

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION  
DORSET GROUP  
COMMITTEE MEETING

**Committee Meeting, online, Monday 30 May 2022 7.00 pm**

Committee members present:

Heather N Giles (HG) (Chair)  
Ian Brown (IB) (Treasurer)  
Tracey Lang (TL) (Walks secretary)  
Richard Lang (RL) (Events secretary)  
Chris Pitt (CP)  
Sue Phillips (SP)  
Pete Stockley (PS)

Pat Clifton (PC) (Group Secretary) was unable to attend the majority of the meeting due to computer problems. These minutes have been written using a recording of the meeting and transcription notes.

**1. Chairman's welcome**

HG welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. She then commented on the good attendance on the walk from Beaminster on Sunday 29 May and said this was very encouraging.

**2. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies.

**3. Matters arising from the online meeting 21 Mar 2022**

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

**4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting 21 Mar 2022**

Proposed by TL. Seconded by PS

The minutes were approved unanimously.

**5. Treasurer's report**

The Group Treasurer (IB) said that he had sent his report to PC prior to the meeting but this had not been sent to the other committee members.

He then displayed the report on screen and went through it with the committee.

It contained the following information:

- 1) The Group bank account statement for the period ending 21 January 2022, as presented to the previous meeting, showed a balance of £9,208.59.

The balance shown on the most recent statement dated to 21 May 2022 shows as £10,012.98 an increase of £804.39.

This was made up by expenditure of £339.11 and income of £1,143.50. The expenditure was:

- £48.56 for contribution to breakfasts on the Winter Solstice walk.
- £290.55 expenses for the official representative to LDWA AGM.

The income of £1,143.50 is from SI Entries Ltd in respect of entrant fees for the 2022 Dorset Duddle.

The group currently has £1,620.26 retention held by SiEntries Ltd, after taking into account service charge fees.

HG asked how the fees charged by SI Entries are calculated and IB explained that there is minimum transaction fee plus approximately 4% of the transaction. Overall it works out as about £1.20 per entrant.

2) In the previous report was noted issues with the forms for changes to the bank mandate. These are now resolved, with bank statements coming to IB and cheques being cashed.

3) Currently expected future spend items (other than Challenge Events)

There are several items of future spend, which are known about at this date, for which applications are likely to be made based on 'past practice'. The following events, due to take place in the current financial year were noted in the previous report:

- Group residential trip to the Lake District, which has been posted to the full primary membership. It has been practice to make a financial contribution from group funds (amount TBD). This trip has been booked with all primary group members informed and is in the walks future events diary.
- Summer Solstice Walk. It is historical practice to make a contribution to subsidise breakfasts on this walk, which is advertised to all primary members (amount TBD).
- Group 'Sail' banners. This has been discussed several times and purchase was approved by a previous AGM but not actioned to date, due to lack of activity during the peak Covid period. This item was re-addressed by the Dorset Duddle sub-committee with a view to obtaining the item(s) in time for the 2022 Dorset Duddle (amount TBD).

IB went on to say that there were still a couple of administration issues. Robert Powell, the previous treasurer, had contacted him to say that his name is still on several documents relating to expense claims. In addition the previous email address for the group treasurer currently on the website, needs to be replaced by the new email address, which was created when IB took over the role.

After a short discussion CP agreed to make these changes and IB said he would forward to him the email containing the details.

Action: IB and CP

There was some discussion regarding which members of the committee have the necessary permissions to make changes to the website and CP agreed to show HG how to make changes, as needed.

PS asked if the sail banner, when ordered, would have the new group logo on it and this was confirmed.

## **6. Social walks programme**

TL went through her review of the walks program for April and May It contained the following information:

The walk program for April and May has gone well. There have been 7 walks over the 9 weekends in this period, totalling 137.75 miles. All were well attended with very positive feedback. There was no walk for the Easter weekend and also a space 22 May 2022.

Roger Frost has been a really good first time leader and we can hopefully encourage others.

Going forward, the Sunday program is very active for June and July, except for the weekend of Sunday 5 June. This is the “100 weekend”, in which some members are involved in walking or marshalling, and there are also many Platinum Jubilee village and street parties. Otherwise here is a walk each Sunday.

Anne Brown’s “Round Poole Harbour” 50 mile event, to celebrate the LDWA 50 year anniversary, will be a highlight during this period and there are also a couple of midweek walks, including Colin Utting’s solstice walk and Anne Brown’s evening nature walk.

TL described the current walks program as very vibrant, with some long walks planned.

## **7. The Dorset Duddle 2022**

HG said there had been 2 successful meetings of the Duddle sub-committee so far and things were proceeding nicely. She asked if anyone, not on the sub-committee, had any questions and none were raised.

There followed some discussion of the number of entrants so far and the number booked on the buses from Swanage to Weymouth. It was agreed that the numbers were roughly in line with previous years.

The location of the tarpaulins was also discussed and a plan made to collect them before the event.

PS asked about the marshals' event and how to apply for it. IB said there would be an email, with information on this, going out to all volunteers.

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

HG said that, following the discussion at the last committee meeting regarding the difficulty of running a checkpoint 22 miles into the route, she had contacted the 100 co-ordinator. She had let him know that the committee, on behalf of the Dorset group, did not feel we could commit to running the checkpoint offered to us. No alternative was discussed.

#### **9. LDWA National AGM - 4-6 Mar 2022**

HG said that shortly before this committee meeting she had written a report on the AGM weekend, which she had attended on behalf of the group. She had sent this to PC. HG did not go through the contents of her report at the meeting.

#### **10. LDWA 50 Year Anniversary**

The committee discussed the group's ideas for celebrating this anniversary. IB said the time period in which members could accumulate 50 miles, on LDWA walks, in 50 days had already started and included the walk on 29 May. He continued that considerable interest had been shown in the 50 miles in a weekend event, planned for 24 - 26 June. There was some discussion regarding the unfortunate clash with The Purbeck Plod, planned by East Dorset Ramblers for 26 Jun.

#### **11. Dates of the AGM and committee meetings in the autumn**

The date for this year's AGM was discussed and 20 Nov 2022 was agreed. (PC managed to join the meeting at this point). The venue and possibilities regarding catering were considered at some length. PC agreed to enquire whether Durweston village hall is available for 20 Nov and check the cost of hiring it for the day.

Action: PC

A date for a committee meeting in the autumn was agreed for 12 Sep, after some difficulty finding a date possible for most of the committee to attend. In addition 24 Oct was agreed for a possible meeting prior to the AGM, after the closing date for nominations and motions, if needed.

#### **12. Date of the next committee meeting - 25 Jul 2022**

There was some discussion whether to have this meeting online or face to face and whether to combine it with the last Doddle sub-committee meeting. It was decided

to keep the two separate and to have the meeting 25 Jul online, with a possibility of having the next meeting, 12 Sep, face to face.

## 12. AOB

PC asked about the budget for the catering for The Doddle. The types of foods to be supplied and what other groups are doing on their events were discussed. PC said that she wanted to be cautious with regard to Covid because it is difficult to know what the situation will be by the end of August. It was agreed that PC should estimate how much money she would need to carry out her plans and let the committee know.

Action: PC

## Diary of Events

18 - 19 Jun 2022	LDWA 'Mass Event' celebration of 50 year anniversary
24 - 26 Jun 2022	Dorset Group 50 miles in a weekend
24 Jul 2022	Marshals' event for The Dorset Doddle
25 Jul 2022	Committee meeting, online
21 Aug 2022	Dorset Doddle
12 Sep 2022	Committee meeting
26 - 30 Sep 2022	Group trip to the Lake District
24 Oct 2022`	Possible Committee meeting, if needed prior to the AGM
20 Nov 2022	Dorset Group AGM