

## Minutes of East Lancashire LDWA Meeting

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 at 8pm      Venue: Doffcocker Inn, 780 Chorley Road, Bolton, BL1 5QD

### Present:

Pauline Melia	Chair
Jeanette Banks	Secretary
Caroline Tennant	Events Secretary
Viv Lee	Social Secretary
Nick Halford	Walks Secretary
Paul Allen	Treasurer
Paul Banks	Ordinary Committee Member
Roger Jackson	Ordinary Committee Member
Alma Walsh	Ordinary Committee Member
Dave Walsh	Ordinary Committee Member
Steven Clark	East Lancs LDWA member
Sue Boardman	East Lancs LDWA member
Paul Raine	East Lancs LDWA member

### 1 Apologies:

Hilary Scott	IT Secretary
Gordon Stone	Ordinary Member

- 2 **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were accepted as a true record of the February meeting by Dave Walsh and Viv Lee.

### 3 Matters arising:

First Aid Certificate: Alma has contacted Atherton Fire Service and training in the First Aid Certificate has not resumed following Covid 19. Viv advised that a number of organisations offer the training and this can be quite costly – in excess of £300. The meeting agreed that First Aid Certification is not a current mandatory requirement, it will no longer be pursued. However, if members hear of any affordable training in the future, it can be followed up.

Summary of output from local groups in November 2022 – Jeanette forwarded these to committee members in April 2023.

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

Pauline recalled a busy last few weeks and walk schedule for East Lancashire LDWA.

Pauline said that funding has now been received from the Martin Greaves Legacy via the Treasurer of the NEC. She thanked Viv Lee and Caroline Tennant for their hard work in preparing the business case for this.

We had a successful 100 mile challenge walk event in May 2023. Pauline thanked anyone involved in the 100 event in any way. East Lancs LDWA members succeeded in delivering a good breakfast to entrants at the 100 breakfast stop in Kenilworth despite a number of challenges with the building provided. Viv had organised fabulous accommodation for walkers and helpers of the event. In addition, EL LDWA had a great result with a number of members completing their first 100 event. It was noted the Phil Chapman was the oldest LDWA nationwide to enter and complete his first 100 at 77 years of age.

**5 Treasurer's update:**

Current account balance - £32.52

Savings account balance stands at £9, 246.30 (the Martin Greaves grant of £3000 is included in this figure).

The Scottish 100 deposit has been paid to the accommodation, with all attendees having paid their deposit to EL Treasurer.

Hathersage trip - £1800 has been paid for the accommodation for the Hathersage Trip in July 2023. £1260 has been received from attendees. One individual has not paid – Viv will chase this up.

**6 Events Secretary's update:**

Caroline informed attendees that she has produced and submitted an article regarding the 2023 Two Crosses event to The Strider.

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

*'The Summer walk programme for June, July and August is underway, although leaders were still required for two of the suggested dates. These were promptly filled by members of the committee.'*

**8 Social Secretary's Update:**

Karen Wardle has contacted Viv regarding the six night Weston-Super-Mare trip on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Jeanette to email all members regarding the availability of four places - one double and one twin room. The price including coach travel and BB&EM accommodation is £379. Interested members please contact Karen Wardle on 01772 463450.

It was confirmed that any members who have helped East Lancs LDWA at events, or have led a walk for the club in the last 12 months, will receive a contribution from EL funds of £5 towards purchasing drinks when attending this year's '2 crosses/100 party' at the Barlow Institute in June 2023.

The December 4 night Gill Head holiday is now full.

Viv updated the meeting regarding the Peel Tower fund-raising event in June. She has arranged for an article to be placed in Bury Times to advertise the occasion. Viv has asked for a further email to be sent to members to appeal for helpers - both to serve customers at Peel Tower, and to offer to provide cakes to sell. Jeanette will email a request to members.

There are 4 places remaining for the Hathersage Trip in July 2023. One of these places could be a single room. Jeanette to send this out by email to the wider group members.

9 **IT Secretary's update:**

Hilary sent an apology for the June meeting as on holiday. She reported:

*'As far as IT is concerned, everything is up to date except I did not receive one walk report from a leader. We do have photos of the day though. Facebook is still being updated.'*

10 **Payment for Expenses to Walk Leaders Procedure – Jeanette Banks**

Jeanette brought draft copies of the updated 'Procedure: Payment of Expenses to Walk Leaders' to seek approval before it is placed on the website.

Nick Halford is keen that the policy should be well-communicated and known to all leaders, and it was agreed that the Walk Secretary should, by no later than 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023, email all primary members and others who had led a walk, with details of the policy and how to claim. The aim should be that all claimants are reimbursed by the Treasurer in time to be included within the current year's statement of accounts.

Nick emphasised the potential additional liability that the proposed changes to the policy might incur, and members present confirmed they felt that walk leaders should be properly reimbursed, and that this would encourage new leaders to come forward.

There was a majority vote to support Nick's proposal and the updated procedure.

Jeanette will forward the updated procedure in pdf format to Hilary Scott to replace the previous version on the EL website.

11 **Distribution of 100 moneys – Jeanette Banks**

Following a request to send a list of the 2022 100 attendees/helpers to the EL Treasurer, Jeanette questioned the current allocation of 100 money. She felt that there was no clear guidance on how funds were divided and shared.

Dave and Alma Walsh recalled a discussion and minuting of this subject at the EL LDWA meeting in August 2019. Previously, money was issued to car drivers with some 100 event walkers also receiving funds. The minutes of the meeting held in August 2019 were reviewed. They recorded that it was agreed that 100 moneys received would be distributed equally only to helpers of the event.

The meeting approved that this previously agreed principle should still stand. A list of 15 helpers at the 2022 100 was noted. Jeanette will forward the list to EL treasurer to make payments accordingly.

**12 Start time of East Lancashire LDWA meetings – Jeanette Banks**

Jeanette asked if the EL LDWA meetings could start earlier than the current 8pm. She proposed a start time of 7pm, which can be accommodated by the Doffcocker Inn. This was agreed.

**13 Any other business:**

Alma informed the meeting that pans suitable for an induction hob have been purchased for EL LDWA events.

There are a number of EL LDWA fabric badges available. Anyone who wants one should approach Nick Halford.

Viv and Caroline updated the meeting on the purchasing of 3 new kissing gates on the Two Crosses Event route, from funds received from the Martin Greaves grant. Dave Chadwick of Bury Council, has been informed where these need to be placed. He needs to ask land owners for permission before contractors carry out the work. Viv and Caroline will draft suitable wording of memorial to Martin Greaves that will be placed on to plaques to be added to the kissing gates.

Paul Allen discussed arrangements for the joint 'Two crosses/ 100 party / Paul Allen's birthday' party. He advised that parking at the Barlow Institute is very limited and suggested that attendees park on local roads. He highlighted that if parking on the White Horse Pub carpark, individuals will be required to visit the pub to register their car, or will be charged a fine. Members attending have been advised of this. Pauline thanked Paul again for his generosity in opening up his party to include LDWA members for the Two Crosses/100 celebration.

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

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7pm at Doffcocker Inn, 780 Chorley Road, Bolton, BL1 5QD in the upstairs events room.

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm**