CORNWALL & DEVON L.D.W.A.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON

Wednesday 20th November 2019 AT BOVEY TRACEY METHODIST CHURCH

PRESENT: Barry & Rose Olver, Terry & Hazel Bound, Norman Evans, Tim Ryan, Ken Grose, David Holland, Gill Kingwell, Paula Murphy, Tim Crosby, Kieran Ryan, Dani Licheri, Brian Guy, Linda McCarthy, Rose Wood, Steve Distin, Edward Thorne, Marian Jewson, Les & Annette Merchant. (21)

APOLOGIES: George & Annie Foot, Denise Searle, Roy & Viv Zelionka, Dave Hill, Steve & Maria Martin, Ann Evans, Angie Snow, Isobelle Belcher, Jenny Mills, Ali Ryan, Vicki Sheridan (14)

Minutes of Wednesday 21st November 2018. Agreed as correct.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

I don’t think I have been a very good Chairman. Certainly I have chaired all the meetings and they have gone smoothly and nobody has badly fallen out with anybody else. So far so good.

But I have not been a very active Chairman. Partly because of a string of health issues but also because I am very busy working virtually full time and also because I put in as much time as I can with our NEC (now don’t ask what that stands for).

Nevertheless there are a few things that I ought to mention.

In my work with the NEC and as Chair of Cornwall and Devon (C&D) it has become ever more apparent to me what a unique organization we are. So much goes on behind the scenes, All by volunteers. Without these volunteers the LDWA could not function. And at our level of subscriptions we do not have the money to employ people. So our thanks to all those who help in whatever way. Without your help we could not exist.

Back to C&D. I did put on a WASP walk (if you never heard of that, I despair).

Very few turned up for it, but I will try again. I still believe in the cause.

Many of our social walks are not well supported. Often very few turn up. Quite dispiriting for the leaders who have gone ti the time and trouble to organize them. But we are not alone in this. I know from my work with you NEC that quite a number of Groups are facing the same problems. Various surveys have been carried out to try to understand this problem but, as yet, no answers. So please do try and support our group walks and, if you have any thoughts of ideas about them, do let us know.

Challenge Walks are so important to the LDWA. We get many new members who join because they have heard about them. C&D have historically done well. I was very surprised to learn, looking at our national statistics, that few groups put on more than 1 event a year. Some none at all. But C&D always have 2 and sometimes 3. This is the main reason why we have a healthy bank balance. But looking ahead, there are worrying signs.

I did my first Challenge Walk in about 1996 (and have now done over 500). On that first Challenge Walk I met many C&D members at checkpoints and the base. I am still doing Challenge Walks and still see many of the same people doing the same work. That cannot go on forever – nor can I (however hard I try).

We need new blood. Our Chagford Challenge was this year organized by a new team – that is great, well done and thank you. But please, if you can spare a little time to help, do let us know. Email chair/secretary/treasurer – anybody really. We will get in contact with you. It’s good fun and very friendly. We need you.

Overall the LDWA is growing in numbers, widening its scope of activities and generally dragging its administration into the modern age. But it still retains its unique nature, All made possible by the ethic of everything done by volunteers. Long may it continue.

It would be very nice to meet more of you. Perhaps I will. Perhaps you will come to our AGM! Whatever, I wish you all the very best. Long may you enjoy your walking.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

The accounts of the Cornwall & Devon LDWA have been inspected and were signed off by the auditor, Mike Smith on 21st October 2019.
This report is to accompany the Income and Expenditure Report 2018 – 19.
The Opening Balances: are self-explanatory.
**Chagford Challenge 2018**: Due to the Cornwall & Devon financial year (1st October to 31th September) the figures for Chagford Challenge 2018 span two years, it appears to show a loss of £1,157.63. But as most of the entry fees were taken during the financial year 2017 – 18, over all it made a profit of £738.57. Organised by Kim Littlewood, Isobelle Belcher, Paula Murphy & Ken Grouse.
**Dartmoor Kanter:** Again self-explanatory. Organised by Annette & Les Merchant.
**Brendon Incline**: Again self-explanatory. Organised by David Holland, Kay Rees & Stephen Edwards.
**Chagford Challenge 2019**: Again, due to the Cornwall & Devon financial year (1st October to 31th September) the figures for Chagford Challenge 2019 span two years, it appears to show a profit of £1,207.16. But there are still expenses to be paid. Organised by Kim Littlewood, Isobelle Belcher, Paula Murphy & Ken Grouse.
**Wellington Boot 2020**: Again self-explanatory, the entry fees taken to-date. The date of the event is,18th April 2020. Being organised by David J Hooper.
**Westcountry Storage**: This is the annual cost incurred by the Cornwall & Devon group for hiring a small storage unit to house our equipment used on our events.
**Miscellaneous: See Appendix** A, for items covered.
**Clothing**: There is no expenditure shown, as the items being sold have been purchased during previous financial years.
**Tor bagging:** Certificates for “bagging” named Tors on Dartmoor.
**Social Events**: Expenses that were incurred organising the Winter Social event.

Interest on "Deposit Account": Again self-explanatory
Closing Balances & Total Financial Assets: Again self-explanatory.
Thank you Mike, for auditing/inspecting the accounts again this year.
Note: I have named the various event organisers, because I think they are not given enough credit for organising their respective events – it’s not an easy task. Thank you on behalf of the Cornwall & Devon group.

It was agreed that the accounts were accepted.

Paula Murphy proposed and Terry Bound seconded.

**That Mike Smith be the Independent Advisor for the forthcoming year. Barry Olver proposed and Annette Merchant seconded. This was Agreed.**

The group wished to thank Mike Smith for carrying out this task. The group also thanked Barry for his work as Treasurer.

**WEB MASTERS REPORT:**

The web site is refreshed as and when members submit information.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Cornwall & Devon LDWA Primary Memberships  | 309 |
| Other LDWA Membership households living in our area  | 26 |
| Complementary Member (South West Coast Path)  | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 336 |
| 3 Honorary Members of Cornwall & Devon LDWA: George Foot, Terry & Hazel Bound |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | Family Memberships | (not split) |  |  |  |
| 89 | Family Members  |  | (split) |  |  |  |
| 200 | Individual Members |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | International (Belgium,Denmark,France & USA) |  |
| 1 | Complementary Member (SWCP)  |  |   |  |
| 311 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Made up of those living in: |  | **2019** | 2018 | 2017 |  |
|  Cornwall |  |  | **55** | 72 | 57 |  |
|  East Devon |  |  | **74** | 82 | 82 |  |
|  North/Mid Devon |  |  | **44** | 45 | 45 |  |
|  Somerset |  |  | **17** | 15 | 21 |  |
|  South Devon |  |  | **77** | 61 | 76 |  |
|  West Devon |  |  | **32** | 32 | 32 |  |
|  Scotland |  |  | **1** | 0 | 0 |  |
|  Dorset |  |  | **1** | *1* | *1* |  |
|  Surrey |  |  | **4** | 4 | 4 |  |
|  Belgium |  |  | **1** | 0 | 0 |  |
|  Denmark |  |  | **1** | 1 | 1 |  |
|  France |  |  | **1** | 0 | 0 |  |
|  USA |  |  | **1** | 1 | 1 |  |
| South West Coast Path Ass  |  | **1** | 1 | 1 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 310 | 315 | 321 |  |
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| New Memberships Registered throughout the Year is **44** |  |
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| 2019 | Month |  | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **7** | December |  | 9 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| **1** | January |  | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 |
| **7** | February |  | 2 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 5 |
| **4** | March |  | 6 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 1 |
| **2** | April |  | 9 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| **4** | May |  | 6 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| **3** | June |  | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| **7** | July |  | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| **1** | August |  | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| **3** | September |  | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| **5** | October |  | 9 | 20 | 10 | 8 | 10 |
| **0** | November |  | 7 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
|   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| **44** |  |  | 61 | 60 | 48 | 53 | 42 |
|  | Primary | 310 |  |
|  | Associates | 377 |  |
|  | All | 687 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|   | Female | Male | Not Split |
| 2017 | 119 | 174 | 27 |
| 2018 | 125 | 176 | 21 |
| 2019 | 121 | 170 | 17 |

**SOCIAL SEC REPORT:**

No Report

**ACCEPTANCE:**

**All the above reports were accepted by the meeting.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

 Position Nominee Proposed Seconded

Chairman: **David Holland** Tim Crosby Barry Olver

Secretary: **Tim Crosby** Barry Olver Norman Evans

Treasurer: **Barry Olver:** Hazel Bound David Hooper

Membership Secretary: **Paula Murphy** Hazel Bound Tim Crosby

Webmaster: **Annette Merchant** Hazel Bound Norman Evans

Walks Secs:

N&E Devon: **Tim Ryan** Tim Crosby Barry Olver

S&W Devon: **Steve Distin:** Hazel Bound Terry Bound

Cornwall: **David Graham:** Barry Olver Marian Jewson

Social Sec: Vacant.

**All have been accepted.**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**DATE OF NEXT AGM:** 18th November 2020