

## LDWA East Lancs Group

### Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

#### **Present:**

Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Chair
Alison Wadsworth (AEW)	Secretary
David Walsh (DW)	Walks Secretary
Viv Lee (VL)	Social Secretary and Events Secretary
Hilary Scott (HS)	IT Secretary
Alma Walsh (AW)	Ordinary Member
Peter Steckles (PS)	Ordinary Member
Ken Noble (KN)	Ordinary Member
John Picton (JP)	Ordinary Member
Gordon Stone (GS)	Ordinary Member
Barbara Shelton	Peter Balshaw
Julie Spencer	Paul Raines
Caroline Tennant	Ian Hamilton
Sue Boardman	Nick Halford
Steve Clark	

**The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 20:05 and closed at 20:40.**

#### **1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

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

#### **2. Matters Arising:**

**Action 16.01:** A short protocol to be developed by PW and AEW for the receipt of donations.

**Action: On-going**

**Action 16.03:** VL had been in discussions with Neil re the Kent 100. No update yet as to the location of the breakfast stop. **Action: On-going**

**Action 16.05:** The following items have been purchased and added to the Asset List:

- Purchase of a cross shredder to comply with Data Protection legislation. **Action 16.09: Closed**
- Purchase of 50 mugs for the Two Crosses. **Action 16.10: Closed**

**Action 16.06:** The LDWA's Data Protection Officer wants to present at Group Meetings to ensure that all Groups are compliant with current DP legislation. He has been canvassed for dates but if this is not until later in the year then the Chair and Secretary will present their undersanding of the legislation and its obligations to the Group at an earlier meeting. **Action: Ongoing**

**Action 16.07:** Confirmation of cheque account signatories. **Action carried over**

**Action 16.08:** HS has updated the web site to add additional tabs. **Action: Closed**

**Action 16.11:** Andy Griffin has confirmed that there is no insurance cover for the Group's assets stored at Rochdale Scout Hut. **Action: Closed** (but see follow on action 16.14 below)

**Action 16.12:** Discussions were held as to whether donations should be made by the Group to

support local areas damaged in the recent floods, e.g. Croston, Ramsbottom. At the meeting the Group agreed that charitable and other donations will be reviewed after the Two Crosses. **Action: Carried over to April's Meeting.**

**Action 16.13:** GS brought laminated copies of a Two Crosses poster. A PDF of this would be sent to HS for inclusion on the web site. Group members are encouraged to place posters in prominent locations e.g. sports centres, libraries etc. to increase awareness of the event. **Action: Closed**

## **Agenda Items:**

### **3. Chair and Secretary's Update:**

#### **3.1 Asset List**

**Action 16.14:** PW and AEW would assess the value of assets held at the Scout Hut and obtain an insurance quotation for the cost of appropriate cover.

3.2 John Hall (junior), a long standing former member of the Group has sadly passed away, his funeral was held earlier today. The Group agreed a donation in lieu of flowers to the British Heart Foundation and offered John's family its sincere condolences.

### **4. Treasurer's Update**

4.1 Carried over in the Treasurer's absence.

### **5. Walk Secretary's Update**

5.1 DW confirmed that the May to August 2015 was full and also commented that recent Sunday walks had been better attended. Full details can be found on the website.

### **6. Social Secretary's Update**

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

### **7. Events Secretary's Update**

7.1 PW commented that only 37 entries have been received for the 2016 Two Crosses. It was felt that this was due to the poor weather but it was also noted that at the same time last year we had 41 entries and 254 entrants started the event. Previous best at this time was 71 (of 275) in 2011.

7.2 PW noted that for the first time, United Utilities require the Group to get permission from the National Trust to use its land. A formal response was awaited but this was not thought to be an issue. Paul Raines confirmed that the Scouts obtain permission for The Peelers' Hike.

7.3 VL and Caroline Tennant are producing a manual for the Two Crosses. **Action 16.15:** PW to email Caroline his manual and other relevant documents for inclusion.

7.4 VL and Kath Page will make a presentation to the Group at April's meeting on their proposal that the Group stages a 50 mile event commencing in September 2017. In the likely event that some questions raised will require further assessment then a vote by the group on the 50 mile event proposal will take place at the May meeting. All Group members are encouraged to attend.

### **8. IT Secretary's Update**

8.1 HS thanked all walk Leaders for their prompt walk reports which had been added to the web site.

## **9. Any Other Business**

9.1 None

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**The meeting concluded with a presentation by Hilary Scott on her experience as an entrant in The Nijmegen Marches.**

**Hilary was thanked for an interesting presentation.**

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**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

8pm, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at the

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

**The meeting will conclude with a presentation by Paul Wadsworth on his and Alison's experience walking the Corfu Trail.**

Sandwiches will be provided.

**ALL WELCOME**