

Minutes of East Lancashire LDWA Meeting

Date: 7th May 2024 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
Alma Walsh	Treasurer
Dave Walsh	Ordinary Committee Member
Roger Jackson	Ordinary Committee Member
Stephen Clark	Ordinary Committee Member
Paul Banks	Ordinary Committee Member
Phil Chapman	EL LDWA Member
Sue Boardman	EL LDWA Member

Apologies:

Nick Halford	Walks Secretary
Caroline Tennant	Events Secretary
Gordon Stone	Ordinary Committee Member

2 Minutes of last meeting:

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

3 Matters arising:

Pauline asked Viv for confirmation of the dates of the Ambleside break in January 2025. Viv confirmed that the dates are 24th, 25th and 26th January.

Pauline will reply to Roger Jackson regarding his website email. He has been meeting with NEC and other group members and has drafted a specification regarding events. Pauline to review the draft documentation.

EL LDWA involvement in future 100 Events Breakfast Stops. Jeanette confirmed that there have been no offers of volunteers who are willing to commit to organising and running 100 Breakfast Stops. Therefore it was agreed that EL will not provide support for 100 Event Breakfast Stops after their last event in Norfolk/Suffolk in 2025. Pauline will contact Julie Cribb, NEC Chair (in absence of a current 100 coordinator) to advise the NEC of this.

Pauline asked Viv Lee if she had received enough offers of cake baking and volunteers to help out at the Peel Tower charity event on Sunday 16th June 2024. Viv has not received many offers of help to date. Jeanette to send out an email to all members asking for support.

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

Pauline said that walks have been very well attended and all members from East and West Lancs ELWA had a great week at Weston-Super-Mare.

Secretary had nothing to add.

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

Current Account Balance £277.08

Savings Account Balance £7761.58

All monies collected for the Scottish 100 accommodation and the balance of £4750 paid, which included the £450 previously held over.

£136 is ring fenced for Ghyll Head 2024 and £915 in respect of the Martin Greaves Grant.

S.I. Entry payments in respect of the Two Crosses amount to £3930.28 and total expenditure was £1758.54 thus leaving a net profit of £2171.74.

See the Events Secretary's Report for full details.

When taking all of the above into account, our net figure over the two accounts is £6987.66.

6 **Events Secretary's update:**

The Two Crosses Challenge Event report has been received from Caroline Tennant. A link will be sent out with the minutes of this meeting for members to review.

7 **Walk Secretary's update:** Nick reported:

Walk Sec Report:

'The Spring programme went well, with walk dates filled and good attendances.

The Summer programme has been advertised, with dates still to fill: Wednesdays 12 June, 26 June, 24 July, 07 August, 21 August, and Sundays 11 August and 25 August.

I would like to highlight Paul and Jeanette's upcoming and most promising Pendle Way series.'

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

Viv reported that the 2025 Two Crosses Challenge Event has been booked for 9th March 2025. This is an earlier date than usual due to concern regarding ground nesting birds. Members raised concern that this is only 2 days following the Keswick holiday and may be a huge pressure for members who attend this holiday and also help at the event. Pauline will contact Caz to ascertain if the date of the challenge event can be moved to a later date.

Patterdale Holiday. Everybody attending this holiday has paid a £50 deposit with £248 remaining balance. Viv has now to collect remaining holiday fees from members. Jeanette to compile an email list and send communication to those attending the holiday to make payment by cheque payable to Viv Lee or bank transfer to Viv Lee. Payment to be forwarded to Viv by 15th June 24.

There are 3 twin rooms available for the Melrose Holiday with Alfa Travel in April 2025. Jeanette to send out communication to members and request that they contact Karen Wardle.

The 100/Two Crosses party – Hilary will send out an email to EL members with details of the party.

9 IT Secretary's update:

Hilary reported that due to PC issues, she is currently behind posting pictures on the website. She has continued to update Facebook with regular walk images and updates.

10 Constitution Amendments:

Pauline read through the proposed amendments to the EL LDWA Constitution. Members contributed and agreed changes. Pauline to make final amendments and forward to NEC for approval. Approval will then be sought from members at the EL LDWA AGM in November 2024, before being posted on the EL LDWA website.

11 Financial support for volunteers at Scottish 100 :

Dave Walsh proposed that volunteers at the Scottish 100 should be given a donation from EL LDWA funds to help with the cost of travel (which will be more than 700 miles return). A discussion took place on the principle that volunteers should be recompensed. The majority of the meeting agreed that a donation of £50 per volunteers of the Scottish 100 is appropriate. It was agreed that this payment is only for this year's 100 and would be reviewed for future events.

12 Non-payment for Two Crosses Challenge Event

There is an awareness that a number of LDWA members took advantage of the EL Two Crosses event without making payment. Some took advantage of the food offered at the checkpoints and the finishing point. Hilary will review the NEC Toolkit to establish if guidance is available regarding this matter. If no guidance, Pauline will contact the NEC for clarification.

13 Any other business:

The location of the EL LDWA red T-shirts was raised. Viv and Pauline do not have them. Caz to be advised to check her own storage.

Missing pan from St Mary's storage. A brand new pan has gone missing from storage, while the two other pans remained in storage. It was noted that this is the first time anything has gone missing from this storage facility. Alma to replace the pan at a cost of approximately £20 from EL funds. All three pans will be stored at Alma and Dave's house in future.

14 Date, time and venue of next meeting:

Tuesday 13th August at 7pm at Doffcocker Inn, 780 Chorley Road Bolton.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm