

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION
DORSET GROUP
COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Meeting, online, Monday 6 December 2021 7.00 pm (draft)

Committee members present:

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

1. Chair's welcome

HG welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. Apologies for absence

There no apologies, as all committee members were present.

3. Resolution to make changes to the group bank account

IB explained that, as the new treasurer, he needs the minutes of a committee meeting which show that a resolution had been passed to give him authority to sign cheques on behalf of the group.

For this the following resolutions were proposed:

a) Changes to authorised signatories to the group bank account, with Santander, as follows:

- Removal of William (Bill) Peach, who is deceased.
- Removal of Robert Powell, who is no longer treasurer of the group.
- Addition of Ian Brown, who is now treasurer of the group.
- Addition of Heather Giles, who is now chair of the group.
- Retention of Chris Pitt, committee member.

Proposed: Sue Phillips; Seconded: Pat Clifton

The resolution was passed unanimously.

b) Change the Dorset LDWA Group address, for correspondence with the bank, to that of the current treasurer, Ian Brown.

Proposed: Pete Stockley; Seconded: Richard Lang

The resolution was passed unanimously.

4. Resolution to change access to the Dorset Group SIEntries account

A resolution to make the following changes had been requested by IB:

- Removal of Robert Powell
- Addition of Ian Brown

The changes had already been made, so this resolution was unnecessary.

5. Confirm the decision with regard to The Cerne Giant

A decision not to run the Cerne Giant in 2022 had been made previously, subject to confirmation by the new committee after the AGM.

CP said that it was beyond the lead in time for planning this event, which in the past has been run in March. It had been generally, agreed at the AGM, that it was too late to start now and the group's first challenge event should be The Dorset Duddle in August 2022.

6. LDWA Meet Up trial

There was a short discussion regarding an invitation from Julian White, Communications and Publicity Officer for the NEC, to an online meeting 8 Dec at 7pm. The meeting is to discuss a trial of Meet Up, for which the NEC are prepared to fund some groups. HG and CP said they would be prepared to attend on behalf of the group. PC agreed to let Julian White know and send him their contact details.

Action: PC

7. Dates of the committee meetings in 2022

Following a short discussion, with regard to how often meetings should be held, the following dates were agreed:

31 Jan 2022
21 Mar 2022
30 May 2022
21 Jul 2022

8. Platform for future meetings

Whether to continue using Microsoft Teams, which is free, or pay a subscription to use Zoom was discussed. It was agreed to continue with Teams for now.

PS asked if the committee would consider meeting in person and it was agreed to review whether to do so, for one or two meetings, possibly in the summer. The village hall at Winterborne Kingston was mentioned as a possible venue.

9. AO (essential) B

Due to this meeting's proximity to the AGM, PC had proposed that the committee should keep the proceedings brief and only discuss those matters needing urgent attention.

HG mentioned that the group's entry in Strider would need changing before the next deadline in February 2022. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the meeting 31 Jan 2022.

Action: PC

CP said that the committee members need to confirm their commitment to data protection in December and that he would send an email, to the other committee members, containing a link to the LDWA data protection policy.

Action: CP

RL said that TL had no access to the LDWA local groups website at present and this meant she was unable to send any bulk emails. HG mentioned that the list of future walks did not go beyond Dec 2021 and that more were needed. TL said she had a draft email, asking for leaders to plan walks, ready to go as soon as she had the necessary access. PC said she would put any bulk emails TL wished to send, on the system, until TL was able to do this herself.

Action: PC and TL