

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

Held at 8pm on Tuesday 1st November 2016

at the Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD.

Present:

Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Chair
Alison Wadsworth (AEW)	Secretary
Paul Allen (PA)	Treasurer
David Walsh (DW)	Walks Secretary
Viv Lee (VL)	Social and Events Secretary
Hilary Scott (HS)	IT Secretary
Gordon Stone (GS)	Publicity Officer
Alma Walsh (AW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Norman Thomas (NT)	Ordinary Committee Member
Ken Noble (KN)	Ordinary Committee Member
John Picton (JP)	Ordinary Committee Member
Peter Steckles (PS)	Ordinary Committee Member
Julie Spencer	Caroline Tennant
Nick Halford	Bernard Hedley
Steve Clark	Sue Boardman
Paul Raine	Sue Raine
Tony Clark	Alf Short
Arthur Embleton	

Apologies:

Barbara Shelton	Andy Griffin
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The AGM opened at 8.05 PM

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The Minutes were accepted as a true record of 2015's Annual General Meeting.

2. Chair and Secretary's Report:

2.1 The Chair and Secretary have enjoyed the last 12 months in office and thanked all officers for successfully delivering their roles and group members for their support.

2.2 Annual Report:

- As required by the National Executive Committee the Group had adopted its Constitution at the last AGM and this had been upheld during the year.
- The Chair and Secretary had attended the Group Reps Forum last November and found this useful and were looking forward to attending the next forum later this month.
- Several members represented the Group at the national AGM in March 2016.
- The Group had delivered a wide and varied walking programme during the last 12 months with walks well attended.
- Walk leaders were thanked for their efforts and for producing the walk reports

which were uploaded on the web site.

- The web site continued to be well maintained and an asset to the group.
- There had been another successful Two Crosses Challenge in 2016 with a successful handover from Paul and Alison to Viv Lee and Caroline Tennant.
- There had been a wide and varied social programme during the year with thanks to Viv and also Barbara Shelton who organised the South West Coastal Path week long holiday in April.
- Monthly meetings had been well attended with a range of interesting presentations given by group members.
- CPR and first aid training had been provided by Bolton Fire and Rescue Service to 28 group members and this was found to be instructive and had already been put into practice by attendees.
- Internet banking had been set up and the Group had acquired some assets during the year.
- Welcome emails had been sent to all new members with details of the Group, its meetings and walks and social programmes and inviting them to join us.
- The Red Rose 50 has been established and has already received entrants. While this represents a challenge for the Group it is well on the way to success.
- Finally, all members are invited to look for other changes or suggestions as to how the Group can continue to survive and grow.

3 Treasurer's Report

- 3.1
- The Treasurer presented the annual accounts to the Group.
 - It was noted that this did not include a separate account for the Red Rose 50 event that had been established with seed funding given as a legacy from the Group's Red Rose 100. This account would be included within the 2016-17 Group's accounts.
 - It was also noted that the accounts are currently holding monies received from members towards the cost of accommodation booked for the annual 100. Reconciliation of the accommodation costs and monies received are to be provided to the Group at subsequent Group meetings.
- 3.2 The Group's Auditor, Julie Spencer, signed off the Accounts as a true record and she was thanked for her work on behalf of the Group.
- 3.3 The Group accepted the Accounts.
- 3.4 The Secretary will forward a copy of the Group's accounts along with minutes of the AGM to the NEC.

4 Election of Officers

- 4.1 All officers had agreed to stand for a further term and no new nominations were received either before or during the meeting. It was unanimously agreed at the meeting that the Committee be re-elected for a further year, as follows:

Chair	Paul Wadsworth
Secretary	Alison Wadsworth

Treasurer	Paul Allen
Walks Secretary	David Walsh
Events Secretary	Viv Lee
Social Secretary	Viv Lee
IT Secretary	Hilary Scott
Ordinary Member	Ken Noble
Ordinary Member	Peter Steckles
Ordinary Member	Alma Walsh
Ordinary Member	Norman Thomas
Ordinary Member and Publicity Officer	Gordon Stone
Ordinary Member and Plodders Rep	John Pickton

4 **Walks Secretary's Report:**

4.1 The Walks Secretary provided an annual report on walks as follows:

- 25 Sunday walks held with an average of 19.5 miles walked on each. There had been 11 walk leaders with Ken Noble leading 40% of the walks.
- 25 Wednesday walks held with an average of 14 miles walked on each. There had been 11 walk leaders with Norman Thomas, assisted on some by Chris Langabeer and Ian Pickup, leading 24% of the walks.
- 21 Plodders walks held with an average of 12.2 miles walked on each. There had been 8 walk leaders with John Picton leading 29% of the walks.

5 **Any Other AGM Business:**
None

6 **The AGM closed at 9.07pm.**