**Calderdale Committee Meeting dated 10-5-22 held at the Drop Inn, Elland**

**Present**

Jane Guest, Stephen Walker, Karen Nash, Sandy Gee, Paula Pickersgill

**Apologies**

Judith Walker,

Jane asked if all members had seen the previous minutes, which were considered and agreed.

**Finances**

Sandy who is now Calderdale’s treasurer has prepared and provided the group with a financial update and further discussions took place about giving two separate £500 donations to local organisations that may benefit walkers from Calderdale and all surrounding areas. The group has agreed to donate to CROWS who Calderdale have donated to in the past, this organisation helps to fix and maintain public footpaths, the second suggestion was to Mountain Rescue based locally in Mytholmroyd.

Sandy has agreed to make enquires and establish a link to each of these organisations to enable a planned presentation and hopefully provide some publicity for the group. We considered various ways we could meet these two organisations, including a walk or a meeting at their bases.

Sandy will send a copy of the finances to John Elrick as per the AGM requirements. Sandy will also look into transferring some moneys into a different account to enable it to gain interest.

**50th Anniversary walk.**

The group decided at the previous meeting to walk the Aggin Stone walk, which is a Calderdale members favourite and was originally a challenge event hosted by Calderdale. It was believed appropriate to have choose a walk that Calderdale members old and new would most certainly remember. Stephen Walker has kindly agreed to lead the Aiggin Stone walk on the 50th Anniversary of the LDWA as a memorable event for the group. Sandy has agreed to advertise this walk on face book, and it is already in Strider and on the LDWA website, so it is hopeful as many Calderdale, members as possible will attend.

**Walks**

There are a few walks already booked for Calderdale, however if anyone wishes or is willing to lead a walk for their group, please contact Stephen Walker by the end of the month, to enable all walks to be advertised in Strider as well as the LDWA website. Walks are required for September, October, November, and December. Karen and Jane offered to provide walks, and Stephen agreed to consider some shorter mid-week walks which may encourage new walkers.

**Challenge Event**

Discussion to consider Calderdale putting on a Challenge event next year, suggestions were the Aiggin Stone, The Black Brook, Ell and Back and Stephen suggested a walk around Todmorden. Although discussion took place it is also agreed that we need further support from current or new members before we can make these suggestions a reality. It was agreed to keep a Challenge Event on the agenda at each meeting so that we can hopefully move this forward in the future.

**Any other business**

Paula has kindly offered to try and provide a poster similar to the cards she has had made, this will advertise and direct people to the Calderdale website where they can ask for more information and or cards to give to friends and family.

**Date of next meeting**

Planned for 6-9-22, 7pm qat the Drop Inn, Elland

Karen Nash

Calderdale LDWA group secretary