

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION
DORSET GROUP
COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Meeting, online, Monday 21 Mar 2022 7.00 pm

Committee members present:

Heather N Giles (HG) (Chair)
Pat Clifton (PC) (Group Secretary)
Tracey Lang (TL) (Walks secretary)
Richard Lang (RL) (Events secretary)
Chris Pitt (CP)
Sue Phillips (SP)
Pete Stockley (PS)

Non-committee members present:

Anne brown
Martin Callow

1. Chairman's welcome

HG welcomed everyone and said that the main aim of the meeting should be to decide whether the group can run The Dorset Duddle this year. She acknowledged that the new committee members lack experience with regard to organising a challenge event but also that this is unlikely to change if we leave it another year.

2. Apologies for absence

Ian Brown (IB)

- 3. The Dorset Duddle 2022**
- items needing action as soon as possible
 - the date of the first sub-committee meeting
 - the marshals' event

It had been agreed, before the meeting, that discussion of the Dorset Duddle would take place at the beginning, to allow those non-committee members attending to leave the meeting after this item.

There followed considerable discussion about running a challenge event such as The Dorset Duddle. It was generally agreed that the newer committee members needed training and support from others in the group (both current and ex committee members) who have experience in the various aspects of running challenge events. In this way it is hoped that a new set of members will be able to develop their skills.

MC identified a number of key areas for which a lead person will be needed in the planning process. These were:

- Catering
- Checkpoints
- Route description and checking
- Recruiting and communicating with volunteers (marshals)
- Transport
- IT

He said there are also a number of roles which would need to be covered on the day of the event.

A decision was taken to go ahead with the event, which will be run by a sub-committee, made up of both committee and non-committee members. HG volunteered to chair the sub-committee.

There was some further discussion regarding the various roles and some members present agreed to lead in different areas.

The date of the marshals' event, on which AB agreed to be the lead, was confirmed as 24 Jul 2022.

The first online sub-committee meeting was arranged for 4 Apr 2022 at 7.00pm. CP agreed to set this up on Teams and send a link to the other sub-committee members via email.

Action: CP

MC and AB left the meeting at this point.

4. Matters arising from the online meeting 31 Jan 2022

There were no matters arising, other than those already included on the agenda for this meeting.

5. Approval of the minutes of the meeting 31 Jan 2022

The minutes were approved unanimously.

6. Treasurer's report

The Group Treasurer (IB) was not present at the meeting and had not sent a report to the committee prior to the meeting.

7. Social walks programme

TL gave a short review of the walks program since the last meeting in January. It contained the following information:

The walks program had been very buoyant, with varied, interesting and enjoyable walks. These had been well attended, with about 20 people on each walk, and positive feedback had been received on each one.

There has not, as yet, been any "first time" leaders, but some new members have indicated an interest and it is planned to possibly run a joint walk with them later in the year.

TL continued that she has not sent out a bulk email, as mentioned in the last committee meeting, because she is finding that presently individual approaches are working best. She said several members have promised to lead walks and she will be pursuing them for details. There are a couple of spaces for April and May 2022, which may be filled by last minute offers and she will send an email to update members if this occurs.

HG asked which dates were still available in May and TL said the 1st, 8th and 22nd were not yet filled.

8. The EBB 100 2023 - the possible Dorset Group checkpoint

HG agreed to resend to the committee, a document she had received from the EBB 100 co-ordinator regarding the possibility of the Dorset Group running a checkpoint at this event. It was agreed that this should be on the agenda for discussion at the next committee meeting.

There was a short discussion of the checkpoint the Dorset Group had been offered, in which CP stated that a checkpoint 22 miles into the route would be difficult to run and demand a large number of volunteers. It was agreed that we are not in a position to run such a checkpoint and HG said she would let the co-ordinator know and await his response.

Action: HG

9. LDWA National AGM - 4-6 Mar 2022

HG had attended the AGM on behalf of the Group and said that she had very much enjoyed the weekend. She found it useful to be able to put faces to the names of the NEC members and the main speaker had been really interesting. HG will be writing a report on the AGM, which she will send out to members in due course.

Action: HG

10. LDWA 50 Year Anniversary

- details of the walks for the 50 Miles in a Weekend event 24 -26 Jun

PC said that she had been asked for more information regarding the walks planned for this weekend, as there was currently little detail on the “Future Events” webpage. TL agreed to email AB about this, as AB is planning the walks.

Action: TL

11. Date of the next committee meeting - 30 May 2022

This date was confirmed.

12. AOB

No other business was raised.

Diary of Events

30 May 2022	online committee meeting
18 - 19 June 2022	LDWA ‘Mass Event’ celebration of 50 year anniversary
24 Jul 2022	Marshals’ event for The Dorset Duddle
25 Jul 2022	committee meeting
21 Aug 2022	Dorset Duddle
26 - 30 Sep 2022	Group trip to the Lake District