

Dorset LDWA Committee Meeting online
18 January 2023 7pm
Minutes



Committee members present:

Heather Giles (Chair)
Ian Brown (Treasurer)
Tracey Lang (Walks secretary)
Richard Lang (Events secretary)
Paul Gibbs
Pete Stockley
Maria Drummond (Group Secretary)

1. Chair's welcome

Heather welcomed everybody to the meeting and wished all a Happy New Year.

2. Apologies for absence

Roger Frost

3. Matters arising from the online meeting 12 September 2022

5.3 Sail banners have been purchased.

5.4 Tracey as signatory – see treasurer's report.

There were no other matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2022.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting 12 September 2022

Proposed by Ian. Seconded by Tracey. The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Election of a vice chair

Ian volunteered and was elected vice chair. Agreed unanimously.

6. Treasurer's report

6.1. Since the last Committee meeting we have had the Group AGM, where it was reported that the bank account at the end of the financial year to 30 September stood at £9,422.04, with two outstanding uncleared cheques for a total of £37.06 relating to Dorset Duddle expenses. These cheques were cleared in the early part of December.

6.2. The Group bank account statement at the date of reporting shows a balance of £8,403.51, which is an additional spend of £981.47.

This spend is made up of:

Purchase of Group Sail banners (as seen at AGM)	£372.72
AGM expenses	£298.48
Pre-Xmas + Winter Solstice walks	£71.52
Cerne Giant 2023 costs	£93.75
Dorset Duddle 2023 costs (HQ)	£100.00
LDWA Groups weekend	£45.00

6.3. The Committee had previously agreed that Tracey Lang should become a signatory to the Group bank account with the removal of Chris Pitt as he was leaving the committee. Santander have no

trace of the completed forms, sent by registered post and signed for by Santander, necessitating repeating the whole process. Santander have confirmed we can have three account signatories. Given that Maria is the most recent addition to the committee, and in the hopes that she will stay in post for the maximum term under the group constitution, Ian suggested it makes sense for Maria, rather than Tracey, to be a signatory to give maximum 'overlap'.

- 6.4. Proposal: That the Group Secretary, Maria Drummond, be authorised as a signatory for the Dorset LDWA group bank account and that Chris Pitt be removed as a signatory, and Ian Brown and Heather Giles remain as signatories. Proposed by Ian Brown, seconded by Richard Lang, carried unanimously.
 - 6.5. Ian will complete and counter sign the forms and will ask Richard, in Heather's absence, to counter sign the forms for the new signatory and new committee member information (also required by the bank).
7. Social walks programme
 - 7.1. Martin's walk last Sunday, the first of 2023 due to the heavy rain on January 8th, was well attended with 20 walkers, a mix of new and existing members.
 - 7.2. The schedule is now looking promising for the January to Easter session. There is a walk for 5 Sundays in a row from 8th January.
 - 7.3. John's Wells trip at the end of February is fully subscribed.
 - 7.4. Cerne Giant, marshals' and main event are in March.
 - 7.5. We have vacancies for Sunday walks on the following dates: 26 Feb, 12 & 26 Mar, 2 & 9 Apr (Easter Sunday). We continue to need to encourage more walk leaders, without putting off group members who would prefer not to lead.
 - 7.6. We are still very willing to have mid-week walks, volunteers needed to lead these.
 - 7.7. We have some walks scheduled already for the summer season.
 - 7.8. The planned "Dorset Pilgrim's Trails" have yet to be scheduled.
 - 7.9. Heather thanked Tracey for her efforts in putting together such a varied program.
 8. Challenge events 2023
 - 8.1. Cerne Giant Challenge Event - Richard reported that arrangements and plans are in hand for the event. The next subcommittee meeting is on 30 January. Heather gave her apologies; she will not be able to attend the meeting but will forward any input by email in advance.
 - 8.2. Dorset Doodle - 20 August. Ann and Ian are not available to attend the main events but have offered to run the marshals' event on 30 July. The committee are very grateful, thank you.
 - 8.3. Certificate – A discussion was held regarding email/ hard copy certificates for participants. It was agreed that Dorset LDWA will continue to issue paper certificates at the end of challenge events. To be discussed in more detail at the Cerne Giant subcommittee meeting on 30 Jan.
 9. Matters arising from the AGM (11 Dec 2022)
 - 9.1. Heather has notified NEC that the South West Triple Challenge no longer exists. The outgoing Challenge Walk Lead has acknowledged receipt of Heather's notification.

- 9.2. Dorset Pilgrim's challenge – an email will be sent to the membership for their feedback once dates of the walks have been set.
- 9.3. The committee reviewed the decision not to publish walks in Strider. It was agreed unanimously that walks will continue to be advertised on the website and a note in Strider will direct readers to go to the website for up-to-date information on walks.
Maria to respond to an email from Chris requesting that covid guidance be removed from the Strider Header for Dorset Group.
- 9.4. The committee discussed the proposal to rescind a past motion to approve new challenge events at the AGM in the year prior to the running of new event. It was agreed to leave the motion as it is in order to have sufficient time to plan any new event following approval from the members to run such an event.
- 9.5. Maria to reply to East Point 100 organisers regarding the request to run a checkpoint. Given the response from members at the AGM, in principle, yes Dorset will support.
- 9.6. Heather contacted Karen, NEC, regarding the Groups Weekend date, which will be on the 2nd or 3rd weekend in Nov 2023.
- 9.7. The committee discussed the venue for next AGM and agreed to use the same venue Durweston village hall. Date to be discussed in the next meeting, pending date of the Groups Weekend.
- 9.8. The committee discussed the use of funds. Given the importance of the topic, it was decided to take this to the next committee meeting to be discussed and a plan of action agreed.
- 9.9. Drop box links. Maria and Heather to liaise outside of the committee meeting regarding Drop box access.
10. Date of the next committee meeting - 22 Feb 7pm
11. AOB
 - 11.1. Roger Frost has resigned from the committee. Heather will correspond with Roger on behalf of the committee.
 - 11.2. Email from Martin Callow requesting to claim for mileage expenses for members who have volunteered to run two checkpoints on the EBB 100 marshals' event. Ian estimates the total cost is likely to be in the region of £375. Heather proposed, Ian seconded, and it was unanimously agreed by the committee to pay travel expense claims for members who volunteer on the EBB marshals' event.
 - 11.3. Anne submitted an international walks report to Strider. The article will be published in the upcoming issue and a photograph of Dorset group's Keith Nicholson will feature on the cover of Strider.
 - 11.4. Anne sent an email suggesting a group trip to Shropshire and requesting financial support to facilitate this extended walk. Proposed by Heather, seconded by Pete, unanimously agreed that £400 will be made available from group funds to contribute to members' transport costs.
 - 11.5. Ian proposed and Tracey seconded and the committee agreed unanimously that a summer social event will be held to mark the 30th anniversary of the Dorset group. To be discussed in more detail at the next committee meeting.
 - 11.6. Heather has received an email from Sue Widdowson asking if she plans to attend the National AGM on the 2nd weekend in March in Chester. The AGM is open to any LDWA members who

wish to attend however the Group will pay the expenses for a committee member who attends to formally represent the Dorset group. Maria proposed, Ian seconded and the committee agreed unanimously that Heather represent the Dorset LDWA at the AGM.

Future Dates:

30 January Cerne Giant Challenge event sub-committee meeting

22 Feb 7pm next committee meeting

5 Mar 2023 Cerne Giant marshals' event

19 Mar 2023 Cerne Giant

23 July possible date for summer social?

30 July Dorset Doddle marshals' event

20 August Dorset Doddle challenge event

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