

Minutes of East Lancashire LDWA Meeting

Date: 1st August 2024

Venue: Doffcocker Inn, 780 Chorley Road, Bolton, BL1 5QD

1 Present:

Pauline Melia	Chair
Jeanette Banks	Secretary
Hilary Scott	IT Secretary
Nick Halford	Walks Secretary
Viv Lee	Social Secretary
Caroline Tennant	Events Secretary
Alma Walsh	Treasurer
Dave Walsh	Ordinary Committee Member
Roger Jackson	Ordinary Committee Member
Steve Clarke	Ordinary Committee Member
Phil Chapman	East Lancs LDWA Member
Sue Boardman	East Lancs LDWA Member
Paul Raine	East Lancs LDWA Member

Apologies:

Paul Banks	Ordinary Committee Member
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2 Minutes of last meeting:

Alma Walsh and Hilary Scott confirmed that the minutes were an accurate record of the last meeting.

3 Matters arising:

Pauline and Roger Jackson will have a conversation about LDWA IT when there is more activity.

Feedback has been received from Bill Milbourne regarding the East Lancs LDWA draft updated Constituion. Bill raised a possible concern that EL required only one person to authorise electronic transfers from the EL LDWA account, particularly if there was significant funds in the account. All attendees of the EL Committee Meeting agreed that the account does not hold a significant amount of money at any time, and wish to continue with a single person authorising electronic transfers. This is covered in the amended EL Constitution.

4 Chair and Secretary's update:

Neither Chair or Secretary had anything to update.

5 **Treasurer's update:** Alma provided the Treasurer's Report, as follows:

'Current Account Balance is £626.01.

Savings Account Balance is £9290.88

Payments received for the Ghyll Head 2024 accommodation to date amount to £2059.20 & £136 has been carried over from 2023.

£915 is still ring fenced in respect of the Martyn Greaves Grant.

£500 has been received from the NEC in respect of the Speyside 100.

S.I. entry payments received to date in respect of the Two Crosses 2025 amount to £259.

When taking all of the above into account, our net figure over the two accounts is £6806.69.'

6 **Events Secretary's update:** Caz reported the following:

'Two crosses event entries to date - 52 (Last year 40 by this date).

Following discussions by the organisers regarding the rogue entrants - "Waiting list doesn't guarantee invitation. If you don't receive an invitation and are not register on the event, please do not take part. Non registered participants are not welcome." To be reassessed after this year and a rethink if we need to be more stern in our wording.

Natural England, whilst we had to apply for permission last year, they now have an agreement with United Utilities that covers events of our size. We still have to abide by the NE conditions of avoiding the bird season and entrant numbers.

Roger has sent out the request for volunteers and has had a good response.'

7 **Walk Secretary's update:**

Nick reported that the Autumn walks programme still had a couple of dates to fill, Sunday 03rd Nov and Wed 20th Nov, but it had not been a bad season as some extra dates were added, with a strong 7 walks to come this month.

The Winter season dates will be advertised in a week or two.

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

There are just 13 places remaining for the EL Christmas Meal at Rivington Tea Rooms. Jeanette to advertise this to members. There is no menu available to date, but this will be circulated as soon as it is published.

Ghyll Head is now full for the break December 2024.

There are two rooms available at Ambleside for January 2024 break. Jeanette will advertise this to members.

9 **IT Secretary's update:** Report received from Hilary:

'After the discussion at the last meeting I am pleased to report that we do have a report and pictures for most of the social walks we have offered. Thanks to all walks leaders for their cooperation.

I continue to update FaceBook and it certainly helps with encouraging people to enter the Two Crosses Event.

The Two Crosses page on the website has also been updated and will continue to be as information changes.'

10 Local Groups Zoom Meeting – Nick Halford:

'Nick reported his experience of a recent Group Zoom meeting, how he found Zoom to use, and how he was impressed by the professionalism and attitude of the hosts.

Our insurer is generally happy with what we do now.

The Exec are working on a lot of ideas regarding the leading of walks, including safety principles, but with the intention of making information available to Leaders rather than introducing compulsory elements, and without increasing paperwork.'

11 Club donation to Bolton MRT re the AGM - Alma Walsh

It was agreed that a donation of £250 would be given to Bolton Mountain Rescue Team for their work and attendance at the next AGM.

12 Distribution of the Speyside £500 from the NEC – Alma Walsh

The surplus funds from the Speyside 100 Event (received from the LDWA NEC) will be distributed to all helpers of the event if they wish to receive it. Jeanette will send out an email to helpers after 17th October 2024 asking individuals to contact EL Treasurer.

13 Any other Business:

No AOB raised.

14 Date, time and venue of next meeting:

Next East Lancashire LDWA meeting – Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 7pm

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 5th November, 2024 at 7pm

15 Meeting closed at 8.05pm