

LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Committee Meeting minutes

Monday 25th July 2016 at 8pm

		<u>Action</u>
	<p>Apologies: Sue Fagg</p> <p>Present : Chair John, Secretary Karen, Ian, Glyn, Mike, Dave, Doreen, Sue & Jaqui</p>	
1	<p>Minutes last meeting</p> <p>The minutes were read by each point and agreed as an accurate record</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Item 2 Group Administration:- One or two glitches were reported, in particular those members who found web site matters challenging. Mike agreed to contact Dave and Sheila and assistance would be offered. Those active members that have not got an email address would need to be contacted by telephone or post.</p> <p>Item 3: Website permission</p> <p>Item 9: The Plod 2016: Calf booked</p> <p>List still to me circulated</p> <p>Standard Item equipment Mike will purchase the necessary equipment</p> <p>Finance In AOB</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Pending</p>
2	<p>Dogs on walks conclusion</p> <p>The conclusion of the questionnaires has resulted in a West Lancs Dog Policy which is to be posted on the website. To be implemented by the 1st August. Doreen mentioned that in the latest Strider some groups posted that no dogs were allowed on walks, except for assistance dogs. Ian mentioned insurance and this is to be incorporated into the policy.</p> <p>Doreen stated that a lot of walkers are looking at the website so should take notice of the dog policy.</p>	<p>Dave Whittaker to insert on the walks programme the wording that 'dogs must be on a short lead'. (completed)</p> <p>Dog policy to be circulated to members</p> <p>Karen –(completed)</p> <p>Dog policy to be put on the website - Sue</p>
3	<p>Website design</p> <p>John mentioned that there needed to be some small changes to the website</p>	<p>Front page wording needs looking at – Sue (Completed)</p>
3	<p>Donation to charity</p> <p>Doreen suggested that the club make a donation to Sue's challenge walk</p>	<p>It was agreed to make a donation of £100.00</p>
4	<p>The Plod 2016</p> <p>There was a discussion in regard to the Plod. Sue mentioned that at the AGM 'it was agreed to continue to subsidise multi-stage walks, hotpots at some meetings,</p>	<p>Dave to send to Karen a list of walk leaders</p>

	<p>complimentary Christmas drinks, Pudding Plod (details to be sorted by new committee).</p> <p>Glyn referred to the last committee meeting where it was suggested that the meal should be subsidised. A figure of £500.00 was suggested as a limit. A list of the 2015 plod attendees was circulated – but this was already out of date. It was agreed to collate a list of the walk leaders and helpers on the events.</p> <p>It was agreed that the meal offered would be £14.50</p>	<p>(Completed)</p> <p>Ian to send to Karen a list of helpers for our two events. (Completed)</p> <p>Karen to collate the list (Completed)</p> <p>Karen to circulate the list to the committee. (Completed)</p>
5	<p>Coach trip</p> <p>John wondered whether a couple of walks should be offered. There was a general consensus that people would want to do ‘their own thing’. However, some felt providing a walk would make the trip more attractive. A meal at the end of the day was also discounted. The coach pick up was discussed and the time was agreed 8am – 6pm. The date was agreed to be 1st October, 2016.</p>	<p>Karen to circulate an expression of interest list for the 1st October (Completed)</p>
6	<p>Group bulk e-mails</p> <p>When using Group Bulk Email it needs to be clear who is sending the email and who is receiving it. The format of all Bulk emails should be;</p> <p>Name of sender Date</p> <p>Who to</p> <p>Example</p> <p><i>David Whittaker</i> <i>25 July 2016</i></p> <p><i>To West Lancs LDWA Committee Members</i></p>	
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>The Amble</p> <p>Doreen had contacted Jonathan Grimshaw and the Police. Doreen has walked the short route and there was a diversion on the short route with a phone number. It was decided that this needs to be checked later in the year to see if the diversion will still be in place in February 2017.</p> <p>Finance - Jaqui</p> <p>Savings £4,101.22 General £3,081.36</p> <p>£999.96 has been the yearly spend so far. There is no set budget</p> <p>Ramblers: Jaqui mentioned the purpose of our affiliation which was discussed. It was agreed that members need to know why we are affiliated. To be posted on the website</p> <p>Equipment – Glyn has purchased the projector. It was agreed it was a great slide show and members enjoyed the videos of the walks taken by Glyn.</p> <p>For future meetings : Suggestions for another long distance walk</p>	<p>Sue to post information on the website (Completed)</p>

Post script from the Committee meeting

A message from the Chair and an email from Doreen and Sue to the Committee require some consideration in regard to the Plod. It is only after the meeting that some have gone away and then thought there now needs to be a more in-depth discussion about how we decide who is entitled to a subsidised meal and who is not.

As decided at the committee meeting I have now collated a list of potential names based on those who have led walks, provided by David, and those who have helped on events, provided by Ian. See attached.

These names are listed in column 'E' and are derived from the names in Column 'B', which lists those who have led walks, and columns C & D, which lists the event helpers.

Column 'F' shows how each name listed has helped; 'W' indicates led a walk, 'A' indicates helped on the Amble and 'B' indicates helped on the Bottoms Up. (The Bottoms Up list could yet change and is based on who helped last year). I have included in columns 'H' & 'I' the 2016 Active members list with those names not identified as helpers in column 'E' marked orange.

Column 'K' shows those who had a free invite last year. The names in green are those Doreen mentions in her email as not entitled to a meal this year. Whilst Doreen feels Ken Noble should not be entitled to a subsidised meal, Sue Allonby is clear that he should! This is why he is shown in blue in column 'E'.

Column 'M' shows those who were invited last year having to pay.

We now have to insert names into column 'N' & 'O', but how do we do this?

Has there been a criteria in the past and if so what was it? If you look at last year's invitation list, how was it decided that a West Lancs member, Robb Radford, would be invited having to pay, even though he spent a full day helping at Slipper Lowe check point on the Amble and a member like Brian Fisher would get a free meal because he took photographs whilst walking the Amble! or an associate member like Ken Noble would get a free meal for leading a walk?

As John has pointed out, and our spreadsheet confirms, active members are assisting or helping on either/both events and/or leading one/numerous walks. In some cases we only see members helping at events minimally or only leading one walk. The aim of the club is for all members to contribute and promote long distance walking.

I'm sure you will agree that the spreadsheet looks rather complicated and to move on, a criterion would have to be defined which John feels will be extremely difficult to do without upsetting someone.

1. **Suggestion: As a committee we decide a criteria.** Can you please let me know how we decide the names for column 'N' & 'O'?
2. **Suggestion from Doreen** that this be the last one that the group pay for and that the members are informed of this decision stating that with the increase of numbers, especially on the 10 mile walks, it is getting not only too expensive but also too awkward and difficult to decide who should be eligible without causing offence to people.

The benefits of this would be;

- This would no longer be a yearly issue
- It reduces the secretaries workload having to do this every year
- Our money could be better spent on walking not eating!

Can John have your views on the suggestions above please as soon as possible?

I request that any items discussed at committee meetings remain confidential until we are ready to inform members?

Apologies for this being a bit long and complicated!
Regards John /Karen