposed by Stan Bradshaw	
	Seconded by Jean Bobker	
	Matters arising: None	
2	Annual Reports of the Committee	
	The Chairman's, Secretary's, Challenge Walks Organiser's & Walks Secretary's reports were circulated to members prior to the meeting for their perusal and comments	
	The Chair, the Secretary, Challenge Walks Organiser & Walks Secretary briefly went through their reports.	
	Chair's report: Summary – John confirmed he is standing down and thanked everyone who had contributed to the club's activities in the last three years. He reiterated that he hoped that the popular 10-mile walks remain as social walks open to everyone.	There were no questions
	Secretary's report: Summary - Karen focused on all the data protection issues we now have to conform to, including taking a register of walkers.	There were no questions
	The club hosted a successful 40 th birthday yevent in August, 2018.	no questions
	Equipment Officer's report: Mike's report was delivered on the night. Mike thanked Dave and Sheila for their long and hard work taking and collecting equipment to the checkpoints and the hall.	
	Mike is to work with Ian to clarify equipment needed at each checkpoint.	
	A member felt that one of the burners was not working properly and could have an intermittent fault.	
	Challenge Walk Organiser:	
	Ian went through the entry numbers.	T
	The changes for next year were presented. Mountain Rescue and Raynet did an excellent job.	Ian to revisit and update
	There was good feedback about the checkpoints, the organisation and food at the end	equipment
	Ian is to work with those running checkpoints in 2019 to update the equipment lists	lists

	Walks Organiser's report: David went through the walk numbers. Tuesday walks remain very popular – the highest average number of walkers for many years.	
	Strider walks Average attendance up from 10 in 2017/18 to 13 in 2018/019. Only one of the Strider walks in 2018/19 was 20 miles or more.	
	Additional Walks - a varied selection of walks including seven Lancashire Way walks, three walks to celebrate 40 years of West Lancs LDWA, Fish & Chip walk, Remembrance Day walk, New Year's Day walk and the Pudding Plod.	There were no questions
3	Annual Statement of Accounts The annual statement of accounts was circulated to members prior to the meeting for their perusal.	
	The annual statement of accounts had been approved by Peter Lomax.	CARRIED
	The treasurer informed the meeting that the Amble had made a good profit, despite some increased expenditure, like the van repair, floor covering and footpath repairs.	
	A cheque to Raynet remains outstanding	Ian to chase this up
	For completeness, the accounts were proposed by Neil Harwood and seconded by Andy Webster	
4	Appoint an independent examiner of the financial accounts Peter Lomax would be asked to act as independent examiner of the financial accounts for 2018/19	CARRIED
5	Discuss and consider any properly submitted motion There were three properly submitted motion	
	1. I know it has been mentioned in the past about just having a meeting every two months instead of every month. I have no strong feelings either way, but I would be happy to meet just every two months. In that those attending are mainly committee members with just a few of the keener members, my input in relation to past/future walks is perhaps not necessary because they will probably all have seen the walk reports and photos on our website.	CARRIED
	Could the dates of committee meetings be arranged in advance at the start of each year?	
	Proposer -: David Whittaker	
	Seconder-: Committee	Meeting
	There was discussion and it was decided that the new committee will set dates for the coming year.	dates to be decided.
	Jeff suggested this should be trialled for 12 months.	Committee to look at a programme for the meetings, with slide shows as a suggestion.

	2. Has anyone raised a motion regarding the latest LDWA upda register for social walks etc, if not can I raise it please?	te about data protection and	
	Proposer -: Andy Webster. Seconder-: Ian Wardle		
	Andy presented his concern re the insurance liability of the walk lead the role of Data Protection Officer. There was discussion and it was a taking name lists.	Walk leaders are to complete	
	Those members taking photographs should give the opportunity for the		a register and send to Andy Webster.
	take part in any photos to withdraw, as the club photos are posted on the website.		
	All walks, including those which are put on as 'extra's', a register will	ll still need to be taken.	
	3. To make it easier to have financial records available at the Atour financial year be the end of December.	GM I suggest that the end of	
	Proposer: Neil Harwood		
	Seconder: Committee		Financial
	There was discussion and it was agreed to make this change		year end to be 31 st December
6	Election of committee 2018/2019		
	Chairperson Neil Harwood was proposed by Ian Wardle and seconded by Karen Wardle	Neil Harwood	
	Neil Harwood was elected as the new Chairperson. Neil thanked John and Doreen, who is also standing down, for their contribution to the club. Neil confirmed it was a strong group and looked forward to working with everyone.		
	Officers	Vones Wordle	
	Secretary Treasurer	Karen Wardle Jaqui Peaks	
	Equipment Officer Challenge Walks Organiser	Mike Motley Ian Wardle	CARRIED
	Walks Secretary Web Master	Dave Whittaker Ian Wardle	
	Officers were proposed by Stan Bradshaw and Seconded by Sue		
	Fagg		
	Fagg Committee posts Jane Anthony was proposed as the 10mile walk organiser by David	Glyn Watson Richard Priest	

7 **Any other business:**

Stan raised the issue of the club's finances. It was confirmed that the tea and cakes walk is paid for by the club and the Pudding Plod is subsidised. Stan asked for a little more consideration to members about how the committee allocated money to members activities and charity donations.

Neil agreed to look at these matters with the new committee

A discussion took place about the group meetings and how to attract and improve attendance.

Meeting closed at 8.40

A talk and presentation was given by Bolton Mountain Rescue and a cheque was presented as a thank you for helping on the Amble.

The group was formed in 1968 and consists of 46 plus members and is on call 365 days a year. The fire on Winter Hill in 2018 resulted in 13,500 hours of voluntary work. The group train every Wednesday night and they practice in all weathers and different terrains. The team have access to search dogs, who can 'air scent' from a person's clothing which is vital if that person is missing. There is close liaison with the Ambulance Service, particularly if there is a problem with access, this has happened after heavy snow. The team cost £35,000 - £40,000 per year to cover all expenses, including vehicles, training, insurance and maintenance. There are various organisations that fund raise and make donations. The call-outs are free and it is a service to walkers, climbers and mountaineers. The club thanked those who attended for an interesting talk.