

C&D General Meeting

Tuesday 26th July 2022 (via Zoom)

Minutes

22.18 Apologies:

Tim Crosby, Mary Pengelly, Ali Ryan, Hazel Bound, Terry Bound, Paul Whittaker, Gill Kingswell

22.19 Present:

Kim Littlewood (Chair), Dani Licheri, Annette Merchant, Ken Grose, Paula Murphy, Tim Ryan, Isobelle Belcher, David Hooper, Lorna Burns, Ian Glen (Secretary) Julian Pursey, Steve Murphy (Treasurer), Karen Spray

22.20 C&D 40th, LDWA 50th Celebration @ Broadleas, Haytor, 3rd July

Really good feedback received from many attendees - it certainly seems that many of our older members appreciated this celebration of the group's history.

Likely cost of the event will be less than £1,000, which was within expectations.

Annette will post additional comments, feedback and photos to the Group's website.

22.21 Bude Beast Report/Chagford Challenge Sales

For the **Bude Beast**, we had 48 entrants (17 male and 22 female) and 9 no shows. 22 went for the 30 mi, 11 for the 24 and 6 for the 18 mi.

We were slightly disappointed with the numbers, but this was a new Challenge event, and it did clash with other events around the country.

Dani and Julian are going to draft a document with proposals for Bude Beast 2023. These might include (for example):

- scheduling the Beast on a Saturday
- going for a different time of the year (autumn?)
- having two routes rather than three (less work involved)
- offering a sub 15 mile route to make it more attractive to novices

Note that the Strider deadline is 15th of October 2022 - our Bude Beast 2023 plans need to be agreed by then.

Chagford Challenge has 48 entries to date. Most volunteer roles have been filled. We expect the event to be oversubscribed again this year.

20.22 Donation of Challenge Walk Supplements to Strategic Development Fund

Annette reported that a decision had earlier been taken at Bovey (Feb 2021), such that all non-member supplements for each challenge walk would be donated to the Strategic Development Fund (SDF).

In conjunction with Event organisers, Treasurer will calculate payments to be made and progress.

Members should note that we still have the option to make additional payments to the SDF from C&D funds. We will consider this matter at our AGM in November 2022.

22.23 Membership Secretary's Report

Since the Meeting on 23rd February, we welcome thirty five new primary and thirty six associate members from outside our area.

We have to date 360 Primary Memberships of which 126 are Family Memberships and 234 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 416 Associate Memberships (note some of the Associate Members live in our area) of which 127 are Family Memberships.

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:

www.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

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22.24 Treasurer's Report

This report is for the period 24th February 2022 – 26th July 2022

Income

Interest on Deposit account	£0.34
Devonshire Dumpling 2022 entry fees	£1173.04
Bude Beast	£579.36
Chagford Challenge	£190.00
Shirt sales	£50.00
	£1992.74

Expenditure

Westcountry Storage	£216.00
AGM Expenses	£376.60
100 Checkpoint Expenses	£102.32
Zoom Subscription	£143.88
Devonshire Dumpling Expenses	£706.33
Bude Beast Expenses	£127.83
40 th Anniversary Event (inc group Business Cards)	£957.76
	£2630.72

Current Account	£15.42
Deposit Account	£7,431.01
Petty Cash	£50.00

Our Assets are: £7496.43

Believe there should be some more expenses claimed for the Bude Beast to come in that aren't included in the above.

First time we have had a Zoom subscription.

AGM expenses paid for H Steer & Jamie as agreed by vote at the previous February meeting.

40th Anniversary event – budget was £1000, came in significantly under budget and therefore included the business cards for the group that were handed out at the event in this budget. Was good that those who regularly volunteer to help raise funds could be rewarded as well.

Thanks must be given to Dani Licheri and Julian Pursey for their hard work in running the challenge events and generating additional income for us.

Whilst expenditure has exceeded income in this period, this is not a trend as it includes the cost of the 40th anniversary event which we subsidised.

22.24 New Treasurer Required from November

As we all know, Steve only took the Treasurer's role for one year.

It is really not an arduous position.

We would really encourage our members to consider whether they would put themselves forward for this position at our November AGM.

22.25 Merging Roles of Secretary/Membership Secretary

As we know, our Membership Secretary will be standing down in November. It has been proposed that we revert to our earlier model, where our Secretary performs both roles.

Organisational changes like this must be agreed at our AGM.

22.26 Upcoming Walks Programme

All our 2022 Social and Challenge walk dates have been published (thanks Tim, Dani & Lorna). Lorna is reviewing the route of our Christmas walk however.

As part of the LDWA Diversity initiative, Tim is putting on an additional one way Saturday walk up the Exe Valley on Saturday August 27th, as is Ian from Wembury to Ivybridge on September the 3rd (both walks are also designed to support the newly formed LDWA Pubs and Beer Group programme).

Dani & Tim are sketching out the walks programme for 2023.

Meeting proposed that one of our 2023 walks should be named *Les' Legacy*, (and really must include a pub stop).

22.27 National Navigation Award Scheme & storing GPX Routes in LDWA Walk Database

As part of the Group's ongoing initiative to encourage more members to lead walks:

- meeting agreed to underwrite three one day (18 places) National Navigation Award Scheme training courses on Dartmoor. As we know, Dartmoor can be a dangerous place to walk. Training our walk leaders to navigate moors in all conditions and to deal with possible emergencies should be one of our group's core objectives. Courses cost £120.00 per day; we propose to charge C&D members £10:00 per head. Available dates are 14/9/2022, 20/9/2022 & 8/10/2022. Paula will send out an email to all Members and Associate Members briefly describing the courses, asking members to propose a date if interested,

and suggesting that in return, they lead a walk in 2023. Ian will collect names (around five people at the meeting put their names forward already).

- Annette has donated a number of GPX files of historic C&D social walks. Ian will be uploading these to the LDWA national database, so that those routes are available for future reuse. If any other members have GPX files, please contact the Ian.

22.28 Volunteering

Ian passed down a request from the LDWA Executive for members nationally to consider volunteering to join the LDWA Executive; many of the existing positions will require filling at the end of 2022. Please contact Ian for more details

22.29 AOB - LDWA 100's

About 25 of our members attempted the Trans Pennine 100 and (we believe) 19 completed the course. Well done to all.

C&D manned a checkpoint around 80 miles on the recently completed Trans Pennine 100. We have had the following report:

"I would like to say a huge thank you to Annette Merchant, Gill Kingwell, Ali Ryan, Ann & Norman Evans, Rose & Barry Olver, Viv & Roy Zelionka, Tim Crosby, Wendy Garrett,

& Terry Bound for Marshalling in the Hall and to Tim & Denise Hughes with help from Barry Olver for making the Kit check a success.

Thank you also to Neil Garrett who helped after having to retire from the walk and to Jed Jackson & Sophie Puzey who arrived to help when we were at our busiest. We had a number of appreciative walkers who thanked us for all the attention they received to enable them to complete the event".

2023 100 EBB: HQ will be Birmingham Moseley Rugby Club. Hazel Bound will confirm the venue of our C&D Checkpoint as soon as I have had it confirmed.

2024 Speyside 100: HQ will be at Badaguish Forest Outdoor Centre, Queens Houses Badaguish, Aviemore PH22 1AD. C&D have a checkpoint booked for this event

2025 East Point (Norfolk) 100: C&D have agreed to man a checkpoint here also.

22.29 AOB - LDWA 100's

C&D used to run 100's every ten years or so. The last 100 which C&D ran was the Camel Teign in 2013. Julian suggested that we should give some thought to running another 100 (which would certainly not before 2027, since there is a 100 booked for each year until then, we believe).

Most volunteers stay in post for about three years. This causes a potential problem, in that the current officers of the group are unlikely to be still in post in 2027, and the obligation to hold and manage an upcoming 100 may well be a disincentive to new volunteers replacing existing officers.

In years past, letters were sent to members asking for volunteers to organise those C&D 100's, so as not to depend on the core Officers of the group. This worked well.

In order to progress this proposal for another C&D 100, the meeting agreed that we need to determine whether we can pull together a handful of people (3 - 6 say) who would be willing to commit to organising a 100 over a five or six year period.

Julian & Dani will draft a message to all members aimed at determining the level of enthusiasm for another C&D 100, and report back.

We will revisit at the next General Meeting.

22:30 Next Meeting

No date yet, but will be on a different day of the week.