

LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Committee Meeting
Monday 6th May 2019 at 7.30pm

Minutes

	<p>Apologies: Jacqui</p> <p>In attendance: Neil, Ian, Karen, Glyn, David, Mike, Richard, Andy & Jane.</p> <p>Standing items: The trig point at Darwen tower. Annual payment to the Ramblers Association. Donations to Bolton Mountain Rescue, Air Ambulance and Raynet.</p>
1	<p>Chairs Introduction.</p> <p>This was Neil's first meeting as Chair. He felt that the group was strong with a good walk programme. He hoped that the agenda would promote ideas, discussion and agreement.</p>
2	<p>The Walking Programme</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <p>Past Walks overview – any issues/lessons to be learnt</p> <p>Current future Walk's programme</p> <p>What would we like to see in the future? Type/Frequency eg Thursday longer walks, Weekend Walks, Ad-hoc "Challenges", Keeping the old Challenge Walks alive</p> <p>How should the programme be put together?</p> <p>Putting routes online, so available to all?</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>David discussed the deadlines for Strider walks, which have to be tabled well in advance.</p> <p>It was agreed, some time ago, that at least one Tuesday in a 5 week month should be a longer walk. The other Tuesday walks can be anything from 9-12 miles. It was noted that some of the Tuesday walks are in the same area and can be a bit repetitive. Jane is monitoring this.</p> <p>There was a suggestion that other longer/challenging/out of area walks could be on a Thursday, when there was no long distance walk taking place. These would complement the Tuesday Social and Strider walks and be in spirit of the LDWA. It was also suggested that some of the old challenge walks could be revived, as there had been good attendance on some of these last year. It was agreed that there should be more variety on the longer walks, for example the Lake District where there would be a degree of difficulty with 'ascent'. Other ideas were put forward, like the Across Bowland Walk and linear walks where a bus/train/minibus could be used. These additional walks might be initially be added to the programme in an 'ad hoc' fashion but if successful could be formalised in the future.</p> <p>Action: Andy, Richard and Ian volunteered to look at this and report back.</p> <p>To ask Jeff, Doreen, Stan and Brian for 'old' routes.</p>

	<p>It was agreed not to have a Strider walk on the 21st December. A discussion took place regarding the notes for new and established leaders. This relates to the taking of the register and an issue that has emerged on walks, where certain members, despite reminders and a clear protocol, continue to walk in front of the leader. One leader has stated that ‘this is rude, dis-spiriting and persistent, where those gallop ahead, miss the route and any interest along it.</p> <p>Action: It was agreed that Sue’s notes should be updated and that it is the walk leader’s responsibility to take the register, to reiterate their position in terms of being at the front and to appoint a back marker. It was agreed that Neil would write a protocol for longer walk leaders. All leaders should send their completed register to Andy. Andy will revise the form to include his email address. This needs to be sent to Ian so it can go onto our website.</p> <p>Neil discussed that LDWA are trialling OS maps or similar. To discuss this at a later meeting.</p>
3	<p>Finances <u>Agenda</u> Funds Balance at the last committee meeting and at this current meeting and the movement with the main expenditure</p> <p>How should we spend our annual Amble profit – agree a “budget” Discussion: The club has £7,028.00 across two accounts. There has been some discussion about the expenditure at the AGM. Discussion took place upon what a budget would like. Donations would continue at around the £800-900, a budget would be set aside for social events of around £1250 (see below) and there would continue to be some limited support for the long distance walks. Compared with our net income from the Challenge of around £2000, this would result in using some of our opening funds but we would continue to monitor this and have further discussion at the next meeting.</p>
4	<p>Social Events What type and how many per year. Pudding Plod? Subsidising social events</p> <p>Discussion: It was agreed that the Pudding Plod should be subsidised, the amount will depend on the price of the Christmas meal. An alternative venue to be found. Glyn is to check with Whalley Golf club. Karen to check with Longridge golf club. The date is agreed: 14th December. It was agreed to fund at least one further social/meeting event with hot pots in the autumn months. It was agreed to fund the fish and chip walk on the 14th May and the tea and cake walk in September.</p>

5	<p>Committee Meetings and Member Meetings</p> <p>Timetable Events at the Group Meetings – ideas eg Quiz, Guest Speakers, LDWA Main Committee presentation. Introduction to modern technology. Each member of the Committee to put something forward for the next meeting, so that we can put together a timetable for the second half of the year. Need something for the June Member’s Meeting!</p> <p>Discussion: David had requested that the committee meetings and group meetings be on the same evening. This was agreed.</p> <p>Due to some members walking the ‘Coast to Coast’, the June committee and group meeting will be re-arranged to the 10th June. It is hoped that Nick Burton will be the speaker on the ‘Wainwright’s Way’. Neil to confirm this.</p> <p>Other dates: 12th August, with a committee meeting at 6.30pm. Suggest a quiz, Karen to ask Stan.</p> <p>14th October, with a committee meeting at 6.30 pm. Suggest a slide show with members who walked the Coast to Coast. Hot pot.</p> <p>No meeting in December due to Christmas social. January meeting to discuss Amble preparations. Date ahead: 9th March, visit and meeting at Ambulance Station HQ, Preston (where Andy works).</p>
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>Undertaking a survey of our members. All of the above is based upon what we gather on our walks but do we really understand what our members want. Our interaction with the LDWA committee – what is on the agenda and what are our views. Walk register- How we go about it and defining the process for walk leaders.</p> <p>Discussion: Neil is to devise a survey for members. To be brought to the next committee meeting to see if this should be taken forward. Register – already discussed. Template to be made available on the web site and leaders/committee members to have some spare copies.</p> <p>It was discussed that some committee members might benefit from attending LDWA meetings, ie AGM/Group Secretary’s annual meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed to assist East Lancs on their Red Rose 50 event on the 14.9.2019. Rivington checkpoint from 9am – 3pm. The only equipment needed is the floor covering, everything else is provided by East Lancs.</p> <p>Action: Ian, Karen, Robb and a request for other volunteers.</p>