

C&D General Meeting

Saturday 15th April 2023 (Face to Face)

Bovey Tracey Methodist Hall

Minutes

Present

Kim Littlewood (Chair), Lorna B, Hazel & Terry B, Annette M, Rose W, Mary P, Roy & Vivien Z, Steve D, Ken G, David H, Julian Pursey (2027 100), Ian Glen (secy),

Apologies

Julie D, Annie F, Sharon D, Gill K, Ali R, Hannah Steer, Steve & Paula M, Tim R

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Nov 2023

In the past these minutes were split into two:

AGM

General Meeting

Meeting requested the Secretary to perform the split. Both Minutes to be agreed at our next meeting.

Chair's Report

Our membership currently stands at 359, so we avoided the worst impacts of Covid, although it has dropped recently.

There is a gradual trickle of new members with a number via our Meetup initiative.

Our scheme to offer subsidised National Navigation (NNAS) training to existing walk leaders (to improve their leadership, navigation and safety skills) and to potential new walk leaders was extremely well received. Over the next twelve months, we estimate that 6-8 walks will be led by people who have not led walks before.

We have maintained a full programme of monthly walks (15 - 22 mi) for 2023.

We will definitely run two challenge events in 2023 - and hopefully the Chagford Challenge in Seotmenber.

Treasurer's Report

The handover from Steve to Hannah is incomplete. Report will be circulated via email. Any matters arising will be discussed at the July meeting.

Challenge Walks Programme

Sidmouth Saunter

Likely to have 120 Participants. Ken thanked Annette for her assistance in preparing the PPX route descriptions.

Bude Beast

Currently 56 entrants - we hope to reach 100.

Unsupported Marshall's walk will be on 11 / 18 June.

Julian still needs volunteers to run the Kitchen/HQ

Chagford Challenge

Unfortunately, Dani L has had to withdraw his offer to organise the 2023 Chagford Challenge. Meeting agreed to contact all our members, asking for a replacement volunteer organiser. (From Kim's experience, an organiser needs three months to prepare. Thus if no organiser can be found by 23 June, we will have to cancel the event)

S&W Devon Walks Coordinator

No volunteer has put themselves forward for the post of S&W Devon coordinator.

Ian Glen offered to take on the role, but not by leading walks himself - rather by contacting members directly and asking them to fill the available slots (S&W organise four walks per year; for 2023 walk #2 is being led by Roy on 16/4; #3 by Merlin E on 15/7).

Annette & Rose offered to organise walk #4 on 15/10/2023

2027 C&D 100

Julian Pursey advised the meeting that he had submitted the proposal for C&D to host a 100 in 2027, and that it had been accepted.

The 100 is provisionally titled the "Jurassic 100". It will be from Exmouth to Lyme Regis and back, largely passing along the SW Coastal path, and two AONBs. Julian has estimated there will be 14,000' elevation, so it will be a severe test.

A treasurer is required.

We will send a bulk email to C&D members post Sidmouth Saunter.

Meeting expressed its view that we should encourage as many of our members to take part as possible (we believe 30 C&D members will take part in 2023's Elephant Bull and Bear 100 in the midlands). To that end, the meeting agreed to organise a 50 mile qualifier for **2026**.

Likely candidates are:

- cut down Dartmoor Way (Ivybridge, Shaugh Prior, Tavistock, Princetown, , Buckfastleigh, Shipley Bridge, Ivybridge)
- Chagford figure of eight

or some variation of the above.

Attracting New Members

It was proposed that for future Challenges, we try to offer a shorter walk to encourage prospective members to try Long Distance walking (starting with this year's Chagford).

Any Other Business

Running Check Points on 100's

Hazel B outlined our commitment to running checkpoints in future years' 100's:

- Elephant Bull & Bear 2023 @ 84.5 mi
- Speyside 2024 @ 79 mi Kinncraig
- East Point Norfolk 2025 (CP not organised but agreed)
- Kent HoneyPot 2026 (CP not organised but agreed)

Expenses for LDWA AGM Attendance

Hazel B suggested that we ensure our Treasurer is reimbursed for expenses resulting from their attendance at the recent LDWA AGM.

Tor Bagging

Terry Bound runs the Tor Bagging scheme, whereby if a member evidences the fact that they have ascended all 100 Dartmoor Tors or 200 (or all 326), they receive a certificate.

Terry would like to hand this over to another member.

Succession Planning

Kim requested that if anyone is interested in putting themselves forward for election as Chair in future, they should contact Kim directly, to get an idea of what is involved, and thus make any transition easier.

Meeting closed at 19:50

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be via Zoom on 19 July 2023

Ian Glen
Secretary