

Dorset LDWA Committee Meeting online
22 February 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 after a good weekend of walking, 20 members walked in Wells and nine were on the social walk lead by Pete - a good time was had by all.

2. Apologies for absence – none, all committee members present.

3. Matters arising from the online meeting 18 January 2023

9.3 Tracey rewrote the Strider entry for Dorset LDWA, which Maria submitted to Chris (National exec).

9.5 Maria replied to organisers of the East Point 100 2025 to let them know that the members agreed at the AGM that Dorset LDWA are willing to run a later checkpoint (after breakfast stop). Organiser is most thankful and will be in touch.

9.6 Groups weekend date for 2023 will be 10-12 Nov

There were no other matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2023.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting 18 January 2023

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

5. Correspondence

5.1. 23 Jan. Maria replied to David Morgan, South Wales LDWA to confirm that we have no plans to run a 50 event that would clash with the proposed Taith Torfaen 50-mile challenge event in April 2024.

5.2. 21 Jan. Email from Sara, 100 coordinator, enquiring if we have any plans to run a 100 in the future. After consultation with the committee Maria replied – no plans in the short term to run a 100.

5.3. 15 Jan Email from Karen. Would we consider hosting the Groups weekend in November?

5.4. 27 Jan & 3 Feb email from Richard & Sandra Brown in response to minutes of previous meeting.
30 Jan from Deirdre Flegg regarding use of group funds.

Action: Maria to forward emails to all committee members

6. Treasurer's report.

6.1. No expenditure since the previous committee meeting. Expenditure, mainly for the Cerne Giant, still to come. Income - two payments - £550.50 on 20th January, £484.00 on 17 February, monthly stage payments from SI Entries for the Cerne Giant challenge event. Group bank account balance £9,438.01.

- 6.2. Authorised signatories for the Group bank account - Chris Pitt removed and Maria Drummond now added. Note for future changes and updates, it is best to go into a local branch of Santander and get their staff to scan and email it to the Business Section directly.
 - 6.3. Ian has started to investigate the transport costs for this year's Dorset Duddle. The overall cost is going to increase significantly. Homeward Bound - 7.5% increase to £575 for the services of Driver and Retiree Minibus for the day. Barry's Coaches - 21% increase to £425 per coach for the transfer of entrants from Swanage to Weymouth. Doug at Atlas Travel is semi-retired now and has recommended an alternative who is quoting £200 for the one-way transfer from Swanage to Weymouth - 53% increase. An increase in entrants' bus fare from £9 to £10 was discussed, to contribute towards offsetting the increase in cost.
ACTION Ian will follow up with bus companies to get best deal.
7. Walks secretary's report.
 - 7.1. The year began with a program of walks on four Sundays in a row from January 8th. Unfortunately a late cancellation on Sunday 12 February.
 - 7.2. The Group contributed £15.00 for car parking at Witchampton village hall on 5 February, which was much appreciated.
 - 7.3. Wells trip – 17-19 February 2023. Twenty members attended three walks - a circular 7 mile trip to Croscombe on Friday, a bus to Wells and walk back on Saturday, a walk to Glastonbury and bus back on Sunday. Pretty and convivial walks to Croscombe, Wells, Cheddar and Glastonbury, which were interesting and most people gathered to eat together in the evening. Photos have been posted on Facebook. Tracey proposed a special vote of thanks to John and Sue for arranging and running this extremely successful weekend of walks.

Future Events

 - 7.4. A group email has been sent asking for volunteers to lead walks on Sunday 26 February, Sunday 2 April, Sunday 9 April.
 - 7.5. Volunteers wanted, please, to lead mid-week walks.
 - 7.6. Walks for the summer season are being scheduled.
 - 7.7. "Dorset Pilgrim's Trails" have yet to be scheduled.
 - 7.8. As stated previously, we continue to need more walk leaders, without putting off group members who would prefer not to lead.
 8. Challenge events 2023
 - 8.1. Cerne Giant Challenge Event – The sub-committee have been meeting regularly and working diligently and everything is on track for marshals' walk (5 March) and main walk (19 March).
 - 8.2. Dorset Duddle - 20 August. Date for first sub-committee meeting Monday 17 April to identify key roles. A lot of work is involved, the committee would be very grateful for members willing to join this sub-committee. Paul has offered to do some route checking.
 9. Use of group funds. Historically the group has made charitable donations to, for example, Air Ambulance and for outdoor equipment in schools who have supported us by hosting events. The aims and objectives of Dorset LDWA are to facilitate long distance walking – the committee will research charities that meet these aims (for example air ambulance, to enable refugees in Dorset to engage in long distance walking, Coast Watch). A proposal to be formulated at the next committee meeting to be put to the membership and the results put in a proposal to take to the AGM.
Action: Maria & Pete research local charities
 10. Summer social event to mark 30 years of Dorset LDWA. 23 July. Ian leading the walk from Cerne (site of inaugural walk). Extended lunch stop, with shelter, to enable members not doing the walk to join

the celebration. To be planned in more detail at next committee meeting.

Action: Ian investigate possible sites for extended lunch stop, accessible by car, with shelter

11. Plans to host a 100 in the future. Not before 2028. Would need to host a '50' challenge event first, after a couple of years of successfully hosting current challenge events.
12. Host or cohost Local Groups Weekend in future.
Action: Heather will approach Karen to ask questions about what is involved. On reply from Karen, Maria will email neighbouring LDWA groups to see if any of them would be interested in co-hosting.
13. Date of the next AGM – 19 Nov 2023.
Action: Ian will approach Durweston Village Hall to check availability.
14. Date of next committee meeting – 19 April 7pm
15. AOB. None.

Meeting closed at 20:25

Future Dates:

- 5 Mar 2023 Cerne Giant marshals' event
- 19 Mar 2023 Cerne Giant
- 17 April 7pm Duddle sub committee meeting
- 19 April 7pm next committee meeting
- 23 July 30 year anniversary walk
- 30 July Dorset Duddle marshals' event
- 20 August Dorset Duddle challenge event
- 10-12 November Groups weekend
- 19 Nov Dorset LDWA AGM