

LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the LDWA West Lancs Group held on Monday 10th April 2017 at Sea View

Meeting opened 19.45 hrs

Members Present 44

		ACTION
	<p>Apologies: Steve Fagg and Pauline Edwards. A hotpot supper was served before the AGM At 19:45 Chairman, John opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.</p>	
1	<p>Approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Minutes of the 2016 AGM, which had been sent to members, were passed as a true record.</p> <p>Proposed by Stan Bradshaw Seconded by Arthur Roberts</p> <p>Matters arising: None</p>	CARRIED
2	<p>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.</p> <p>The Secretary, Challenge Walks Organiser & Walks Secretary briefly went through their reports. In the Secretary's report under communication, Karen was again questioned about the possibility of providing contact details of primary active members who attend walks regularly, so that certain members can contact other members directly.</p> <p>A second question was; could all active primary members not be asked for their agreement to have their contact details placed on a list for circulation.</p> <p>It was explained that this was not possible due to Data Protection, however, it was emphasised that members should be encouraged to exchange their own personal details whilst on walks.</p> <p>The Challenge Walks Organiser was asked if we would have to go through the procedure of seeking permission from Natural England to run the Amble in the future. Ian explained that this would not be necessary as Natural England had given permission for us to run the event every year.</p> <p>The Equipment Officers report was delivered on the night. Mike thanked Dave and Sheila for drying out all the equipment after the event. He is to sort out all the excess equipment that is out of date and not used. First aid kits are to be purchased. No questions were asked.</p>	
3	<p>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.</p> <p>The treasurer was asked to clarify credits against debits which she did.</p> <p>For completeness, the accounts were proposed by Stan Bradshaw and seconded by David Whittaker.</p>	CARRIED
4	<p>Appoint an independent examiner of the financial accounts Peter Lomax was appointed as independent examiner of the financial accounts for 2017/18</p> <p>Proposed by John Evenden Seconded by Ian Wardle</p>	CARRIED

5	<p>Discuss and consider any properly submitted motion</p> <p>There was one properly submitted motion;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I propose that West Lancashire LDWA authorise purchase of a club 'laptop'. This laptop is proposed to be held by the Secretary of the club and be used for club business. In addition the laptop will be a means for consolidation of all club archived data that would be useful for future use in pursuance of club business and publicity. It is suggested that a budget of up to £1000 be sufficient as the device should have a use for a minimum of 5 years. In addition to the laptop and within the budget, card storage should be purchased for use in backing up archived data. Finally the laptop should be the default device for any member presentation's via the club projector. <p>Proposed by John Evenden Seconded by Jeff Parr</p> <p>Following a discussion it was apparent that whilst members were in agreement that a laptop be purchased it was felt that the budget costing of £1,000 seemed rather high.</p> <p>It was voted unanimously that West Lancashire LDWA should purchase a club 'laptop'.</p> <p>It was voted unanimously that the costing should be investigated more thoroughly and options be brought to a group meeting.</p> <p>Motions Agreed by the Committee 2016-17</p> <p>All 48 decisions made by the Committee had been circulated to members.</p> <p>Motions submitted by Stan Bradshaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At all times dogs on walks should be kept on a short lead. The Pudding Plod should be held again this year and be subsidised by the group, with each member attending paying a nominal £10 towards the cost of the meal. The cost of coach hire used by the group on multi stage walks be paid for out of group funds. The group should continue to have Mountain Rescue and Air Ambulance as our nominated charities. The entry fee for members should be reduced to £8 and the entry fee for non-members be increased to £10. <p>John thanked Stan for his motions and went on to explain that these had all been agreed by the Committee, so they did not need to be approved again.</p> <p>This brought about further discussion in how decisions are being made by the Committee so that they are representative of the group as a whole.</p> <p>It was decided that to promote transparency Committee meeting dates and the agenda would be circulated to members prior to the meeting. This would provide members the opportunity to put forward any questions or views prior to the committee meeting so that they would be considered.</p>		<p>CARRIED</p> <p>ACTION</p>
6	<p><u>Election of committee</u></p> <p>There were no nominees for the committee so existing committee members agreed to stand again.</p> <p>Chair Secretary Treasurer Equipment Officer Challenge Walks Organiser Walks Secretary</p>	<p>John Evenden Karen Wardle Jaqui Peaks Mike Motley Ian Wardle Dave Whittaker</p>	

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7	Meeting closed 20.45		