

WEST LANC'S LDWA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 30th April 2018 at the Walton
Arms, St Aidans Road, Bamber Bridge,
PR5 6GD starting at 7.45pm

Business



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

	<p>Apologies: Steve Fagg and Pauline Edwards.</p> <p>A hotpot supper was served before the AGM</p> <p>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</p> <p>Seconded by Arthur Roberts</p> <p>Matters arising: None</p>	CARRIED
2	<p>Annual Reports of the Committee</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 He is to sort out all the excess equipment that is out of date and not used.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</p>	

	<p>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 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</p> <p>Peter Lomax was appointed as independent examiner of the financial accounts for 2017/18</p> <p>Proposed by John Evenden</p> <p>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</p> <p>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. 	CARRIED

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>		ACTION
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</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>Equipment Officer</p> <p>Challenge Walks Organiser</p> <p>Walks Secretary</p> <p>Committee Post</p> <p>Committee Post</p> <p>Committee Post</p> <p>Proposed by Stan Bradshaw and seconded by Ken Peaks</p> <p>Web Master</p> <p>Proposed by Doreen Viney and seconded by Jean Bobker</p>	<p>John Evenden</p> <p>Karen Wardle</p> <p>Jaqui Peaks</p> <p>Mike Motley</p> <p>Ian Wardle</p> <p>Dave Whittaker</p> <p>Doreen Viney</p> <p>Glyn Watson</p> <p>No nominations received</p> <p>Ian Wardle</p>	<p>CARRIED</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
7	Meeting closed 20.45		

Annual Report of the Committee

Chairman's Report

Two years have passed since being Chairman, a statutory position required by our constitution.

I would like to thank all members, officers and committee for their hard work and support. The club is well supported particularly the circa 10 mile Tuesday walks (thanks to Sue Faggs), and other walks providing opportunities for longer distance.

The Amble is a great success and, now our only annual event, has developed year on year. Thanks Karen and Ian Wardle. The organisers require your support and help, so keep the 9th February 2019 free. A special thanks to Mike for giving us storage space and transport provision. The Amble is the only form of income for the club which enables us to subsidise the Plod, Tea Walks, travel costs etc.

This year our long distance walk, The Lancashire Way is 291 miles, our aim is to complete the southern loop with a possibility of the central loop later in the year. A special thanks to Neil Harwood for comprising the walk.

This being our 40th Anniversary Year sees several past challenge walks revisited, culminating with a Celebration Day to be held at Brindle Village Hall on 18th August 2018 – another date for your diaries.

Thanks to all for your support during the year – here's to another year of enjoyable walking.

John Evenden

Secretary's Report

This has been my second year as secretary. As far as I know there is not a job description for the role! The club is striving for more transparency, in that notes of the meetings and committee meeting minutes are now readily available on the website. Two meetings in the next year are open meetings for members to attend committee meetings and hopefully will become committee members in the future. There is new data protection legislation due at the end of May, regardless of Brexit, this is another new rule from Brussels. Watch this space. The club needs to develop some enthusiasm in how to keep all members interested. My personal view, having seen so many back issues of Strider, plus the club's old newsletter, historically there has been a vibrant social aspect to this club. Members used to combine walking weekends with accommodation and even a mini bus. I would like members to consider how to ignite this into a social/long distance walking club. I am sure this would attract new members, particularly if it combines perhaps some Wainwrights or something similar with a weekend away. Other clubs are successful with this and if anyone wants to be social secretary they would have my support.

Membership

To date we have 400 (353) Members made up of 187 (157) Primary members and 213 (196) Associate members. 31 have joined in 2018 of which 13 are primary members.

History of the group and 40th Anniversary

This year we have begun to compile the history of the club, a few members have sent interesting articles which Ian is presently uploading onto our website. Like last year I feel that the history of the club is so important as it charts how well the club has evolved over time. However, with numbers this year falling on the 100, I think we should all be aware of how difficult it is to convert our membership into active long distance walkers.

40th Anniversary on the 18th August 2018 at Brindle village hall, between 4 and 9pm is hopefully a time for old and new members to reflect on the past. There will be a memory table, quiz and slide show. Frank is going to give a talk on his walking history and there will be some background music. The idea is to provide an environment for people to talk easily, i.e. no loud music. A buffet and bar is available, with the club paying for the buffet.

Dates for the commemorative walks are as follows:

May 12th Sirloin Stroll (from 1989) led by Jaqui

June 2nd Barbon led by Ian & Karen

July 7th Wide Awake Walk led by Doreen

August 18th Walk to be decided from Brindle village hall (Ian and Karen)

Communication

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.

Karen (Secretary)

Annual Statement of Accounts

To be circulated later

Equipment Officer Report

Mike will present on the night.

Challenge Walks Organiser Report

This year we only ran one event the Amble 2018

The Anglezarke Amble 2018 figures were again very healthy.

Summary of figures

There were 357 (10 on the day) (339 last year) entrants this year broken down as follows;

Starters on long route 196 (149 last year)

Starters on short route 98 (145 last year)

Total 294 (Last year 295) The Red Rose 50 has had no impact on the Amble.

Nonstarters 63 (45 last year)

Runners 102 (71 last year)

None LDWA members 198 (200 last year)

137 nonmember walkers

As in previous years the Amble again attracted many non LDWA members. The increase in charge from £9.00 to £12.00 did not detract non LDWA members many of which were youngsters. If only we could get them to be members!

The registration time for runners at 8.00am worked well easing congestion of the hall and made the registration process easier. There was positive feedback from runners.

Having the data protection agreement signed as part of the application form was much better. Only one person queried this process.

The waterproof paper was invaluable. Checkpoints were well managed as was the kitchen.

We had a number of people say how much they enjoyed the event and commented on how well organised it was and how good the food was.

Both Mountain Rescue and Raynet were invaluable again.

The Hall, Raynet and Mountain Rescue have been booked for next year's event on **Saturday 9th February 2019**

Summary

The Anglezarke Amble continues to be a very popular event. As the higher entry charge for non-members did not affect numbers I propose that we charge the same again in 2019 the entry charges for LDWA members would be £9 and £12 for non LDWA members.

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 2018

Tuesday Walking Group - number of leaders has increased each year since 2013/14 – average attendance at a good level.

	2013 - 2014	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	2017 - 2018
Walks	36	39	41	40	39
Leaders	14	17	23	31	32
Venues	28	33	36	32	30
Avrg attendance	12	16	15	18	17

Strider Walks - average attendance down – in 2013/14 on average there were more walkers on Strider walks than on Tuesday walks, in 2017/18 the average number of walkers on Tuesday walks was 70% more than on Strider walks. Four of the Strider walks in 2017/18 were 20 miles or more with an average attendance of 8.

	2013 - 2014	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	2017 - 2018
Walks	23	24	22	23	23
Leaders	14	10	13	16	19
Average distance	17	17	17	16	17
Avrg attendance	13	12	11	13	10

Additional Walks - a varied selection of walks including Wainwright's Way, Lancashire Way, Arnside Walk, Fish & Chip walk, Remembrance day etc.

	2013 - 2014	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	2017 - 2018
Walks	15	9	17	13	18
Leaders	6	4	6	6	9
Average distance	16	16	14	15	15
Avrg attendance	10	8	14	15	13

David (Walks Secretary)