

	<p>Walks Organiser's report: David went through the walk numbers. Tuesday walks remain very popular – the highest average number of walkers for many years.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	There were no questions
3	<p>Annual Statement of Accounts The annual statement of accounts was circulated to members prior to the meeting for their perusal.</p> <p>The annual statement of accounts had been approved by Peter Lomax.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A cheque to Raynet remains outstanding</p> <p>For completeness, the accounts were proposed by Neil Harwood and seconded by Andy Webster</p>	<p>CARRIED</p> <p>Ian to chase this up</p>
4	<p>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</p>	CARRIED
5	<p>Discuss and consider any properly submitted motion There were three properly submitted motion</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Could the dates of committee meetings be arranged in advance at the start of each year?</p> <p>Proposer -: David Whittaker</p> <p>Secunder-: Committee</p> <p>There was discussion and it was decided that the new committee will set dates for the coming year.</p> <p>Jeff suggested this should be trialled for 12 months.</p>	<p>CARRIED</p> <p>Meeting dates to be decided.</p> <p>Committee to look at a programme for the meetings, with slide shows as a suggestion.</p>

<p>2. Has anyone raised a motion regarding the latest LDWA update about data protection and register for social walks etc, if not can I raise it please?</p> <p>Proposer -: Andy Webster. Secunder:- Ian Wardle</p> <p>Andy presented his concern re the insurance liability of the walk leaders and agreed to take on the role of Data Protection Officer. There was discussion and it was agreed that we need to start taking name lists.</p> <p>Those members taking photographs should give the opportunity for those who do not wish to take part in any photos to withdraw, as the club photos are posted on the website.</p> <p>All walks, including those which are put on as ‘extra’s’, a register will still need to be taken.</p> <p>3. To make it easier to have financial records available at the AGM I suggest that the end of our financial year be the end of December.</p> <p>Proposer: Neil Harwood</p> <p>Secunder: Committee</p> <p>There was discussion and it was agreed to make this change</p>	<p>Walk leaders are to complete a register and send to Andy Webster.</p> <p>Financial year end to be 31st December</p>	
<p>6 <u>Election of committee 2018/2019</u></p> <p>Chairperson Neil Harwood was proposed by Ian Wardle and seconded by Karen Wardle</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Officers Secretary Treasurer Equipment Officer Challenge Walks Organiser Walks Secretary Web Master</p> <p>Officers were proposed by Stan Bradshaw and Seconded by Sue Fagg</p> <p>Committee posts Jane Anthony was proposed as the 10mile walk organiser by David Whittaker seconded by Ian Wardle</p> <p>All existing committee members agreed to stand again.</p> <p>Proposed by Sue Fagg and Seconded by John Evenden</p>	<p>Neil Harwood</p> <p>Karen Wardle Jaqui Peaks Mike Motley Ian Wardle Dave Whittaker Ian Wardle</p> <p>Glyn Watson Richard Priest Andy Webster</p>	<p>CARRIED</p>

<p>7</p>	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A discussion took place about the group meetings and how to attract and improve attendance.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.40</p> <p>A talk and presentation was given by Bolton Mountain Rescue and a cheque was presented as a thank you for helping on the Amble.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Neil agreed to look at these matters with the new committee</p>
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