

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 5th April 2016

Present:

Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Chair
Alison Wadsworth (AEW)	Secretary
David Walsh (DW)	Walks Secretary
Hilary Scott (HS)	IT Secretary
Viv Lee (VL)	Social and Events Secretary
Alma Walsh (AW)	Ordinary Member
Norman Thomas (NT)	Ordinary Member
Peter Steckles (PS)	Ordinary Member
Ken Noble (KN)	Ordinary Member
John Picton (JP)	Ordinary Member
Caroline Tennant (CT)	Nick Halford
Barbara Shelton	Peter Balshaw
Sue Boardman	Mike Bushby
Steve Clark	Roger Jackson
Paul Raines	Sue Raines
John Cowburn	Kath Page

Apologies:

Paul Allen (PA)	Treasurer
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The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 20:05 and closed at 22:10.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

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

2. Matters Arising:

Action 16.01: A short protocol developed by PW and AEW for the receipt of donations was circulated to all committee members for approval and adoption. One minor wording change was made following comments. The Protocol has now been adopted by the Group. **Action: Closed**

Action 16.03: VL had been in discussions with Neil and agreed that the Group will man the breakfast stop on the Kent 100 (although this may be held in conjunction with another group dependant on the number of marshalls who volunteer). VL will keep the group informed as required. **Action: Closed**

Action 16.06: The LDWA's Data Protection Officer, Chris Hedley, is trying to arrange a meeting with two to three local groups at the same meeting. Chris will contact the Secretary to confirm a date. **Action: Ongoing**

Action 16.07: Confirmation of cheque account signatories. **Action: Carried over in PA's absence**

Action 16.12: Discussions were held as to whether donations should be made by the Group to support local areas damaged by the winter floods. It was agreed that this would be discussed after the Two Crosses at April's meeting. **Action: Carried over in PA's absence to June's meeting.**

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. Andy Griffin has been contacted for information about the construction of and security arrangements at the Scout Hut.

Action: Ongoing

Action 16.16: Following recent discussions it was felt that the Group would benefit from Walk Leaders and Marshalls undergoing a first aid course including instruction on resuscitation. Viv Lee was assessing suitable options. Kath Page to send the Secretary contact details of a suitable training provider. **Action: Ongoing**

Action 16.17: Norman Thomas has attended a resuscitation course provided by an ex member of the Fire Service and will investigate its options. NT confirmed that the cost of such a course is £200 plus expenses (the instructor lives in Scunthorpe). **Action: The Secretary will assess the cost of such a course with information from 16.16 and 16.17 and update the Group at a subsequent meeting.**

Action 16.18: The LDWA's National Publicity Officer had been in contact and had asked whether local groups would consider appointing a Publicity Officer to promote awareness of the LDWA and local groups. Since March's meeting, Gordon Stone has volunteered and his nomination was proposed by Paul Wadsworth, seconded by Alison Wadsworth and agreed by the Group. The Secretary will inform Gordon and pass his details to the National Publicity Officer. **Action: Closed**

Action 16.19: The Secretary suggested that the meetings in June, July, August and September be changed to start at 7pm with a short social walk (5-6 miles) and then followed by the Meeting held in a local pub as determined by the walk leader. Family and friends would be welcomed to join the Group. Following the meeting Hilary Scott and Norman Thomas have already volunteered. Other volunteers please contact the Secretary. The summer meetings will be confirmed at May's meeting.

Action: Ongoing

Action 16.20: HS, PW and AEW to agree where 'in memorium' photographs should be placed on the web site. HS had created a new tab titled 'Members' containing Group minutes and reports and also a place for in memorium photographs. John Hall's family had been informed of this. **Action: Closed**

Agenda Items:

3. Chair and Secretary's Update:

- 3.1 The Chair and Secretary had attended the national AGM with other group members. One point raised was that Challenge Events should allow for a 2.5 mile per hour consistent walker when assessing checkpoint closing times.
- 3.2 A limited edition LDWA mug was being produced and local groups were asked if they wanted to order for their members. There was no interest expressed by the Group.

4. Treasurer's Update

- 4.1 PW delivered a verbal update on the Groups financial position as provided by the Treasurer.

5. Walk Secretary's Update

- 5.1 DW confirmed that the walks schedule had been filled until December 2016.
- 5.2 Numbers had increased on recent walks.

6. Social Secretary's Update

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

6.2 The **Two Crosses/Hundred Party will be held on Friday 10th June 2016 at the Jumbles Sailing Club, Horobin Lane, Bromley Cross, Bolton BL7 0HJ.** Please contact Viv with your buffet contributions. As agreed at January's meeting beer, wine and soft drinks will be provided by the Group to thank all marshalls for their ongoing support of the Two Crosses and 100 Challenge Events.

7. Events Secretary's Update

7.1 PW thanked all marshalls for their ongoing support to the event and confirmed that he and Alison were stepping down after six years as Events Secretary, having completed a successful handover this year to Viv Lee and Caroline Tennant.

7.2 PW updated the Group following the success of the recent Two Crosses Challenge Event, noting:

7.3 Financial Situation

- Total monies received £1,705
- Total monies spent £ 973.32
- Total Profit £ 731.68

7.4 The number of advance and on the day entrants was lower than in previous years, which could be due to the recent adverse weather conditions and/or the start of the Easter Holiday.

7.5 More requests had been received for GPX files for the routes. PW would complete this and forward to Caroline Tennant for next year's event. **Action 16.21: PW to forward to Caroline Tennant.**

7.6 More entrants wished to pay via electronic bank transfer.

7.7 Mountain Rescue collection tins had been placed at the Laurel Centre and CP4 but received limited donations. The Group agreed to make a donation of £45.00 to Bolton Mountain Rescue Team. **Action 16.22: PW to action.**

7.8 The National Trust had given permission to access its land on part of the Two Crosses Circuit. It had suggested a donation from the Group. It was agreed to make a £25.00 donation. **Action 16.23: PW to action.**

7.9 PW has given VL and CT an Operating manual for the Two Crosses and they are going to update this by collecting further information from other marshalls. The manual will then be placed on the web site. **Action 16.24: VL and CT to update the Two Crosses Operating Manual and forward to HS for inclusion on the web site.**

7.10 Barbara Shelton, on behalf of the Group, proposed a vote of thanks to PW and AEW for their management of the Two Crosses over the last six years.

8. IT Secretary's Update

8.1 HS had updated the web site, All walk reports are now under one tab instead of having a separate Plodders Section. A new 'Members' tab had been added which contained relevant Member information e.g. Group meeting agendas and minutes, etc.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 The next meeting will be held at the Jumbles Sailing Club, to allow Group members the chance to see the suggested start/finish location of the proposed 50 mile event.

10. The Red Rose 50 Challenge Event Proposal

Viv Lee presented her document entitled 'The Red Rose 50 Mile Event' outlining the reasons why she believes the Group should hold this challenge event. The proposal included the following:

- HQ location and information
- Proposed car parking arrangements
- Checkpoint information, including opening and closing times
- Outline costings including breakeven number of entrants
- Marshalling requirements

Kath Page and John Cowburn displayed and walked the Group through the proposed 50 mile route which is based on parts of the The Red Rose 100 and the Two Crosses Challenge Event.

Discussion took place with the following points being debated:

- Whether there would be a 27 mile option as well as the 50 mile route
- Whether 50 mile entrants could be prioritised over 27 mile entrants
- The proposed date and its proximity to the long established Bullock Smithy
- Location of other existing and future 100 qualifiers
- The process for being included as a qualifier for future LDWA 100 events
- Use of SPORTIdent for entries
- Use of Jumbles Sailing Club as headquarters including provision and proximity of car parking
- Predicted entry numbers and entry fees
- Use of village halls for the majority of checkpoints

The following actions were recorded:

1. PW to provide costs of badges, printing and associated other costs from the Two Crosses
2. VL to include the above costs and update her outline financial proposal
3. VL to provide an updated outline of the number of marshalls required based on running either a 50 mile event or a 50 / 27 mile event
4. Kath Page to provide a tour of the Jumbles Sailing Club facilities at 7.30pm for interested Group members

At May's Meeting Primary Members of the Group would be asked to vote on the following motions:

Motion One:

Does the Group support the establishment of a 50 mile challenge event in September 2017?

It was agreed that in the event that the 50 mile event was supported, the Group would then vote again on whether to include a 27 mile option:

Motion Two:

Does the Group then support the establishment of a 27 mile option?

Date and Time of Next Meeting (note change of location)

7.30pm Tour of Jumbles Sailing Club Facilities (optional)

Meeting starts 8pm, Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at the
Jumbles Sailing Club, Horobin Lane, Bromley Cross, Bolton BL7 0HJ

The meeting will conclude with an updated presentation/questions and answers by Viv Lee and Kath Page on their proposal that the Group stage a 50 mile challenge event commencing in September 2017.

Primary Group Members will then vote on the agreed Motions.

Sandwiches will be provided.

ALL WELCOME