## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the LDWA West Lancs Group held on Monday 20th April 2015 at The Peter's Bar, School Lane, Bamber Bridge.

Meeting opened 19.00 hrs Members Present 30

- 1. **Apologies** were received from Ken Beardsworth, Harry Bretherton, Alec & Margaret Burford, John & Marilyn Crook, Sue Fagg, Maurice Gleeson, Jeff & Enid Parr, Glyn & Julie Watson, Andrew Whitaker.
- Minutes of the previous AGM, which had been sent to members, were passed as a true record.
   Proposed by John Evenden Seconded by Dave Taylor CARRIED
- 3. *Matters arising* from the previous meeting. None
- 4. *Minutes of the committee meeting* held to discuss the 2015 budget and other issues and which had been sent to members (see attached) were agreed.

Proposed by: Bob Waller Seconded by: Ken Peaks CARRIED

## 5. Annual Reports:

a <u>Secretary/Website</u> – We have 144 primary members and 130 associate members, of which 70 are on our "active members" and contacts list. A welcome email with details of our website and current walks programme is sent to newly listed primary members each year.

The website has been a positive force in introducing new members, especially via Tuesday walks. It now has 164 archived walks (the most recent 6 months listed under "past walks" and earlier ones in the annual archives. Dating from 2012, the archives feature excellent walk rports and photos, thanks in the main to Stan and Doreen. It well demonstrates both the quantity, range and quality of our walks. The website also includes News, Future walks, Group Activities (the Plod, Remembrance Day etc.), Challenge Events and a new "Members' Articles" section (for the kind of additional articles previously included in the magazine). Finally Sue thanked Bob for his help in making the sec. role easier for her.

b <u>Treasurer</u> – the accounts have again been presented so that all can understand them. Various questions were asked and answered satisfactorarily. The accounts were passed as a true record (see attached)

Proposed by Dave Taylor Seconded by Frank Watson

**CARRIED** 

c <u>Group Walks Organiser</u> – Thanks were given to all Walk Leaders for a varied programme. Over the last year there have been 39 "Tuesday" Walks (with an average attendance of 16), 24 "Strider" walks (average attendance of 8) and 9 additional walks (average attendance of 12), representing an increase in both the number of Tuesday walks and the numbers out on these, Strider numbers remaining more or less the same, with a decrease in additional walks, compared to the previous year. The number of leaders has increased on Tuesday walks but is down from 14 to 10 on Strider walks; a cause for concern. Dave has sent an email to active members offering encouragement and help to any potential new walk leaders (which has already resulted in two new leaders).

The Chairman thanked Dave for all his hard work over the last 10 years as Walks Sec. and an engraved tankard was presented from the group.

- d. <u>Property co-ordinator</u> The property has been checked but a weatherproof clipboard is still missing (from Bottoms Up). Mike thanked Dave and Sheila for all their hard work transporting the kit to and from challenge events and emphasisied the importance of members taking care with it.
- e. <u>Challenge Events co-ordinator</u> Various issues arising from the Sunday use of the hall at the Amble are being addressed (new mugs etc.) and a list of helpers for 2015 Bottoms Up is being put together.

f. <u>Chairman</u> – "Firstly I'd like to thank the other members of the committee for all their hard work over the past year. I'm sorry to see Dave stepping down, but welcome 'Dave the second' who I'm sure will do a good job, but needs to be given time to settle into it. Please give him all the support you can. I'd like to comment on how well Sue has settled in as Group Sec. and what a good job she's now doing. It can't have been easy over the last 12 months.

Secondly thanks to others who have led walk, marshalled at events or helped with the 101 other tasks that crop up over the year. Not to forget of course Pauline for sorting out a programme for our very successful 10 mile walks.

Taking the Group as a whole, there seems to be a good spirit within the Group. Walks, particularly the 10 mile Tuesday walks, are well attended as are our monthly meetings. The website is also thriving.

Just a couple of things, if you are planning other things away from the Group, please do your best to make sure they don't clash with our 2 events. Ian needs your help. Also if you feel capable of leading a walk, please feel free to offer your services.

Please note I fully intend stepping down as Chairman at next year's AGM. So get your thinking caps on – you might be the right person.

All the best to everyone over the coming year. May your ailments be few and your walks many."

## 6. Election of Committee

a. Chairman Stan Bradshaw
Treasurer Jaqueline Peaks
Property Co-ordinator Mike Motley
Challenge Events Co-ordinator Ian Wardle
Secretary/Web Sue Allonby

Proposed by Dave Taylor Seconded by Jean Bobker

that the above committee members be elected for a further year. CARRIED

b Walks Organiser Dave Whitaker

Proposed by: Pauline Edwards Seconded by: Sue Allonby CARRIED

c Vice-Chairman no nomination received

## 7. Any Other Business

None

8. The meeting closed at 20.30 hrs. (Date of next AGM to be decided at a later date)

After hotpot and apple pie there was an excellent talk and slide presentation by Jim Bispham about his Appalachian Trail hike.