

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 6th October 2020

A Zoom meeting hosted by Gordon Stone.

Present:

Hilary Scott (HS)	Chair / IT Secretary
Roger Jackson (RJ)	Secretary
David Walsh (DW)	Walks Secretary
Caroline Tennant (CT)	Events Secretary
Pauline Melia (PM)	Ordinary Committee Member
Gordon Stone (GS)	Ordinary Committee Member (Host)
Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Alma Walsh (AW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Nick Halford (NH)	Ordinary Committee Member

Apologies:

Paul Allen	Treasurer
Viv Lee	Social Secretary

The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 8.00 pm and closed at 09.15 pm.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Prior to this meeting the point was raised that the minutes for the August meeting implied that the Treasurer was present and gave an update on the group's financial position. He was in fact not at the meeting himself but had previously sent the update to HS who presented them to the meeting. The meeting agreed to accept the August minutes subject to the above correction.

2. Matters Arising:

20.04 Plaque for Redisher Woods' (19.01 re-opened)

Following the completion of the work to improve the Redisher Woods'. steps, which East Lancashire LDWA Group, funded together with Long Distance Walker's Association, the Ramblers and Bury Council, HS has investigated the possibility of having a commemorative plaque. The cost would be around £20 which the group meeting agreed East Lancs would pay. Suggested wording for Redisher Wood signpost **'2020, Redisher Wood Staircase, Footpath improvement funded by the Long Distance Walker's Association , it's East Lancashire Group, The Ramblers and Bury Council '.Action: HS to progress. Ongoing**

3 Chair and Secretary Update:

There is not really a lot to say. As you know social walking has been cancelled due to the local lockdowns. Thanks to all who are keeping the group ticking over in various ways.

4 Treasurer's Update

The Treasurer sent his apologies for not attending and also an update on the group's financial position to HS, prior to the meeting, which she read out. The group continues to hold a healthy balance even considering recent commitments honoured which included our £1000 contribution to the LDWA IT development fund. He is currently preparing the annual accounts, which Julie Spencer has again agreed to audit.

5 Event Secretary's Update:

The Two Crosses is now advertised on the LDWA website and is available on SI-entries for Pre-Selection List Entry , which means we do not take any money at this stage then can request payment when confident the event will go ahead. CT is keeping all the details as non-comital as she can for the time being .

There was a suggestion we should investigate the possibility of running the event in September , as a backup plan , in case it is not viable in March. This was generally accepted as being a good idea.

6 Walks Secretary's Update:

All walks are now suspended until further notice. Any walks that were on Future Events have been cancelled. In view of severe lockdown in Bolton & surrounding boroughs walks will probably remain cancelled for some time. NEC have recently advised (October 5 th) that the NEC delivery plan must be carried on all walks.

7 Social Secretary's Update:

Viv sent her apologies for not making the meeting and gave RJ a brief update, which he presented.

Ghyll Head – Venue is available but no decision yet on viability in current circumstances.

New Year Neuadd Arms – Viv has not spoken to Neuadd arms recently regarding New Year, but the November Real Ale Amble has already been cancelled.

Old Vicarage Ambleside – Optimistic this may go ahead currently open with Covid – 19 precautions in place. Though finding venues to eat for the party could prove difficult.

8 IT Secretary's Update:

There are some Ad Hoc walk reports on the website. Gordon has sent a report of a walk he has done. No postings on Face Book due to a lack of material.

9 Pastoral Care

Alma is still keeping in regular touch with various members & all is well.

10 Publicity

Due to the current situation no new developments on publicity front

11 2020 AGM Discussion

It was confirmed that, due to Coronavirus restrictions the AGM will be a Zoom meeting.

The following Officers confirmed that they would like to stand for re-election.

Hilary Scott - Chair and IT Secretary , Roger Jackson - Secretary

Paul Allen - Treasurer , Caroline Tennant - Events Secretary

Viv Lee - Social Secretary , Pauline Melia - Ordinary Committee Member

Gordon Stone - Ordinary Committee Member , Alma Walsh - Ordinary Committee Member

Paul Wadsworth - Ordinary Committee Member , Nick Halford - Ordinary Committee Member

Dave Walsh is standing down as Walks Secretary but is putting himself forward as an Ordinary Committee Member. Nick Halford , currently an Ordinary Committee Member , has put himself forward to take on the role of Walks Secretary , he was nominated at the meeting by Roger Jackson and seconded by Caroline Tennant. We do currently have a further Ordinary Committee Member role available without nominations to date.

Further Nominations for Officers and Ordinary Committee Members, who must be members of the Group, should be received by the Secretary no later than two weeks before the Annual General Meeting. A nomination shall include the names of the proposer and seconder and the nominee's agreement to stand. Further nominations for those posts for which nominations have not been received may be taken at the Annual General Meeting.

Members wishing to attend the Zoom meeting should contact Gordon Stone who is hosting. Gordon will answer questions and provide assistance. He will start the technical links at 7.45 pm and support people joining.

12 AOB

None

13 Next Meeting

AGM November 3rd Zoom Meeting

