

## Minutes of East Lancashire LDWA Meeting

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 7pm      Venue: Doffcocker Inn, 780 Chorley Road, Bolton, BL1 5QD

### 1      **Present:**

Pauline Melia	Chair
Jeanette Banks	Secretary
Hilary Scott	IT Secretary
Viv Lee	Social Secretary
Paul Banks	Ordinary Committee Member
Roger Jackson	Ordinary Committee Member

### **Apologies:**

Caroline Tennant	Events Secretary
Paul Allen	Treasurer
Alma Walsh	Ordinary Committee Member
Dave Walsh	Ordinary Committee Member
Paul Raine	East Lancs LDWA member
Nick Halford	Walks Secretary

### 2      **Minutes of last meeting:**

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the last EL LDWA meeting by Viv Lee and Hilary Scott.

### 3      **Matters arising:**

Travel expenses procedure: Jeanette has sent the updated travel expenses procedure to Hilary and the EL LDWA website has been updated accordingly.

EBB 100 moneys have been distributed by Paul Allen.

Hilary has approached Graham regarding a presentation on the history of Rivington Gardens.

### 4      **Chair and Secretary's update:**

Pauline commented that it had been a quiet couple of months for east Lancs LDWA with a much reduced walk programme and few attendees on some walks. This may be due to the holiday season. She asked that walk leaders please confirm with Nick if they can lead a walk as the Quarter 4 calendar still has a number of vacant dates.

### 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:

*'Please accept my apologies for Tuesday's meeting.*

*In relation to the accounts the following summarises the current position:*

- **Current Account** - balance showing £2,756.54 but two cheques totalling £40 not been cashed - actual balance therefore £2,716.54;
- **Savings Account** - balance showing £7,826.30 but three cheques for Ghyll Head recently paid in totalling £520 but not yet cleared - actual balance therefore £8,346.30.

*Also, invoice received for Ghyll Head totalling £1,944.00 but not paid and not due until 30/10/23 - still awaiting some payments for Ghyll Head.*

*Since last meeting payments have been made for the storage facility at St. Margaret's Church and for the LDWA Groups' Weekend.*

*I hope the above enables you to bring everyone up to date on the Group's finances.*

*I will be working on the preparation of the Group's Financial Statement for the year ending 31st October 2023 over the next few weeks and will present at the Group AGM in November. After some 40 years as Treasurer I am then hoping to pass on financial matters to my successor!!!*

*Cheers, Paul'*

**6 Events Secretary's update:**

Caroline sent apologies for the meeting. She sent the following information for the minutes:

The EL LDWA Two Crosses challenge events has been submitted for the the next Strider publication. SI entries is updated. 40 entries have already been received (41 at the same time last year). Caz has asked Roger to put out a request for marshals for the event (this was sent out 2 days ago).

**7 Walk Secretary's update:** Apologies have been received from Nick. Nick submitted the following report:

*'Apologies I am away in Fife, nothing much to report, I shall look at advertising for Winter Walk Leaders when I get back. Also I have received 3 claims for walk leader expenses before the deadline, and I shall post these to the Treasurer tomorrow, Monday ( on 02/10/23)'*

**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. 15 members booked to date. £19.95 per person. Viv proposed at £10 contribution from EL funds to members who have helped out at the Two Crosses or 100 event, or led a walk in 2023. This proposal was seconded by Paul Banks. Jeanette to readvertise the Christmas Cracker walk and meal to members,*

once Hilary confirms who will be taking the deposits. Menu to be shared and attendees to let Viv have their food choices. Roger to ask Nick to put this on December's walk programme please.

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.

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 that have not yet booked need to book as soon as possible directly with the B&B on 015394 33364. Please 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.

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. Final payment will be due at the end April 2024.

Roger's Jolly Jaunt. Can interested parties please note that this is a 4 night break, rather than 5 nights as previously advised. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024. 4 night midweek package at the Patterdale Hotel, Lake District, with 3 days of led walks. All rooms will be £298 per person. This includes bed, breakfast and evening meals. 17 people have paid the £50 deposit to date. The hotel still has a number of double bedrooms and 2 twin rooms available. Please note that single occupancy will incur the double/twin occupancy rate. Optional packed lunches are £8 per day. Expressions of interest please to Viv Lee.

Jeanette will send out updated events information to EL members.

9 **IT Secretary's update:** Hilary submitted the following report:

*'All is up to date on the websire. There is just one walk report missing but we do have photos from that day.*

*I am still updating FaceBook. It certainly helps wit entries to the Two Crosses and I will push the event more ater in the year/ early next year'*

10 **Any other business:**

**Family Event proposal:**

Roger suggested the following after a conversation with Viv Pike and Steve B:

A short (eg 10 miles) low key event mainly aimed at families during the summer holiday period. This would raise the profile of LDWA and support families with activities during the long holiday. Viv has offered to sort out any catering and other committee members would support by marshalling. There is no opposition in principle. However further consideration is required on structure and resourcing. It was agree to discuss further at the next EL LDWA meeting.

**Discussion regarding 'Group News: Issue 1 Pearls of Wisdom' communication received from NEC Local Groups Officer:**

Grading of walks – EL LDWA felt this would be difficult to standardise across the many LDWA groups. It would be better to include the distance, approximate anticipated speed walked (eg 3 miles per hour) and height gained, in the walk description. Pauline to report back to Local Groups Officer.

NEC Local Groups Officer request for information from local groups regarding anything additional to social walks/challenge events. She also asked to be included in newsletters. However, EL LDWA do not produce a newsletter, with committee members sending out information timely as appropriate. It was suggested that as all information is sent out via the LDWA website, it would be beneficial for Pearl to add herself as an associate member to groups. Otherwise, a separate emails would have to be sent specifically to the Local Groups Officer. Pauline to report this back to Local Groups Officer.

Change of address: All members to be reminded that they can change their address and other details via SI entries. They can also change their local group and add associate membership of other groups. Jeanette to send out email to all primary and associate members to advise them.

Register on every social walk: East Lancs do complete an attendance register on every social walk.

Social walk and challenge events recce: East Lancs leaders do already recce the challenge event and social walks whenever possible. Pauline to report back to Local Groups Officer.

Meet Up: Pearl wishes for feedback regarding the success of MeetUp, in order to roll this out nationally. Pauline to ask Nick to report back to Local Groups Officer.

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

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

**Meeting closed at 9pm**