

C&D General Meeting

Wednesday 23rd February 2022 (via Zoom)

Minutes

22.05 Apologies:

Julian Pursey, Mary Pengelly, Ali Ryan, Rose Wood, Hazel Bound, Terry Bound, Steve Murphy, Eileen Ryan, Peter Butler, Paul Whittaker

21.06 Present:

Kim Littlewood (Chair), Dani Licheri, Gill Kingswell, Annette Merchant, Ken Grose, Paula Murphy, Hannah Bradley, Jamie Owen, Tim Ryan, Isobelle Belcher, David Hooper, Lorna Burns, Pam Berry, Ian Glen (Secretary)

21.07 Minutes of EGM 16 Feb 2022

Agreed as correct.

21.08 Matters Arising

None.

21.10 Membership Secretary's Report

Since the AGM on 17th November, we welcome **eleven** new primary and **twenty eight** associate members from outside our area.

We have to date 358 Primary Memberships of which 130 are Family Memberships and 228 are Individual Memberships. Note this is not always reflective – there are instances where people known to us to be related have chosen to join as individuals.

There are 434 Associate Memberships (note some of the associate members live in our area) of which 118 are Family Memberships.

As of today 680 people are on the Mailing List to receive bulk emails from the Group when sent to all Members. This number does tend to fluctuate – possible due to people unsubscribing and new members joining.

Please may I encourage everyone to check that their mailing preferences and contact details are up to date – this may be done by logging into your account on the national website LDWA.org.uk.

Look forward to meeting new members on one of our walks or at an event in the not too distant future.

Paula Murphy (membership.cornwallanddevon@ldwa.org.uk)

21.09 Treasurer's Report

This report is for the period 17th November 2021 – 18th February 2022

Income

Interest on Deposit account	£0.19
Devonshire Dumpling 2022 entry fees	£757.00
Si Entries – amount previously retained to enable making of refunds	£13.00
	£770.19

Expenditure

Christmas Social Walk Expenses	£25.14
Local Groups Weekend 2021 – Hazel & Terry Bound	£135.00
	£316.14

Current Account **£113.14**

Deposit Account **£8,020.27**

Our Assets are: **£8,133.41**

21.11 Plans for C&D 40th, LDWA 50th Celebration @ Broadleas, Haytor, 3rd July

There will be three walks led by Tim Ryan (18 mi starting 09:00), and by A.N.Other (Intermediate) and by Paul Whittaker (10 mi), all returning by 17:00.

Tickets will be free to Cornwall & Devon primary members, & to a small number of nominated "long standing friends of the C&D LDWA"

A nominal charge will be made to other LDWA members from other parts of the country.

At this time, non-LDWA members will not be invited to attend.

There will be a mid-June deadline for ticket 'sales'.

Venue rules require us to pre-book and ticket the event. Because SIEntries charge for processing 'tickets' we want to avoid using that service. We therefore will be asking LDWA members to apply for tickets by email.

Showers are available for an honesty pot donation. Boot room is also available (no muddy boots inside the venue).

Exact capacity to be confirmed by the venue, however an indoor hall with attached kitchen, toilets, showers and boot room is available together with 2 large outdoor areas - one immediately adjacent and one sited further within the grounds. Able to pitch our gazebos/marquees as desired.

Hot food, snacks and drinks will be provided in the evening. **NB Broadleas is a no alcohol venue.** Various speeches & entertainments including a quiz and celebration cake. We are hopeful Julie Cribb, National Chair will attend as she has already intimated.

Event will end at 19:30

Volunteers are required to assist on the day with 'manning the gate'.

Chair requested someone try to ascertain what the attendance numbers might have been for the 30th anniversary event

Meeting agreed to fund the costs of the event.

21.12 Challenge Events

Devonshire Dumpling: ticket sales are currently in excess of 110 which means that we will almost certainly have broken even two months before the event

Because of Communications problems, Julian Pursey was not able to give the meeting a report of the Bude Beast status. Chair requested Annette to contact Julian.

We are planning a Chagford Challenge for Sept 2022

21.13 Attendance at LDWA AGM

One of our members is the granddaughter of one of the LDWA founders from 1972 (Chris Steer). She has been asked to attend the AGM and present some awards. Meeting agreed to pay reasonable expenses for Hannah and her partner.

21.14 Face to Face vs Zoom for General Members Meetings

Meeting agreed that we will try to run with two Zoom meetings (this being the first; AGM 2022 will be the second), and two "Face to Faces" (in early and late summer, and ideally combined with a shorter walk).

To facilitate this, the meeting agreed to pay for a Zoom licence.

21.15 Attracting New Walkers → Members → Walk Leaders

Meetup

With encouragement and assistance from the Comms Officer at the NEC, 6 weeks before this meeting we set up a Meetup page to encourage people to join the LDWA. In those six weeks, 100 Meetup members "joined our Meetup Group". So far, four have walked with us - the test will be over the next six months, how many walk with us then how many join the LDWA

Mentoring

We probably have around 15 members (out of 358 primary members) currently able and willing to lead walks. The LDWA Walk Leaders guide is 10 pages in length. We need to offer a pathway for Members to gain the knowledge and experience they need to lead walks.

Most walk leaders would be happy to act as a mentor on their walks with a trainee leader. Meeting agreed that we need to ask our members if they want to become walk leaders, and to follow that up by connecting them with suitable mentors.

Any members interested in learning how to lead walks should contact a member of the committee, or simply talk to the walk leader on your next walk.

Navigation Training

For new walk leaders, a walk (for example) along the coast path and back across public rights of way should be readily achievable. But as a group, we also regularly walk across unmarked moorland, and we know that when the weather comes in, navigation can be challenging.

Meeting agreed to authorise Annette to procure and schedule some National Navigation Award Scheme one day training courses on Dartmoor. Essentially the group will underwrite this initiative - if we can get sufficient members to attend, there should in fact be minimal cost impact.

Routes to Walk

One of the other challenges for potential walk leaders is simply knowing where to walk (especially for members new to the area). Over the last 14 years, C&D LDWA members have walked in excess of 200 routes. Some of our members have recorded many of those routes as GPX files, and as highlights on OS maps.

Meeting agreed to start collecting & storing electronic copies of those routes, with a view to their eventual upload to the LDWA website.

21.16 Linear Walks

Meeting accepted the proposal to have a budget of a couple of hundred pounds each year, which would be used to pay for taxis/minibuses to support linear walks. Participants would still be expected to make a contribution to the transport cost.

We will try to set up a few linear walks over the next six months, and review outcomes at a future General members meeting.

Some suggestions for Linear Walks include:

- Ivybridge to Plymouth
- Bere Alston to Plymouth
- Wembury to Ivybridge

members are encouraged to submit their own suggestions to Walk Coordinators

21.17 Local Groups Weekend @ Okehampton

Hazel B has proposed to the National Groups Coordinator to host the Local Groups weekend in Okehampton. Many other groups are somewhat reluctant to make the long trek. If it does go ahead, it will likely be in 2023. There should be no cost impact to the C&D group - we will just need to provide walk leaders for the Saturday.