**Calderdale LDWA, AGM meeting dated 21-02-24, 7pm at The drop Inn Elland**

**Present**

Jane Guest, Chair

Karen Nash, Secretary

Stephen Walker, Walks Secretary

Sandt Gee, Treasurer

Paula Pickersgill

Neil Midgley

Kathryn Finn

**Apologies**

None provided.

**Acceptance of last year’s minutes**

Minutes from last years AGM agreed by all who attended.

**Chairs annual report**

Jane thanked everyone for their continued support at meetings and throughout the year. Jane thanked those who attended the planned walk and meal and Xmas meal ensuring these were enjoyable events. Jane considered the many ways we as a group have tried to expand attendance and encourage active members, including, a shorter walk and meal provided afterwards, Xmas meal, shorter walks, different days. It is agreed we have tried new ways to encourage members and new members to become more active. Jane hopes that our forth coming challenge event will help to remind members that Calderdale LDWA is still active and trying hard to promote support from its members.

Jane noted that she as Chair and Karen Nash as Secretary have now been in post for over 5 years and should ideally step down, how ever if no other members wish to put themselves forward for nomination, Jane and Karen are prepared to be considered for re-election for a further year.

**Treasurers annual report**

Sandy provided a report showing all expenses which have funding the walk and meal and Xmas meal. Sandy noted that there will be more financial activity over the coming months including income and expenses for a navigation course and income and expenses for the forthcoming challenge event.

Sandy will send the financial report to John Elric

**Walk secretary’s annual report.**

Stephen noted that Calderdale hosted or shared 12 walks in 2023, he noted there only 5 planned for this year. Stephen asked that members consider leading walks and that details are sent to him in good time so that they can be added to the website.

**Election of officers**

Jane Guest to continue as chair, proposed by Stephen Walker, seconded by Karen Nash

Karen Nash to continue as secretary, proposed by Jane Guest, seconded by Paula Pickersgill

Stephen Walker to continue as walk secretary, proposed by Katherine Finn, seconded by Paula Pickersgill

Sandy Gee to continue as treasurer, proposed by Jane Guest, seconded by Stephen Walker

(Sandy showed an interest in considering a different role next year)

Consideration was given to members of the group who show their commitment and it was agreed that these members should be considered as committee members. Neil, Paula and Katherine all agreed to become committee members.

Neil proposed as a committee member by Karen Nash and seconded by Jane Guest

Paula proposed as a committee member by Neil Midgley and seconded by Karen Nash

Katherine proposed as a committee member by Karen Nash and seconded by Jane Guest

**Constitution**

Consideration of Calderdale’s constitution following guidance from the NEC, Jane and Karen had considered relevant changes and provided these to the group for discussion, suggestions were sent to members in advance of this meeting.

* Do we need any changes to Calderdale’s constitution
* How do we feel as a group inviting associate members to attend our meetings and be enabled to vote.

After discussion the group agreed that in future, we would invite associate members to committee meetings and provide them with minutes of meetings.

Agreed Karen to send an email explaining that Calderdale has considered inviting associate members to meetings and are pleased to state this has now been agreed. Karen to send future meeting minutes to all primary and associate members, and add the constitution to the website.

Neil has volunteered to keep a list of any equipment that Calderdale has or may obtain specifically during the planning of our challenge event due to take place in August 2024.

**Any other business for AGM**

Committee meeting following this AGM