

WEST LANC'S LDWA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 10th April 2017 at the Sea
View starting at 7.45pm

Business



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the LDWA West Lancs Group held on
Monday 18th April 2016 at The Peter's Bar, School Lane, Bamber Bridge.**

Meeting opened 19.45 hrs Members Present 31

1. **Apologies** were received from

Jeff & Enid Parr, Glyn & Julie Watson, Doreen Viney, Gareth Seal, Chris Seddon.

2. **Minutes of the previous AGM**, which had been sent to members, were passed as a true record.

Proposed by Dave Taylor Seconded by Shirley Bradshaw

CARRIED

3. **Matters arising** from the previous meeting. None

4. **Proposals from the March committee meeting** held to discuss the constitution, 2016 budget and other issues were agreed:

West Lancs Constitution.

Proposed by Shirley Bradshaw Seconded by Mike Motley

CARRIED

- To continue to subsidise Multi-stage walks, hotpots at some meetings, complimentary Christmas drinks, Pudding Plod (details to be sorted out by the new committee)
- To buy or make a new windshield for an existing burner.
- To encourage the inclusion of some 20+ mile walks in our programme.

Proposed by Dave Taylor Seconded by Mike Motley

CARRIED

5. **Annual Reports:**

a Secretary/Website – We have 149 primary members and 149 associate members, of whom 72 are on our “active members” and contacts list. Everyone on the “active members” list will need to agree that they are happy for their details to be on such a list (in an informal

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| b. | Secretary | Karen Wardle | |
| | Proposed by Ian Wardle seconded by John Evenden | | CARRIED |
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| C. | Treasurer | Jaqueline Peaks | |
| | Walks secretary | David Whittaker | |
| | Property Co-ordinator | Mike Motley | |
| | Challenge Events Co-ordinator | Ian Wardle | |
| | Proposed by Dave Taylor seconded by Jean Bobker that all 4 be elected for a further year | | CARRIED |
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| d. | Web editor | Sue Allonby | |
| | Proposed by Ian Wardle seconded by John Evenden | | CARRIED |
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| e. | Committee | Glyn Watson | |
| | Proposed by John Evenden seconded by Ian Wardle | | CARRIED |
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| f. | Committee | Sue Fagg | |
| | Proposed by John Evenden seconded by Ian Wardle | | CARRIED |
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| g. | Committee | Doreen Viney | |
| | Proposed by Ian Wardle seconded by John Evenden | | CARRIED |
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| h. | Vice-Chairman | no nomination received | |

7. ***Any Other Business***

John Evenden thanked Pauline and Stan on behalf of the group for all their hard work over the past years – Pauline for organising the Tuesday Walks list for 10 years and Stan for everything he has done for the group since he became chairman in 2010. Presentations were made to both.

8. The meeting closed at 20.30 hrs. (Date of next AGM to be decided later) and was followed by a hotpot and apple pie supper.

Annual Report of the Committee

Chairman's Report

Early in 2015 a new draft group constitution had been sent out by the National LDWA. I became involved in personalising this to suit our Group and in March 2016 this resulted in me giving a presentation to the then committee followed by a recommendation to adopt the new constitution at the AGM in April 2016. The constitution sets out some basic group requirements; the election of a Chair being one.

As Stan had fully intended to stand down as Chair, with no replacements coming forward, someone needed to step up. Reluctantly, I put myself forward along with several more to form a representative committee.

Due to changes applied to the Group, by the National LDWA, major issues needed addressing. Some may think a new regime, however all clubs faced similar changes namely;

- Communicating with members via the LDWA website
- Data protection
- Regular committee meetings

What has made the job more difficult for everyone has been the lack of formal and informal information in regard to how the group operates? There was a clear lack of policies and historical precedence which needed to be addressed such as; Dogs on walks and the Plod invitation criteria.

Many members also felt the time had come to change the meeting venue which has now been done.

Inevitably, a minority of members have found changes difficult, but we are moving forward.

Increased communication via the LDWA Local Groups Admin website has enabled us to communicate much more effectively within the parameters of data protection.

I am pleased to say that our website is now being used much more widely providing not only information on past walks but also latest news information.

I would like to thank Mark for getting us set up on Facebook which I know some will feel is unnecessary, but this is the way forward and I'm sure it will attract younger members.

I would also like to thank Sue Allonby who is standing down as Web Manager at the AGM, all the committee for support and doing an excellent job in their respective fields. A special thanks to Mike for giving us storage space and transport provision, Sue Fagg for co-ordination of Tuesday walks, all remaining members who do presentations, run quiz events,

take photos, write walk reports, marshal on events, lead walks and carry out other tasks to support our club.

John (Chair)

Secretary's Report

This has been my first year as secretary in a period of transition and change which has not been easy.

Membership

To date we have 353 Members made up of 157 Primary members and 196 Associate members.

32 New Primary members have joined this year.

We have 87 Active Members of which 20 are associate members.

Communication

We are encouraging members to view the website for all news, walk reports and committee meetings. It is our responsibility to find new members listed on the web site and they are emailed as a welcome to the group. It would be good to see more members signing up to the club's closed Facebook page, which I feel could be utilised for information like car sharing in the future.

Thanks must go to all those who lead walks, write reports and take photo's for us all to enjoy on the website.

The LDWA regularly updates members with information, in the last year we have had to embrace their guidelines on Data Protection which has vexed both myself and others! Like all organisations LDWA membership is in danger of reducing and as we speak all clubs must increase their publicity re the benefits of walking. New publicity, a business plan and a good local group and national web site, plus other efforts are being made to promote the LDWA.

The LDWA Groups meeting in November 2017 will be a chance to gain and exchange information from other's about current issues and trends.

We have taken the lead from other clubs and put committee meeting minutes on the website for members to peruse and make comment.

Given the long history of the club, 40 years in 2018, I have asked for information from the more long standing members of the club for information and intend to compile and enhance the information already available and post this on the web site. It would be good to detail member's achievements in this record, like who has completed the 100, the Munro's and

any other significant milestones. I feel such information will stand the test of time, in that it is the members who make and sustain the club.

Karen (Secretary)

Annual Statement of Accounts

Balance Sheet for the Period 1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017

Item	Credit	Debit	Profit
General			
Peter's bar room hire		40.00	
Hotpots		260.00	
Christmas Drinks		83.70	
Quiz Prizes		6.00	
Pudding Plod	300.00	469.40	
Dales Highway deposit	120.00		
Dales Highway teashop		70.00	
Wainwrights way buses		380.00	
Equipment		603.62	
Stationery etc		70.38	
Dorset 100 reward	50.00	50.00	
Heart of Bowland walk	4.00	2.00	
Ramblers Membership		60.50	
Total	474.00	2095.60	
Charities & Donations			
Air Ambulance	74.31	300.00	
Air Ambulance Xmas cards	91.65		
Bolton Mountain Rescue	109.57	350.00	
Pendleside Hospice (S Allonby)		100.00	
Gifts		150.20	
Wreaths		31.99	
Total	275.53	932.19	

Bottoms Up 2016			
Entries	480.00		
Hoghton Village Hall		120.00	
Tockholes Village Hall		45.00	
Hall food		175.52	
C/P Food		54.20	
Stationery		30.00	
Total	480.00	424.72	55.28

Item	Credit	Debit	Profit
Anglezarke Amble 2017			
Entries	3126.00		
Entries refund		18.00	
Badges	24.00		
Rivington Village hall		154.00	
Hotpot		520.00	
Hall food		94.08	
C/P Food		208.85	
Hall Expenses		31.99	
Gas Bottles		72.00	
Stationery		58.50	
Fuel		25.00	
Van		FOC	
Raynet		200	
Total	3150.00	1382.42	1767.58

Account Balances			
Savings Account 2016	4100.52		
Interest	2.04		
Total savings a/c Balance	4102.56		
Current Account 2016	3961.32		
Credits	4379.53		
Total Credits	8340.85		
Debits		4834.93	
Total Current A/C balance	3505.92		
Funds			
Savings Account	4102.56		
Current Account	3505.92		
	7608.48		

Jaqui (Treasurer)

Equipment Officer Report

Mike will present on the night.

Challenge Walks Organiser Report

This year we ran two events the Bottoms Up 2016 & the Amble 2017

The Bottoms Up figures were very disappointing. There were 34 long and 7 short entrants plus 15 on the day (total 56). Last year there were 129!

With only 51 participants this event in its current form appears to have had its day. The event was well advertised in local papers and the weather conditions couldn't have been better, there were no clashes with other LDWA events and yet members and others were not attracted.

This year we received quite a shock when we were informed that the whole of the West Pennine Moors on which the Anglezarke Amble route treads had become a Sight of Special Scientific Interest. A lot of work went into providing United Utilities with the information they needed to gain permission from Natural England for us to run the Amble. Fortunately, all the hard work paid off as we were granted permission.

The Anglezarke Amble 2017 figures were again very healthy. There were 339 (346 last year) entrants this year. 71 were runners and 200 were none LDWA members!

The staggered start for runners introduced this year did ease the crowding in the hall and helped to spread the workload in the kitchen serving tea and toast prior to the start. Feedback from many runners was that they were happy with this arrangement.

Having to get all participants to sign the data protection agreement is something that needs to be done before the event. This needs to be incorporated into the application process on the application form.

As in previous years the Amble again attracted many non LDWA members. This year all entrants were charged £9.00.

We have in the past charged non LDWA members slightly more to enter (£1.00), but I do feel that we need to consider a much more significant difference in charge between LDWA members and non-members. However, I don't want to deter runners from entering as these are potentially future members when they get older. Entry charges need to be reviewed.

The workload on those working in the kitchen was evident again as they worked nonstop throughout the day. Perhaps the time has come to reconsider the hall's catering arrangements.

Both Mountain Rescue and Raynet were invaluable again.

Booking in worked well again, but there was congestion; particularly at the first check in desk where most tended to queue once they had collected their tally. Possibly the table set up needs to be reconsidered and someone needs to act as a meet and greet person at the door.

The importance of making sure the number list is filled in when certificates are given out and retirees are identified was highlighted this year.

Only four first aid kits were delivered to the hall.

The Hall, Raynet and Mountain Rescue have been booked for next year's event on Saturday **10th February 2018**

Summary

With the lack of interest shown in the Bottoms Up it was decided that the time had come to give this event a rest, so there are no plans to run this event again.

After 6 years of running the Amble I thought it was time to review how it is run to see how possible improvements can be made by allocating a group meeting for discussion. We did this at the March meeting where, after discussion, it was agreed;

- That the entry charges for LDWA members would be £9 and £12 for non LDWA members.
- To look at the catering in the Hall.
- To purchase 8 new first aid kits.
- That the booking in procedure be changed.
- That Mountain Rescue would be asked to stay at the layby on Egerton Road.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who helped out for their commitment to the events, particularly new members who stepped into the breach for the first time.

Ian (Challenge Walks Organiser)

Walks Secretary Report: Walk Statistics to 31 March 2017

Tuesday Walking Group

	2012 – 2013	2013 – 2014	2014 – 2015	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017
Walks	42	36	39	41	40
Leaders	20	14	17	23	31
Venues	30	28	33	36	32
Avrg attendance	15	12	16	15	18

Strider Walks

	2012 – 2013	2013 – 2014	2014 – 2015	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017
Walks	21	23	24	22	23
Leaders	12	14	10	13	16
Average distance	17	17	17	17	16
Avrg attendance	11	13	12	11	13

Additional Walks

	2012 – 2013	2013 – 2014	2014 – 2015	2015 – 2016	2016 – 2017
Walks	19	15	9	17	13
Leaders	6	6	4	6	6
Average distance	15	16	16	14	15
Avrg attendance	12	10	8	14	15

David (Walks Secretary)