**Calderdale LDWA Committee Meeting dated 08-11-23**

**Present**

Jane Guest

Karen Nash

Sandy Gee

Stephen Walker

Neil Midgley

**Apologies**

Paula Pickersgill

Meeting minutes dated 02-10-23 read and agreed by all attended members.

**Challenge event, save the date 03-08-24.**

The Calderdale Crawl, Calderdale’s challenge event due to take place on 03-08-24 is progressing, the route has now been walked in two sections and changes made. Further reccie walks are required to confirm the second check point. Changes will still need to be made as currently the route is estimated as a couple of miles over the required 24 miles. and then the route needs to be walked in its entirety to confirm the GPS route and milage.

We have established that the final route needs to be provided to Si Entres 6-8 weeks before the event, however the organises will feel more comfortable if the route is finalised by mid May 2024 as there are many other events after this time.

Neil noted that the current draft route is on OS map OL21 except a very small section, this needs to either be alerted to walkers or changed to keep the route on one map. Karen is aware of where this small section is and feels it can easily be changed to keep the route on one map.

We are aware that in the second half of the route there is a farmer who has put a sign up, complaining about dogs soiling his grass, we feel as a group we need to speak with this farmer to alert him to the fact that there could be around 150 walkers coming through and assure him that walkers will keep dogs under strict control through his land.

There are many other tasks required for example pricing and designing, a certificate, tally card, badge and a banner, any artistic people with good ideas please bring them to the next meeting. Paula has agreed to source the best place to obtain these and obtain prices.

Jane and Sandy considered how to offer any special dietary requirements, it was provisionally agreed that the information should state if you have any special requirements, you should contact the food organiser, Jane Guest.

Sandy will be submitting required information that is required at this stage to Si entries with an agreement that entries will open on 01-01-24.

**Navigation course**

Neil shared with the group that to offer members something new he is able to organise a navigation course, this is a two-day course although people do not have to do both days. One day would be learning and the other would be practical. The potential dates for this course would be 24-03-24 and 07-04-24, the venue would be Neiley Pavilion in Honley. This is a Mountain Rescue Association venue, so a small cost would be required.

It was proposed to initially offer this course to Calderdale members, if there are then places available places could then be offered to associate members, West Yorkshire and or The Irregulars. There will be 14 places available so please show your support and provisionally book your place, further details when we establish interest.

Finally, consideration was given to Calderdale’s Christmas meal, suggested dates were 12, 13 or 14 December, all primary members to be invited once the committee have confirmed a date**.**

**Update on Calderdale’s Christmas meal**, due to various circumstances we were unable to agree a suitable date for all, so have decided to consider a date in January, when the rush is over. Watch this space, a further email will be sent following the next meeting.

Calderdale members please as your new year’s resolution please come forward and support your group. We can only produce a successful challenge event with volunteers who are committed to helping before and on the day. We must have commitments asap so that members can have tasks to complete. Also please show your commitment to Neil’s Navigation course and finally join you group for a belated Christmas meal.

Let’s remind walkers that Calderdale is still here.

**Any other business**

None

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**Next meeting 10-01-234, 7pm at** **The drop Inn Elland, please note this is a Wednesday.**

Karen Nash

Calderdale LDWA group secretary

**Agenda for meeting dated 10-01-23, 7pm at The drop Inn Elland**

1. The Calderdale Crawl, where are we up to, how often do we need to meet.
2. What do we need to do next for the challenge event and to conform to NEC guidelines.
3. Start to consider format for the Banner, Certificates, Badges, and Tally’s so we can ensure they meet NEC expectations.
4. Start to consider roles and responsibilities and answer anyone’s questions.
5. Belated Christmas meal
6. Date for AGM, where we need time to consider if any changes are required to the constitution.
7. Any other business
8. Next meeting