

LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the LDWA West Lancs Group held on 30th April, 2018 at the Walton Arms

Meeting opened 19.45 hrs

Members Present 23

		ACTION
	<p>Apologies: Pat Fergusson (new member), Sue Lomax, Hilary Bell, Emma Bolton, Jean Bobker, Neil Harwood, Stan & Shirley Bradshaw</p> <p>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 2017 AGM, which had been sent to members, were passed as a true record.</p> <p>Proposed by Bob Waller Seconded by Jeff Parr</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 Chair, the Secretary, Challenge Walks Organiser & Walks Secretary briefly went through their reports.</p> <p>John's report: Summary – see actions</p> <p>Karen's report Summary - see actions</p> <p>The Equipment Officers 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, despite some challenging weather. Mike would like some equipment returned. Before the next Amble he will hold a 'master class' on how to use tin openers, of which there are many now in stock. Mike agreed to stand again as equipment officer.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Central Loop of the Lancashire Way to be completed later in the year</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The 40th Anniversary on the 18th August</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Two Committee meetings will be open to members next on May 21st</p>

	<p>Challenge Walk Organiser</p> <p>198 entrants were non LDWA members 137 were nonmember walkers Last year David attempted to persuade the entrants with an application form, to our knowledge this did not work. New people had to be drafted into roles as there were 14 key people who usually manned checkpoints have either retired or had given their apologies The price increase has not detracted entrants The runners later time of starting was successful The waterproof paper was a success Mountain Rescue and Raynet did an excellent job. There was good feedback about the checkpoints, the organization and food at the end</p> <p>Walks Organiser's report Tuesday walks remain very popular 39 over the past year with an average of 17 people attending</p> <p>Strider walks Attendance is down this last year to an average of 10 (13 last year) The four walks that were 20 miles or more there was an average of 8 people Additional walks – doing quite well with an average of 13 people</p> <p>A member clarified that if there are 5 Tuesdays in the month there will be one slightly longer walk on a Tuesday.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place re the lack of members attending the longer walks, this could be due to the ageing membership population, the average age attending the AGM is probably 70 years.</p>	<p>Event is booked for the 9th February.</p> <p>Can everyone please book this in your diary</p> <p>Tweaks to be made and circulated in due course</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 informed the meeting that the Amble had made a good profit, despite some new expenditure on equipment. There was a request for some outstanding receipts.</p> <p>For completeness, the accounts were proposed by Mike Motley and seconded by Arthur Roberts</p>	<p>CARRIED</p> <p>Receipts to be prioritised in the future</p>
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>	<p>CARRIED</p>
5	<p>Discuss and consider any properly submitted motion There was one properly submitted motion;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proposal was made by Peter Lomax and seconded by Sue Lomax for the club to consider some expenditure from club funds to provide footpath maintenance on the Amble route • A discussion took place as to how to proceed with this. Peter to contact David Goode at LCC for advice. 	<p>CARRIED</p>

	<p>Motions Agreed by the Committee 2017-8 All decisions made by the Committee had been circulated to members.</p> <p>A bigger venue for the AGM 2108 Lap Top Fish and Chip walk Tea and Cakes walk Purchase new first aid kits Dogs to be on short leads 10 mile Tuesday walks not to go in Strider Walk information to all members Website information on walks to exclude surnames if requested Fund the 40th Anniversary with a budget of £750.00 To subsidise the Plod's primary members meal, drinks and mince pies on the walk Donations continue to be made to Mountain Rescue, Air Ambulance, Raynet on an annual basis</p> <p>There will be two committee meetings open to the members</p> <p>The club to pay for an annual payment for affiliated membership to the Ramblers Proposed by Peter Lomax and Seconded by Ken Peakes</p> <p>To put on website benefits of this membership</p> <p>There will be two meetings in the Summer where we will not meet at the Sea View or have a meeting. The format will be a social walk, led by Sheila and Dave.</p> <p>The group is to finance a second loop of the Lancashire Way, later on in the year</p> <p>The group is to finance a new certificate and design for the Amble</p>		<p>CARRIED</p> <p>May and November beginning at 7pm Sea View</p> <p>Action to be decided if this payment is to be paid annually</p> <p>18th June and 20th August see web site for details</p> <p>Details on the web site soon</p> <p>Action for Ian</p>
6	<p><u>Election of committee 2018/2019</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 Web Master</p> <p>Committee Post Committee Post Committee Post Committee Post</p>	<p>John Evenden Karen Wardle Jaqui Peaks Mike Motley Ian Wardle Dave Whittaker Ian Wardle</p> <p>Doreen Viney Glyn Watson No nominations received No nominations received</p>	

	<p>Proposed by Bob Waller and seconded by Jeff Parr</p> <p>John Evenden announced he would like to stand down at the next AGM and for the club to start thinking of a replacement.</p>		<p>CARRIED</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>Ken proposed that with impending expenditure on footpath maintenance that the Amble entry fee should be increased to £10.00 for LDWA and £13.00 for non-members After discussion a vote was taken and it was carried. Proposed by Ken seconded by Mike</p> <p>John read a thank you letter sent from the Fire Benevolent Fund in regard to a donation sent following the first aid training at Horwich Fire Station</p> <p>Glyn mentioned excellent discount available for ‘price matching’ at GO OUTDOORS Preston</p> <p>Bob mentioned that Bowland Mountain rescue is available for visits (as is Bolton).</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.50pm</p>		<p>CARRIED</p>