# LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

# Committee Meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 6.45pm

### **Minutes**

**Apologies:** Glyn

In attendance: Neil, Ian, Karen, David, Jane, Jacqui, Andy.

Standing items: The trig point at Darwen tower. The club is committed to litter

picking.

#### 1 Chairs Introduction.

The previous minutes were agreed.

**Matters Arising** 

The Committee agreed to purchase an emergency bag 'tag' containing: the member's name, emergency ICE numbers, any known medical condition (if there is a wish for this to be shared) and any known allergies. This information fits onto a tag to be displayed on the outside of the member's rucksack. East Lancs recommended the company and Karen has received the relevant information for this to proceed.

**Action:** Karen has a card for members to complete with tag information. These will be sent to the company in batches of 30.

Pendle Witches Way

Proposed dates are:

2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April

Route and transport arrangements:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sabden to Clitheroe - 14 and half miles - car share

 $16^{th}$  Clitheroe to Langdon Brook - 15 and half miles - minibus required

30th Langdon Brook to Lancaster – 16 and half miles – minibus required

The Committee agreed to fund a mini bus for the two legs.

### The Amble 2021

The SI entries were considered a success at this year's Amble. The cost was £369.60 which includes a £50.00 retainer. The Committee agreed not to refund SI entries who cancelled.

The Committee agreed to use SI entries wholly next year, with no written applications.

The Committee agreed to keep entries at the same price next year

£10.00 LDWA members

£13.00 non members

Ian to make a full report available at the AGM.

#### This meeting:

Meeting at the Ambulance HQ, with presentation from Air Ambulance

# 2 The Walking Programme

David had sent an email regarding past walks attendance. This will be available as part of the AGM report. It was agreed that there was a comprehensive walk programme on offer to all members.

#### Current Walk Programme

There is to be a Thursday walks programme from February until October including the Lancashire Way on the following dates:

7<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June, finishing on the 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Neil emphasised that members can walk one or all of the days. The crucial factor being mini-bus numbers. Neil to email members nearer the time.

Other Thursday walks

25<sup>th</sup> June - That's Lyth - a version of the present Challenge Walk - Ann Holden

23<sup>rd</sup> July – Mid Summer Kanter – Neil Harwood and Jeff Parr

6<sup>th</sup> August – Gargrave – Sue Lomax

20<sup>th</sup> August – Swirl How – Pete Lang

17<sup>th</sup> September – High Street – John Clarke

1st October – TBA – Ian Wardle

15<sup>th</sup> October – Very Early Halloween Happening - Ken Wyles

# Other Walks

Thursday  $3^{rd}$  until Saturday  $5^{th}$  September – Walks around the Richmond area with Sue and Peter Lomax. Members have registered their interest.

Neither the Lancashire Way nor Pendle Witches Way are to be featured in Strider.

### 3 Finances

Jacqui reported the club's financial position, with the combined accounts totalling: £8,705.55. This included £2,814.44 from the Amble. However, there are to be further deductions from this sum, ie donations to

Mountain Rescue - £500.00 (topped up from the Amble donations of £103.27)

Air Ambulance - £400.00

Raynet (for 2 years attendance) - £250.00

White Coppice (for two years) - £50.00

Ramblers – Annual Affiliated membership - £65.00

Other donations:

£100.00 to the Fire Service Benevolent Fund – a donation in regard to the recent First Aid training.

Jacqui to send the accounts ready for the AGM to Peter Lomax.

It was agreed that the accounts to be closed at the end of December 2020, making it easier for completion for the AGM.

#### 4 Social Events

The Committee agreed that Glyn should go ahead and book the 2020 Plod meal at Whalley golf club. Date 19th December, 2020 (please note date change).

The Committee agreed to pay for the following:

Fish and Chip Walk  $-12^{th}$  May, same as last year, excellent pre-order fish and chips at Whalley. Glyn will organise numbers on the day.

Tea and Cake walk - 22<sup>nd</sup> September, venue is the same as last year. Rivington tea rooms. Day to start with a bacon bap/cuppa, walk then tea and cakes. Non walkers/members can attend for the tea and cakes.

# 5 Committee Meetings and Member Meetings

Timetable Future Meetings

6<sup>th</sup> April - AGM 8<sup>th</sup> June – Lancashire Way and Lancashire Quiz 10<sup>th</sup> August – Curiosity Corner – a meeting with a difference 12<sup>th</sup> October – To be decided

#### **AGM**

There have been two motions received from two members. After discussion and clarification over the matter, one member decided to withdraw one motion. One member, seconded by two members has submitted a motion for the Committee and AGM to consider.

In brief this motion is in regard to David Whittaker's motion which was agreed at the 2019 AGM meeting, he proposed that the club meet less frequently. As the new Chair Neil introduced the idea in having a theme/speaker at each meeting to try and increase attendance and make meetings more interesting. At the AGM it was agreed to trial reduced meetings for 12 months.

The Committee discussed this motion and agreed to the action as below.

Action: Neil, Chair, to respond to this motion in his AGM report. A discussion will take place in regard to this response at the AGM.

### Other matters:

David Whittaker has nominated, and this has been seconded by Harry Bretherton that John Clarke become a Committee member. John has already contributed to the club by leading a number of walks and responding to lead a walk when there has been a cancellation.

It was agreed that Jane should be known as the Social Walks Co-ordinator.

#### 6 **AOB**

#### **Previous discussion:**

It was suggested that the club should look at a walking holiday abroad, as this had been open to members in the past. **Action:** to have an open discussion and is there anyone willing to organise?

First Aid was attended on the 1<sup>st</sup> February at Horwich Fire Station. This was very informative and helpful. A donation to thank the Station to be made to the Benevolent Fund.

# Outstanding from previous meetings

It was discussed that some Committee members might benefit from attending LDWA meetings, ie AGM/Group Secretary's annual meeting.

**Action:** Need to find out any future dates.

Andy brought to the attention of the Committee the need to complete an Incident report when something occurs on a walk. ie an accident. It was agreed that all members on a walk should be aware of the need to report incidents/accidents.

**Action:** Incident report to be placed in the admin section.

A member of the LDWA Committee wishes to attend one of our meetings, Neil to email her with potential dates.

Date of next meeting: AGM 6th April at the Sea View – Hot pot at 7pm