

## **East Lancs Committee Meeting 7.1.25 held at the Seaview Inn,**

### **1. Present:**

Pauline Melia, Chair.

Alma Walsh, Treasurer.

Hilary Scott, IT Secretary.

Nick Halford, Walks Secretary.

Caroline Tennant, Events Secretary.

Dave Walsh, Committee member.

Roger Jackson, Committee member.

Steve Clark, Committee member.

Sue Boardman, EL member

### **2. Apologies:**

Paul and Jeanette Banks,

Gordon Stone,

Viv Lee.

The meeting was quorate and commenced at 6.55pm.

### **3. Minutes of the last Committee Meeting.**

Nick Halford and Alma Walsh confirmed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting held on 1.10.24.

### **4. Matters Arising.**

There are no outstanding actions from the last committee meeting.

### **5. Chair and Secretary's Update.**

The Chair thanked all those who organised the Christmas Cracker which was well attended. Also thanks to Viv and walks leaders who made the New Year trip to Llanwyrtd Wells a great success.

### **6. Treasurer's Report.**

Current Account Balance £623.49 Savings Account Balance £5663.18

£2217.60 has been paid to GLL (Ghyllhead) in respect of the 2024 accommodation, & £158.40 (free place) paid to V Lee for distribution to the attendees.

£915.00 has been paid to Bury MBC for the stoning of the steps in Redisher Woods funded from the Martin Greaves Grant.

£280 was paid in respect of the Christmas Cracker subsidy. £270 was made as a donation to Bolton MRT (AGM).

£199.98 was paid to a further 6 of the Speyside 100 volunteers from the NEC £500 contribution.

£72.80 was paid in respect of 5/11/24 AGM expenses.

£50 was paid to 1 other person of the Speyside 100 volunteers from the club contribution.

£20 was paid in respect of the 1/10/24 club meeting.

£6.49 Treasurer's expenses were paid.

The running total of SI entries received to date for the Two Crosses 2025 event amounts to £979.50

When taking all of the above into account, our net figure over the two accounts is £6286.67.

## **7. Walk Secretary's Report.**

The winter programme has been going well and I will soon be asking for Leaders for Spring.

## **8. IT Secretary's Report.**

The website and FaceBook continue to be updated. Just one walk report is missing but photos are available of that day. FaceBook helps with Two Crosses entries.

## **9. Social Secretary's Report**

Social update:

Real Ale Ramble, 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Ghyll Head 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

New Year, Neuadd hotel 29<sup>th</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

## **10. Event Secretary's Report.**

Two crosses entries for 2025 - 229

Last year - 206

All preparations are underway and in hand. All permissions have been granted.

Roger has the staffing well under control, though there will no doubt be minor alterations as we approach the event. Viv is going to start contacting people about checkpoint equipment shortly, with being away in the lead up to the event.

For those involved in the event set up on Saturday 8th March, arrangements have been made to access St Margaret's Church at 10.30 and then Greenmount at 12.00.

### **11. Equipment for Naughty Corner Checkpoint of Two Crosses Challenge**

The request for a gas canister and shelter for Checkpoint 6 was approved. Alma to liase with Steve Oates to facilitate this.

### **12. Provision of ICE tags**

It was agreed to fund a new round of Ice Tags for East Lancs Primary members. Hilary Scott to take this forward.

### **13. Proposition from John Clarke, West Lancs LDWA Chair.**

The committee discussed the proposal at length and thanks go to John Clarke for his suggestion. The majority view was that the existing LDWA model supports collaboration across Local Groups. We have seen this with East Lancs collaborating with Lakeland and West Lancs for Social Walks plus members from other groups attending East Lancs walks.

The conclusion was that East Lancs will not participate in the proposed Northern Collective.

### **14. Any other business.**

We have been informed of the death of Ann Oliver, a former long standing member of the group. Our condolences go to Ann's family.

### **15. Date, time and venue of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at the Seaview pub.

### **16. Close.**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.