

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION  
DORSET GROUP  
COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Meeting, online, Thursday 4 February 2021 7.00 pm

Committee members present:

Chris Pitt (CP) (Chair)  
Robert Powell (RP) (Treasurer)  
Pat Clifton (PC) (Group Secretary)  
Anne Brown (AB) (Walks Secretary)  
Richard Lang (RL) (Events Secretary)  
Martin Callow (MC)  
Ian Brown (IB)

1. Chairman's welcome

CP welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the difficulties some members were experiencing with joining the meeting on Microsoft Teams.

2. Apologies for absence

RP was unable to be present at the start of the meeting, due to difficulty signing in on Microsoft Teams. He managed to overcome these and joined the meeting when item 5, The Treasurer's report, was being discussed.

3. Rachel Christopher standing down

The committee acknowledged the resignation of Rachel Christopher, who had been co-opted onto the committee at the last meeting on 3 Dec 2020. CP mentioned that we are all volunteers and thanked her for her interest.

4. Approval of the minutes of, and matters arising from, the meeting 3 Dec 2020

The minutes of the meetings held on 3 Dec 2020 were approved.

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

5. Treasurer's report

RP had sent the report to the other committee members prior to the meeting. PC briefly summarised its contents, just prior to RP gaining access and joining the meeting.

It contained the following information:

- The Group bank account statement for the period ending 21 January 2021 shows a balance of £10,420.01. There are no outstanding transactions in respect of income or expenditure and so this is the current balance.

- The balance includes a refund of £60 from Buckland Newton Village Hall in respect of the hall booking for last March, which was held over on the basis that the Cerne Giant event would happen in 2021. There are now no outstanding hall booking refunds due to the Group.

## 6. Social walks programme

AB said there is no programme at present, as all group walks have been cancelled. She continued that she is not asking for bookings until we have more information with regard to what will be allowed and when we can restart. There was some discussion of possibilities, which ended with the consensus that there is no point speculating at present.

AB mentioned the success of the walks organised specifically for new members, eight of whom had taken up the opportunity to come along. She had received positive feedback from them.

CP thanked AB for her work on the programme.

## 7. The Cerne Giant Anytime Event 2021

There was some discussion of the dates for this event, as it is clear the published dates of 1 Mar to 5 Apr are no longer suitable, due to the continuation of Covid restrictions. It was decided therefore, that the date for opening bookings for the event should be put back from 8 Feb to 8 Mar and the time period in which the walk may be done changed to 15 Mar to 31 May. RL agreed to make the necessary changes to the website and to inform SI Entries.

Action: RL

AB said she would do what she could to negotiate special deals with the pubs in the area but felt this was unlikely to be successful at present, as they are not open in the lockdown.

MC said that both the 20 and 30 mile routes had been checked on the ground and that amendments had been made to the route descriptions. There was some discussion of the details. MC said there was a small section of the 30 mile route which he would like to check again.

## 8. Cancellation of the Sir Fynwy 100 2021

CP acknowledged the cancellation of the 100 for this year and said that there was no commitment by the Dorset group to help with the 100 in 2022. It was however considered possible that members of the Dorset Group might wish to be involved individually. RP said that they should notify the committee if they are looking for help in doing so.

#### 9. Colin Utting's proposal for a Sir Fynwy Virtual 100 in Dorset

CP said that Colin had received a number of replies from members to his email suggesting the possibility of walking a local 100 this year in place of the Sir Fynwy 100. Various routes had been suggested and 3 or 4 members were thinking of taking part. CP said that Colin is considering gauging interest from members of other groups.

#### 10. The Local Groups' Weekend

As the notes from this have still not been sent out by the NEC it was agreed to postpone discussion of the Local Groups' Weekend until they arrive.

#### 11. Possible changes to the website

At the meeting 3 Dec 2020 RL proposed adding an email archive option to the menu on the group website, which would allow everyone to see the emails sent to Dorset group members via the bulk email system. At the time the committee agreed to postpone making a decision until this meeting, allowing time for emails to be checked for any information of a sensitive nature. No objections were raised so RL agreed to enable this function on the website.

Action: RL

Following some discussion of the possibility of members being confused by seeing emails in the archive which they themselves had not received, AB suggested including information in the email headings indicating which group(s) they were intended for. An example of this would be the emails sent only to those members who have volunteered to help on a specific event.

#### 12. Equipment management for future events and the inventory

No changes had been noted since the previous meeting. PC stated that she was still unaware of the location of 2 of the boxed first aid kits and that she would email the membership to try and locate them.

Action: PC

MC said he had one checkpoint bag at home.

#### 13. Kit branded with the new Dorset Group logo

AB said that she had been in contact with the company (Peco) regarding the improved image of the logo and that the Pantone for the blue colour was still needed. Once these details are sorted out a website page can be set up, showing the chosen options available, for members to order from directly.

#### 14. Dates of additional committee meetings in 2021 and the AGM

The following additional dates were agreed for online committee meetings:

5 August 2021  
7 October 2021

and 1 November 2021, if needed prior to the AGM.

The date of the AGM was confirmed as 28 November 2021 and it was agreed to discuss the nature of this meeting (whether online or in person) nearer the time.

#### 15. AOB

CP noted the sad news regarding the death of group member Fred Daldry, who had contributed greatly to setting up and running both the Dorset Duddle and the Purbeck Plod (now run by East Dorset Ramblers).

MC commented that at the next meeting the committee would need to discuss challenge events in 2022 and beyond. CP added that we will also need to start planning the Dorset Duddle for this year. It was decided to move the opening date for booking a place on the Duddle to 1 May 2021, to allow time for a decision on whether/how to proceed with planning, at the next committee meeting on 8 April.

Action: RL

### **Diary of Events**

15 Mar - 31 May 2021 Cerne Giant 'anytime challenge'

8 Apr 2021 committee meeting (online)

3 Jun 2021 committee meeting (online)

5 Aug 2021 committee meeting (online)

22 Aug 2021 Dorset Duddle

7 Oct 2021 committee meeting (online)

1 Nov 2021 possible additional committee meeting (online)

28 Nov 2021 Dorset group AGM