

C&D General Meeting

Wednesday 19th July 2023 (via Zoom)

Minutes

Present

Kim Littlewood (Chair), Paula M, Hazel & Terry B, Ali R, Rachel H, Julian P, Ken G, David N.H, Isobelle B, Ian Glen (secy)

Apologies

Kieran R, Jonathan C, Hannah S, Tim R, Lone Dipper; Steve M, Annette M, Mary P.

Minutes of General Meeting 30th November 2022

Agreed as correct.

Minutes of General Meeting 14th April 2023

Agreed as correct.

No matters arising.

Chair's Report

Kim stated that the group continues to be in a healthy state:

- we run three Challenge events per annum
- we have social walks scheduled for the next six months
- our membership figures are stable
- our financial position is secure
- we have an active programme to bring on new walk leaders.

Treasurer's Report

By now, the role of Treasurer should have been passed from Steve Murphy to Hannah Steer. Unfortunately, our Bank appears to have lost the mandate forms we submitted. Accordingly, this Treasurer's report has once again been drawn up by Steve.

Financial Report – Group Meeting 19th July 2023

This report is for the period 1st October 2022 – 15th June 2023

Income

Interest on Deposit account £25.87

Sidmouth Saunter 2023 £1754.11

Bude Beast 2023 £885.43

Chagford Challenge 2023 £33.00

Clothing Sales £126.00

£2,824.41

Expenditure

Linear Walk transportation expenses £142.00

Navigation course expenses £180.00

Westcountry Storage £364.00

Local Groups Weekend Attendance £376.60

100 Checkpoint Meal Expenses 2023 £126.21

Zoom Subscription £143.88

Chagford Challenge 2022 (paid after financial year end) £420.00

Sidmouth Saunter 2023 £811.05

100 Qualifier event - hall hire fee Girl Guide Association £30.00

Merchandise purchase for onward sales 620.40

£3,214.14

Not included in above income and expenditure are the £300 received from the 2022 TransPennine 100– in process of distributing equally amongst those members assisting on the checkpoint. This is a long standing convention together with payment for meal for those volunteers previously authorised. Apologies for the late distribution. Please may members yet to receive payment anticipate a call requesting bank details for BACS payments.

Current Account £394.86

Deposit Account £7,170.34

Petty Cash £51.50

Our Assets are: £7,616.70 this does include disbursements yet to be made noted above.

Notes

Lloyds Bank assert did not receive the first mandate request for alteration of account signatories. A further mandate has been generated and one more signature will be obtained this weekend and sent recorded delivery. Hopefully the full handover of the Treasurer role may then be effected. In the interim Steve Murphy is continuing to make payments and monitor receipts.

Expenses for Bude Beast not included in above.

Expenses paid for Ian Glen and Julian Pursey to attend Local Groups Weekend on behalf of the group. Convention previously voted on by group as whole that expenses will be met by group for 2 x people to attend on the group's behalf.

100 Qualifier event – being organised by Terry Bound

100 Checkpoint Meal Expenses 2023 – annual expense previously agreed.

Whilst expenditure is currently higher than income, there is always a lag in light of the Chagford Challenge overlapping financial years so that expenditure is always accounted for in the new financial year.

A large amount of stock was purchased in the form of merchandise (T-Shirts etc) for onward sale which is not a regular expense.

In addition the group previously voted on subsidising the navigation courses for members, and for transportation in respect of linear walks – these expenses arising for the first time in this financial year.

Hazel requested that AGM delegates (Hannah S) be reminded to submit their expense claim.

Meeting agreed that any decisions re donations to charitable organisations would be made at the AGM.

Membership Report

Ian stated that membership currently stood at 385, which represents a similar figure to previous years.

Any Other Business

Walks Programme: Bude Beast 2023

Meeting thanked Julian for his efforts organising this year's event. Numbers were well up on last year's, with several entrants from around the country (furthest traveller: Yorkshire). It was felt that this was likely due to the event being held on a Saturday - meeting agreed that 2024 should be scheduled for a Saturday also.

Walks Programme: Chagford Challenge 2023

Currently we have 41 entrants. Julian reported that the volunteers tend to be "the usual suspects".

Walks Programme: C&D Qualifier for 2024 Speyside 100

This event is being put together at very short notice.

Primarily:

- its for any C&D members thinking about entering the 2024 100, but who have not completed a qualifying event (and who would otherwise have to travel well over 200 miles to enter a qualifier)
- its for any C&D members who want to attempt a 50 mile walk
- its for any C&D members who want to try night walking
- its for our members who have **not** achieved a qualifier

Because the event is very short notice, pulling together a sufficient cadre of volunteers will be a challenge. Accordingly, we will limit event numbers (to say 60).

This is not a revenue raising exercise: provisional entry fee has been set at £20.00, which should cover expenses.

Meeting agreed:

- to authorise Hazel and Annette to spend any monies required for the event without further approval (and reclaim as necessary)
- to ensure that the event meets LDWA requirements for '100 Qualifier'
- that when the event is posted to SIEntries, Annette & Hazel notify Ian who will send out a bulk email to all C&D members encouraging them to apply
- following that, we should notify secretaries of Bristol & West, Dorset and Wiltshire to encourage their members to apply, and top request volunteers

C&D 100

Dani has now walked the entire route.

Next stage is to contact land managers where permission might be required for checkpoints/access/signage.

Offers of support have been received from other groups.

Julian is writing an article for December Strider publicising the event.

Future Challenge Event Publicity

Our group is one of the few able to run three Challenge events pa. Setting the dates well in advance helps LDWA members from other parts of the country plan their attendance.

Julian and Ken were actioned to:

- set the dates for 2024 Bude Beast, Sidmouth saunter and Chagford Challenge (without additional approval)
- do so by the deadline for December Strider (early October)
- notify secretary when they had done so (for coordination on website, SIEntries etc)

Walk Leaders & NNAS Scheme

We subsidised places on this scheme during 2022. Out of that, approximately seven members led walks for the first time.

Meeting authorised expenditure to run the scheme again; Secretary to contact Adrian P.

Tamara Coast to Coast Way

A new long distance path has been launched, following the border between Cornwall and Devon. Lorna will schedule a social walk partly along its route in November this year.

Local Groups Weekend 2023 - Dorset

Meeting agreed that Julian and Ken would attend, and that we would approve the £150.00 accommodation fees.

Checkpoint Volunteers

Hazel informed the meeting that C&D volunteers had agreed to run the 75 mi checkpoint at Kincaig in 2024; had volunteered to run the 75 mi checkpoint in Norfolk in 2025 and similar in Kent in 2026.

SIEntries Access Rights

Julian suggested that we need to review who has rights to update SIEntries - Kim/Annette to review and action.

Self Storage Access

Ian manages the keys, and can provide a spare to Julian (in preparation for the Chagford Challenge).

Meeting approved purchase of two additional electronic key fobs (in addition to Hazel's).

Badges

Several people have asked for badges in recognition of their completion of Challenges.

- secretary has about 50 circular C&D LDWA 76mm 'buzzard' sew on badges
- since we are offering three Challenges pa, we could offer a "C&D triple challenge" badge for walkers who complete all three (optionally in a calendar year)
- (ideally, we should be able to record the year on the badge)

Ideally, one of our C&D members could propose a solution here?

Next General Meeting

Our next meeting will be the AGM on 15 November 2023

Venue: Bovey Tracey Methodist Hall

Ian Glen
Secretary

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