

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 1st December 2015

Present:

Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Chair
Alison Wadsworth (AEW)	Secretary
Paul Allen (PA)	Treasurer
David Walsh (DW)	Social Secretary
Alma Walsh (AW)	Ordinary Member
Peter Steckles (PS)	Ordinary Member
Ken Noble (KN)	Ordinary Member
John Picton	Ordinary Member
Andy Griffin	
Julie Spencer	

Apologies:

Viv Lee (VL)	Social Secretary and Events Secretary
Hilary Scott (HS)	IT Secretary
Barbara Shelton (BS)	

The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 20:05 and closed at 21:10.

The meeting opened with a presentation to Andy Griffin to mark his 10 years as Secretary of the Group, from 2005 to 2015.

Matters Arising:

1.3.5. Advice has been received from the Local Groups's Secretary regarding the external auditor of the accounts, a preference was expressed for the auditor to have some financial knowledge and be as independent as possible from the Treasurer. Julie Spencer has since agreed to audit the 2015/16 accounts and as she is not a primary member of East Lancs and has financial qualifications then she more than satisfies all criteria. One minor change will be made to the accounts to record categories of any income received, e.g. donation, Two Crosses income etc.

Action now closed.

3.3. At the AGM it was agreed that John Picton would be elected an Ordinary Member and represent the Plodders at Group Meetings. **Action now closed.**

5.3. PW had updated Gail Elphick and Julie Welsh from NEC regarding actions taken relating to the Mr McGinty donation. To conclude Gail was happy with the actions the Group had taken and considered the matter closed. **Action now closed.**

Action 16.01: To protect the Group from future issues, a short protocol will be developed by PW and AEW for the receipt of donations that requires two independent LDWA group officers to witness the signing by the donor of a pro forma document expressing their wishes to donate.

5.4. PW had assessed the cost of screen and projector, £100 and £2-500 respectively for a suitable specification dependent on the Group's requirements for HD quality. A spare bulb for the projector would be approximately £80.

Action 16.02: To assess further and bring recommendations to the January meeting unless a value for money option up to £700 presents.

6.2. Neil and Viv are now in negotiation.

Action 16.03: Viv to update at January's meeting.

Agenda Items:

1. Chair and Secretary's Update:

1.1 Asset List

Viv Lee has provided a list of items stored with her and at the Scout Hut. An initial Asset list has been compiled including items held by PW.

Action 16.04: All Group members are asked to advise the Secretary of any other items not yet recorded.

1.2 Group Reps Weekend

PW and AEW attended the above, held at Hartington, Derbyshire on 20 to 22nd November 2015. Topics discussed included:

- Every Group that runs challenge events is awash with cash with a number of ways of spending the money being discussed.

Action 16.05: The Group needs to decide how it will use its funds in future.

- The presentation on Data Protection will require some actions on behalf of the Group.

Action 16.06: PW to update the Group when the Policy is published.

1.3 UK Trail Walkers Handbook.

Only 100 copies are left, once these are gone there will be no further reprints. It was decided not to purchase one for the Group.

1.4 National AGM

This will be held at the Palace Hotel, Buxton on 11 - 13th March 2016. All members are welcome to attend.

2 Treasurer's Update

2.1 Recent spend on a presentation tankard for Andy Griffin as past Secretary.

2.2 A verbal update of the financial position was given.

Action 16.07: Further to the change of Officers the cheque signatories to be confirmed by PA and updated as required.

2.3 Acknowledgements have been received from local charities who received monies from the surplus left from the Red Rose 100.

3 Walk Secretary's Update

3.1 DW confirmed the May to August 2016 Walks Programme is full. Norman Thomas and Chris Langabeer are leading the Lancashire Way over four Wednesday's. Some Sunday walks are very poorly attended which could be due to poor weather. The Christmas Cracker also looks low on numbers at present.

4 Social Secretary's Update

Viv Lee not in attendance, carried over until January 2016.

5 Events Secretary's Update

Viv Lee not in attendance, carried over until January 2016.

5.1 It was recorded that Andy Griffin and Dave Sheppard volunteered for their usual duties on the 2016 Two Crosses.

5.2 It was noted that 8 entries have been received for the 2016 Two Crosses.

6 IT Secretary's Update

- 6.1 Hilary Scott has started to update the website and is looking for suggestions on how the Website can be improved. She will also be contacting Walk Leaders for a short report for the web site following walks.

Action 16.08: Any suggestions should be made to Hilary.

7 Any Other Business

None

8 Date and Time of Next Meeting

8pm, Tuesday 5th January 2016 at the Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD.

The meeting will conclude with a presentation from Ken Noble and Paul Allen on the Pennine Way, then and now.

Sandwiches will be provided.

ALL WELCOME