

Dorset LDWA Committee Meeting online
9 August 7.15pm
Minutes



Committee members present:

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

1. Chair's welcome. Heather welcomed all to the meeting with hopes that the weather continues to hold for the Dorset Duddle later this month.
2. Apologies for absence – Paul Gibbs has been in hospital and we all wish him a speedy recovery.
3. Matters arising from the previous meeting held on 14 June 2023.
Other than items on the agenda to be covered later in the meeting, there were no other matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2023.
4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting 14 June 2023.
Proposed by Richard, seconded by Pete. The minutes were approved unanimously.
5. Correspondence.
 - 5.1. Anything that needs dealing with urgently, Maria will forward to committee members and reflect it in next meeting's minutes under Matters Arising.
6. Treasurer's report.
 - 6.1. Carried forward to next meeting.
7. Walks secretary's report.
 - 7.1. July - Heather led an enjoyable walk from Beaminster. John W led a fully booked linear Pilgrim's walk with a lunch stop provided by Deirdre, there have been many requests for this to be repeated. The 30th Birthday celebration and social walk on 30 July was very popular. The Duddle Marshals' event on 23 July was cancelled due to the low number of entrants.
 - 7.2. August - One excellent walk already, on Sunday 6 Aug. Two more walks are scheduled including a Saturday history walk with Colin. The Dorset Duddle Challenge is on Sunday 20 August.
 - 7.3. The walk numbers are getting higher, which is due to many returning from holidays, also Dorset residents tend to stay at home for July and August but go away again in September.
 - 7.4. The pool of leaders remains small, but Kim has offered to lead in October, hopefully others will come forward next year. Tracey received several "walk promises" at the Social lunch, if all deliver the remainder of 2023 will be fairly full.
 - 7.5. Okehampton Trip – 1 -3 March 2024 -there is a high level of interest, Tracey is not yet sure about a limit on numbers but will finalise details in time for the AGM.
8. Challenge events
 - 8.1. 2023 Dorset Duddle – (20 August). All in hand. Nothing to report.

8.2. 2024 Cerne Giant is advertised in the Strider and will be the same price as last year. It will go on the website after the Dorset Duddle.

Maria and Ian joined the meeting late.

9. Constitution –an email has been received from Bill Milbourne, General Secretary, regarding changes to bylaws. Heather & Ian will liaise and compare our constitution to the model in the toolkit online and bring a proposal to the next committee meeting if there is a need to change our constitution.
10. Email lists – Not all primary members are receiving all emails. Maria to send a copy of the welcome email to Tracey. In future, all emails will be sent to all primary members. Members can opt out of receiving emails if they wish by clicking on the link built into every email.
11. Maria proposed and Tracey seconded and unanimous agreement that a donation of £25 be made to Shaftesbury Abbey to thank them for opening the Abbey after hours and hosting members of the Dorset LDWA at the end of the Pilgrimage Walk in July.
12. An email was received from John Elrick, LDWA Treasurer, regarding the Martin Greaves Fund. Maria proposed, Heather seconded, all agreed that we will not make an application for additional funds.
13. Exchange weekend (advertised in Strider). Carry forward to the next meeting - Heather will research and brief us what this is and what action is required (if any.)
14. Local Groups Weekend - 10, 11 12 November 2023. Ian and Anne are each leading a walk. There may be a need for another walk – Heather is willing to lead this. Approximately 75% of groups are sending a delegate. There may be a need for a non-walking trip, for example sightseeing around Dorset. Heather is happy to organise this. Dorset members are welcome to attend the walks but meetings can only be attended by nominated delegates.
15. AGM – 19 Nov 2023.
 - 15.1. Maria to send an email to members calling for motions to be voted on by the members at the AGM. The deadline will be 4 weeks before the AGM.
 - 15.2. The committee will propose a motion at the AGM that Funds in excess of the agreed reserve at the end of the year will be donated to a charity to be agreed at the AGM.
 - 15.3. Members to be invited to nominate charities they would like to benefit from a donation, to be decided by a vote of members at the AGM.
 - 15.4. Ian to draft a motion for the committee to put forward at the AGM to propose that the summer walk and social become an annual event financed by group funds.
 - 15.5. Members to be invited to stand for or nominate/ second committee members for the year Nov 2023-Nov 2024. Current committee members are willing to stand for another year.
 - 15.6. Circulate minutes from previous AGM to all committee members.
16. Date of next committee meeting Wed 15 Nov 7.15pm
17. AOB.
 - 17.1. Tracey suggested we offer free places on Challenge events for young people/ others to broaden participation in LDWA events. Please consider groups we can approach to offer this.
 - 17.2. 30th birthday celebration was well attended and popular. Thank you Ian for leading the walk and Heather for organising the catering.
Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Future Dates:

20 August Dorset Duddle challenge event

10-12 November Groups weekend

15 Nov 7.15pm Committee meeting

19 Nov Dorset LDWA AGM

2024 10 & 24 March Cerne Giant Marshals & main event

2024 May LDWA 100 Speyside Hundred hosted by North of Scotland Group

2024 August Duddle

2025 Spring Duddle West (linear)

2025 May 2025 East Anglian Hundred hosted by Norfolk & Suffolk Group

2025 August Duddle

2026 May Hunnypot Hundred hosted by Kent Group

2027 May Jurassic Coast 100 hosted by Devon & Cornwall

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