

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 4th October 2016

at the Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD.

Present:

Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Chair
Alison Wadsworth (AEW)	Secretary
Paul Allen (PA)	Treasurer
David Walsh (DW)	Walks Secretary
Viv Lee (VL)	Social and Events Secretary
Hilary Scott (HS)	IT Secretary
Gordon Stone (GS)	Publicity Officer
Alma Walsh (AW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Norman Thomas (NT)	Ordinary Committee Member
Ken Noble (KN)	Ordinary Committee Member
John Picton (JP)	Ordinary Committee Member
Caroline Tennant	Nick Halford
Julie Spencer	Paul Raine
Tony Clark	Ian Hamilton

Apologies:

Peter Steckles (PS)	Ordinary Committee Member
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The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 20:05 and closed at 21:40.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The Minutes were accepted as a true record of September's meeting.

2. Matters Arising:

Action 16.06: October update: The LDWA's Data Protection Officer, Chris Hedley has decided not to hold meetings with local groups but will send any relevant information to the Chair and Secretary for dissemination to the Group and action where appropriate. **Action: ongoing**

Action 16.14: October update: The Chair has been unable to obtain appropriate insurance quotes to cover the Group's assets held at the Scout Hut. Paul Raine advised that local Scout groups have insurance and will send further details to the Chair. **Action: Ongoing**

Action 16.16 and 16.17: October update: In total 28 people attended the two CPR courses held on 24th September and 1st October. A vote of thanks was given to the Bolton Fire and Rescue Service. The following actions were agreed:

- The Group would make donations to both the Fire Service and British Heart Foundation. Amount to be agreed at November's meeting following presentation of the year end accounts.
- Viv Lee would bring disposable gloves to the November meeting for Group members
- The Secretary to order 100 disposable face shields to facilitate safe mouth to mouth resuscitation and bring to the November meeting.

Action: Ongoing

- Action 16.28:** Permission is required from the National Trust before challenge events can be held on its land. The NT is trialling a project until September 2017 which may result in fees in the region of £50-100 being applied. CT to notify the Group of the 2017 costs as a minor route change could avoid fees.
October update: The Group will be updated once the outcome of this Project is known.
Action: Ongoing
- Action 16.30:** Some concern was expressed at the Group acting as a Travel Agent and any liability that might apply in the event of a holiday monies being lost and whether it might be better for a Group member to book properties on a credit card and then reclaim this amount from the Treasurer. The Chair and Secretary to try and obtain any additional information on any impact on the Group and review this at a later meeting.
October update: **Ongoing**
- Action 16.33:** The Chair has handwritten minutes covering a significant number of years of early Group meetings. Discussions were held as to whether these should be scanned electronically and preserved.
October update: The Chair and Secretary have established that historic minutes from Group meeting filled two small files and it was agreed to keep these as a hard copy only. **Action: Closed:**
- Action 16.35:** In order to set up electronic banking the Treasurer required a mandate from the Group giving the Treasurer permission to access and action all bank accounts electronically. The Group voted the Chair to have view only access. The Treasurer confirmed he has electronic access to the Group's bank accounts but the Chair has not received view only access.
October update: The Treasurer will chase view only access for the Chair.
Action: Ongoing
- Action 16.40:** Discussions were held about the potential of using Tottington High School as a base for the Two Crosses. VL to check and feedback to the September meeting.
October update: The Chair, Viv Lee, Dave and Alma Walsh and Caroline Tennant have visited Tottington High School to assess the facilities. They concluded that the facilities were not ideal but could be used if limited notice was given that the Laurel Centre was not operational. A quotation was requested for the required rooms. **Action: Closed**
- Action 16.42:** Caroline Tennant was to send a copy of the Two Crosses Entry Form to Hilary Scott and Gordon Stone. **Action: Closed**
- Action 16.43:** A committee is to be established for the RR50 Event and an initial meeting will be arranged before the October meeting. The Secretary to convene the meeting.
October update: Initial meeting was held before tonight's Group meeting and regular meetings will continue as required. **Action: Closed**
- Action 16.44:** VL proposed that the Group make a donation to the Laurel Centre to assist with its essential repairs. The group agreed to make a £100 donation. **Action: Closed**

Agenda Items:

3. Chair and Secretary's Update:

- 3.1 The Group's AGM will be held on Tuesday 1st November 2016. All existing committee members at the meeting agreed to stand for re-election. If any member wishes to stand for one of the committee posts please inform the Secretary prior to the AGM with the names of

a proposer and seconder, alternatively nominations for any vacant posts can be made in person at the AGM.

The IT Secretary will put notification of the AGM on the web site.

3.2 There has been a change to family memberships were each family member now has an unique membership number. Anyone requiring further information to contact the Chair.

3.3 A Timoutdoors.com website has been publishing details of our walks, along with walk leaders contact details on its web site. The Chair has contacted the site and requested them not show each walk / leader details but to provide a link to our web site.

Action 16.45: The Chair to raise this at the Local Reps meeting in November and bring a response to the December meeting.

3.4 A discussion took place about the preparedness of some walkers on group walkers with some walkers carrying only very minimal equipment.

Action 16.46: The Chair to raise this at the Local Reps meeting in November and bring a response to the December meeting.

4. Treasurer's Update:

4.1 A verbal update on the Group's financial position was provided by the Treasurer.

4.2 The Treasurer confirmed that Julie Spencer will audit the Group's accounts prior to the AGM.

5. Walks Secretary's Update:

5.1 The Walks Secretary thanked Ken Noble for organising and leading the recent Stanza Stones Walks.

5.2 He also thanked Norman Thomas, Chris Langabeer and Ian Pickup for organising and leading the Lancashire Trail walks. There was a £75 deficit from the coach hire and this will be met out of club funds.

5.3 Norman Thomas, Chris Langabeer and Ian Pickup are organising and leading four walks covering the Red Rose 50 route. These will start in May 2017 on the second Wednesday of each month.

5.4 Norman Thomas will lead his 20th Christmas Cracker on Sunday 18th December 2016. Lunch will be provided at the Bay Horse, Adlington at a cost of £5.00 per head payable in advance to Dave and Alma Walsh. All welcome.

5.5 Viv Lee will be leading two 25 mile walks in 2017 covering the Red Rose 50 route.

6. Social Secretary's Update:

6.1 Full details of all social events can be found on the website.

6.2 Norman Thomas is arranging the annual Christmas party at the Rivington Pub on Friday 9th December 2016. The cost of the three course meal is £16.95 per person. Advance payment in full with menu choices to Norman.

It had been agreed at January's meeting that a donation to the Christmas Meal would be made to all marshals who assisted in this year's Two Crosses Challenge, (cash payment on the night at the restaurant). The value of the donation to be agreed at the November meeting following presentation of the year end accounts.

7. Events Secretary's Update:

- 7.1 2 Two Crosses entries have been received.
- 7.2 The Two Crosses Marshal's Walk will be held on Wednesday 15th March 2017.
- 7.3 2 RR50 entries have been received.
- 7.4 Gordon Stone will bring publicity flyers advertising the Red Rose 50 to the AGM.

8 IT Secretary's Update:

- 8.1 All actions completed. No further update.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Members Open Forum

It was proposed that a regular spot on then Agenda would be a Member's Open Forum where information can be shared about our members, hopefully good news as well as bad. Please email any information you wish to share to the Secretary or raise at the meeting.

Terry Griffiths passed away on a recent walking holiday in Slovenia. He was cremated in Slovenia and his ashes are being scattered at Lilla Cross (Grid Ref SE889987) at noon on Sunday 30th October, followed by an informal wake at Pickering Recreation Club Mill La, Pickering YO18 7DB (GR SE797836) from about 2pm. Further detail on our website.

A memorial walk, 'Passport to Yorkshire' will be held on the 19th February 2017.

A card of condolence has been sent on behalf of all members to Terry's widow and family.

Geoffrey Waine a long standing East Lancs member of 43 years also passed away recently, no further details available.

The Membership Secretary is looking for the new address of East Lancs members Andrew and Louise Falconer. Any information to the Secretary please.

A reminder to all members that if you change your contact details please amend your details on the web site or contact the Membership secretary, Steph Carter.

The Group wished Sue Raine a speedy recovery following her recent accident.

- 9.2 Norman Thomas raised the question of whether there could be more Sunday walks of around 16 miles. After much discussion it was agreed that a shorter walk would be included in the Sunday programme for 2017 to see whether this was popular with members.

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**Date and Time of Next Meeting
Annual General Meeting**

**8pm, Tuesday 1st November 2016 at the
Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD.
Followed by a Quiz**

Sandwiches will be provided.

ALL WELCOME