

## Minutes of East Lancashire LDWA Meeting

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 7pm      Venue: Doffcocker Inn, 780 Chorley Road, Bolton, BL1 5QD

### Present:

Pauline Melia	Chair
Jeanette Banks	Secretary
Hilary Scott	IT Secretary
Viv Lee	Social Secretary
Nick Halford	Walks Secretary
Paul Banks	Ordinary Committee Member
Roger Jackson	Ordinary Committee Member
Alma Walsh	Ordinary Committee Member
Dave Walsh	Ordinary Committee Member
Gordon Stone	Ordinary Member
Paul Raine	East Lancs LDWA member

### 1 Apologies:

Caroline Tennant	Events Secretary
Sue Boardman	East Lancs LDWA member
Steven Clarke	East Lancs LDWA member
Paul Allen	Treasurer

### 2 Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the June EL LDWA meeting by Dave Walsh and Alma Walsh.

### 3 Matters arising:

Travel expenses procedure: Jeanette has not yet sent the updated travel expenses procedure to Hilary – Jeanette will do this tomorrow so that EL LDWA website can be updated accordingly.

Martin Greaves Fund: Moneys have been received for the kissing gates, which are to be completed in September 2023.

### 4 Chair and Secretary's update:

Pauline stated that EL LDWA has had a couple of good months. There have been successes in social walks, social events and fund raising.

Pauline highlighted this months Strider which was issued to members in the last few days, mentioning our new Strider Editor, Gordon Stone who is also an EL LDWA member and committee member. It was

good to see EL LDWA group mentioned in the magazine, with articles including the EL Two Crosses walk, and members of the group participating in the EBB 100 in May 2023. In addition she called attention to the obituary for Ian Hamilton.

Pauline also voiced a special thanks to the Hathersage trip organisers and walk leaders.

**5 Treasurer's update:**

Apologies have been received from Paul Allen, EL LDWA Treasurer, who was unable to attend the meeting. The following report has been received:

*"In relation to the Group's financial position, I can update you as follows:*

*Current account – balance at the bank shows a balance of £86.54 but there are 3 outstanding cheques still to be cashed totalling £60 so the actual balance is £26.54.*

*Savings account – balance at the bank shows a balance of £9,606.30 but there is a payment of £180 from the Hathersage trip (received) still to be paid in, so actual balance is £9,786.30.*

*It should be noted that the Savings account has recently received the grant from the (Martyn Greaves) legacy fund of £3,000 and also a payment/donation from the EBB 100 of £500. The Group may wish to discuss how they wish to distribute the EBB 100 donation.*

*In terms of accommodation payments I can report that the only monies currently being held by the Group against accommodation bookings is a sum of £450 linked to the accommodation booked for next year's Scottish 100. All other recent accommodation bookings have been fully met and paid off. To date, no monies have been received or made for this year's Ghyll Head trip.*

*Hopefully, the above information covers all financial matters and likely queries. I would be grateful if you could update the Group on the finances and please let me know if there are queries."*

The meeting discussed distribution of the EBB 100 cash. This will be distributed to the following members who helped at the EBB 100 event: Roger Jackson, Viv Pike, Steve Blackshaw, Alma Walsh, Dave Walsh, Jeanette Banks, Iain Connell, Steve Clarke, Sue Boardman, John Holland, Viv Lee, Rob Radford, Neil Smith, Sandra Robinson, Hilary and Chaz Scott, Gordon Stone. Jeanette to forward this list to Paul Allen to distribute funds accordingly.

**6 Events Secretary's update:**

The EL LDWA Two Crosses challenge events needs to go into the next Strider publication. Nick will ask Caroline to do this.

**7 Walk Secretary's update:** Nick submitted the following report:

*"Nick reported that the summer walks programme is going well with all proposed dates filled and good attendances, this month being a highlight with seven walks booked. Suggested dates for the Autumn programme have been put out with quite a few still vacant at the moment. Please check the website for these. Nice to see one new leader on the list too."*

Gordon Stone asked Nick if there is still need for walk leaders to complete a walk risk assessment. Nick explained that it is optional, not compulsory, for walk leaders to complete the risk assessment.

**8 Social Secretary's Update:** Viv Lee reported on the following:

*The Real Ale Ramble goes ahead as usual 24-27th November 2023 – 9 members EL LDWA members booked to date. The Neuadd Arms Hotel, Llanwrtyd Wells. 2 days walking and 3 evening meals. Members to book directly with hotel on 01591 610236.*

*Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Christmas Cracker walk and Christmas Meal at Rivington Tearooms. Members to book their meal with Viv. Menu to follow. £20 per person. EL committee agreed a £5 contribution from EL funds to members who have helped out at the Two Crosses or 100 event, or led a walk in 2023.*

*Ghyll Head on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 for 4 nights is full. However, there are many local B&Bs for those who wish to join in the walks. Cost to individuals staying at Ghyll Head has now been confirmed at £130 per person. Payment now due to be sent to Paul Allen.*

*New Year Jollies, Llanwrtyd Wells. There is still availability on the New Year break 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023-2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at The Neuadd Arms Hotel. Members to book directly with the hotel on 01591 610236 and inform Viv for evening meal bookings. 13 East Lancs members are booked to date.*

*Ambleside – The Old Vicarage. 26<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Individuals can start booking directly with the B&B on 015394 33364 and inform Viv once booked for numbers for booking evening meals. Please remember swim wear as there is a swimming pool, hot tub and sauna. 2 days led walks and 3 evening meals out. 14 East Lancs members booked to date.*

*Keswick Trip to Hazelwood House - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024– arrangements ongoing as this is Neil Smith's significant birthday which will include some family members. Viv will update members.*

*Scotland 100 2024, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Accommodation has been booked at Moray Lodge, Grantown on Spey. This is fully booked with 20 East Lancs LDWA members on the trip.*

*Peel Tower charity open day is Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Raising funds for MNDA & MS trust research. Helpers and cake makers to contact Viv please. EL LDWA will lead a walk on the day and visit the tower.*

*Future event – Norfolk and Suffolk 100. Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May **2025**. Accomodation is in negotiation for the price. There have been 18 expressions of interest from East Lancs members. Viv will keep individuals updated.*

*Roger's Jolly Jaunt. Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024. 5 night midweek package at the Patterdale Hotel, Lake District. All rooms will be £298 per person. This includes bed, breakfast and evening meals. The room has many double bedrooms and 8 twin rooms. Optional packed lunches are £8 per day. Expressions of interest now please to Viv Lee so that we do not miss the group booking price. Once confirmed a deposit of £50 will be due, with the balance 6 weeks before the trip. Walk leaders are Roger Jackson and Steve Gilleard."*

Jeanette will send out updated events information to EL members.

**9 IT Secretary's update:**

Hilary stated that there is nothing to report. Everything is just running along fine.

10 **Martyn Greaves fund – Pauline Melia**

The NEC have asked local groups to get in touch regarding requests for monies from the Martyn Greaves fund. If any member has any ideas on how to use the legacy funds (specifically to promote the LDWA either nationally or locally), please bring to the attention of a member of the committee.

11 **Treasurer role – Dave and Alma Walsh**

Alma put her name forward to be considered for the EL LDWA treasurer role which will be vacant from November 2023.

12 **Meet Up/ LDWA membership – Dave and Alma Walsh**

The meeting discussed the concern that a small number of individuals have attended more than 3 LDWA walks, but have not yet joined or have lapsed membership of the LDWA.

Agreed actions: Nick Halford will inform the committee of individuals who have attended 3 LDWA walks and have not joined the LDWA and of those who have lapsed membership. If the individual attends a further walk without joining the LDWA, a committee member present on the walk should refuse them participation on the walk, as that individual is not insured by the LDWA.

13 **Local Groups Meeting in November 2023 – Jeanette Banks**

Jeanette and Pauline have received a reminder from Karen Pickersgill to identify EL LDWA representatives at this year's Local Groups Meeting taking place in Dorset. Jeanette and Paul Banks will attend. Jeanette will inform Karen Pickersgill and the Dorset organiser of their attendance.

14 **Any other business:**

**Thanks from Helen Cavanagh** - Jeanette shared the contents of an email received from Helen Cavanagh, expressing her heartfelt thanks to all in the East Lancs group who have supported her to achieve 10 100s. She commented that she was overwhelmed by the reception she received on attendance at the East Lancashire LDWA supported breakfast stop at the EBB 100 in 2023. This elated her and provided the determination she needed to project her to the end of her 10<sup>th</sup> and final 100 event.

**Astley Hall** – Pauline visited Astley Hall in Chorley last weekend and was part of a group tour. She suggested that this tour could be included as part of a future group walk. The tour of Astley Hall costs £4 per person.

**Rivington Heritage Trust.** Pauline is aware that Graham of the Rivington Heritage Trust gives presentations on the history of Rivington Gardens for a donation of £50 to the trust. She asked if members would enjoy this. It was suggested that he could present to members prior to the next East

Lancs LDWA AGM meeting. This would be funded by EL LDWA. All were in agreement. Hilary will approach Graham this weekend regarding this. 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 was the agreed date for the next AGM.

14 **Date, time and venue of next meeting:**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm at Doffcocker Inn, 780 Chorley Road, Bolton, BL1 5QD in the upstairs events room.

Date and time of the AGM: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at Doffcocker Inn, 780 Chorley Road Bolton.

**Meeting closed at 8.55pm**