

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 12th December 2017

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

Present:

Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Chair
Alison Wadsworth (AEW)	Secretary
David Walsh (DW)	Walks Secretary
Viv Lee (VL)	Social and Events Secretary
Alma Walsh (AW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Ken Noble	Ordinary Committee Member
Gordon Stone	Publicity Officer
Caroline Tennant (CT)	Nick Halford
Barbara Shelton	Alf Short

Apologies:

Hilary Scott	Paul Allen
Sue Boardman	Steve Clarke
Peter Steckles	Roger Jackson
Sue Raine	

The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 8.04pm and closed at 9.35pm.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

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

2. Matters Arising:

All actions arising in 2016/17 were closed at October's meeting with the exception of actions surrounding the Red Rose 50 which were discussed at December's meeting.

Agenda Items:

3. Chair and Secretary's Update:

3.1 Group Reps Meeting Overview:

The LDWA's Group Reps Weekend was held on 10-12 November at Hawes, the Chair and Secretary attended on Sunday only with travelling expenses reimbursed by the NEC. The Chair updated the Group on relevant discussion points arising from the meeting as follows:

- The NEC is taking legal advice on the LDWA's Constitution and Articles of Association
- Local Groups must obtain name, address and emergency contact details for non-members who participate in advertised Group walks. This is to ensure that the current third party insurance provided by the Group covers non-members.
Action 18.01: The Chair and Walks Secretary to agree a pro forma for implementation in January 2018.
Action: Ongoing
- A LDWA Group Chair was called to give evidence in Coroner's Court following a recent incident. This puts a greater onus on ensuring that our Group has relevant

policies and procedures in place to ensure the safety and welfare of Group members, marshals and entrants especially on its Challenge Events.

- New legislation on Data Protection comes into force in May 2018 and policies and procedures will need to be updated and implemented to ensure the Group remains compliant. Some NEC members have attended training with further guidance expected soon.
- The relevance of the above to the future of the Red Rose 50 is included as an introduction in the attached slide presentation used to lead the discussion on the future of the Red Rose 50.

Future of the Red Rose 50:

- The Chair produced a presentation (see attached slides) which summarised the issues arising from the inaugural event as follows:
- At the October meeting it was agreed that a number of key roles would need to be filled before the Group could vote on whether to hold a further RR50 event. The attached slide 4 names the volunteers who agreed to assist with managing the event. The following slide shows the proposed RR50 Committee which was agreed by the Group at this meeting.
- A discussion was held around various issues relating to the Committee and also the Group's ability and commitment to running a 2018 event. A vote was then held as to whether the Group should run a Red Rose 50 Challenge Event in September 2018. This was agreed unanimously. It was further agreed that there would be no 28 mile route option.
- The Chair stated that the RR50 Committee would report to the Group at the monthly meetings. It was noted that if there was a shortage of volunteers to run the event successfully and safely then the Group may have to cancel the Event.
- Next Steps:
There will be a meeting of all RR50 Committee members at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th January 2018, at Sackgasse, Shawes Drive, Anderton PR6 9HR.
- Alf Short raised the issue of a clash with Open to Offas, a 30 mile challenge event held by Mersey Strider. This clash was also on the agenda of the Group Reps meeting where a full and frank discussion took place. The Events Secretary confirmed that the RR50 would take place on the weekend of the 15/16 September 2018. This date was chosen due to availability of checkpoints and headquarters for the weekend.
Action RR18.01: Gordon Stone as RR50 Co-ordinator to contact the organisers of Open To Offas to discuss the situation.
Post Meeting Note: Gordon Stone has contacted Open to Offas who confirmed that in 2018 there will be no clash with our Red Rose 50. **Action: Closed**
- The Checkpoint Co-ordinators would determine the fastest/slowest mph for entrants and use this to determine opening and closing times of checkpoints.
Action RR 18.02: Checkpoint Co-ordinators to feedback.
Action: Ongoing
- The Route Master would apply for all necessary permissions to hold the Event. The Secretary to forward all documents from Kath Page to him.
Action RR18.03: The Secretary to forward all relevant 2017 RR50 documents to the Route Master.
Action: Ongoing
- **Action RR18.04:** The RR50 Co-ordinator to book the Jumbles Sailing Club as the HQ for the RR50.

Action: Ongoing

- Village Halls need to be booked and secured with a deposit.
Action RR18.05: CP Co-ordinators to liaise with the Route Master and commence booking appropriate Village Halls.

Action: Ongoing

- The Secretary will produce a draft article for Strider re the RR50 this would include the results of the 2017 survey, the actions the Group is taking to mitigate any adverse comments and the Group's decision to run a further event in 2018.

Action RR18.06: The Secretary to produce a draft report to be agreed by the RR Committee at its meeting on 9th January 2018.

Action: Ongoing

- The Group agreed that the profit made by the 2017 RR50 would be considered part of the Group's main bank account.

Action RR18.07: The Treasurer to move the 2017 RR50 Profit to the Group's savings account.

Action: Ongoing

4. Treasurer's Update:

- 4.1 No update given in the Treasurer's absence.

5. Event Secretary's Update:

5.1 Two Crosses Event

- CT reported that 39 entries had been received to date, which is an increase on the previous year.
- All relevant permissions have been received.
- A walk recce had been undertaken, a dodgy stile had been reported.
- Caroline has sourced a replacement Emergency Mobile for use on future Challenge Events. This has been topped up with £10 credit.

6. Walks Secretary's Update:

- 6.1 The Walks Secretary reported that the May to August 2018 walks calendar had been filled and thanked all walk leaders for volunteering with a reminder that walk details are required by mid January 2018,.

7. Social Secretary's Update:

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

8. IT Secretary's Update:

- 8.1 No update given in the IT Secretary's absence.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Member's Open Forum:

Derek Magnall has been in contact with Barbara Shelton and sends his best wishes to all.

The Group sent its best wishes for a speedy recovery to both Steve Clarke who had shoulder surgery earlier today and Paul Wadsworth who is scheduled to have bilateral hernia surgery tomorrow.

Post Meeting Note: As at 29th December, Paul's recovery going well but slow with a

hospital review on 15th January 2018.

9.2 It was agreed that sandwiches will be provided at meetings in 2018.

9.3 Due to a large number of apologies there will be no Group meeting in January 2018. The next meeting will be Tuesday 6th February 2018.

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The Chair, Secretary and Committee sends its very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year to all members and their families.

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Date and Time of Next Meeting

8pm, on Tuesday, 6th February 2018

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

Sandwiches will be provided.

ALL WELCOME