

**LDWA East Lancs Group**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 5th May 2021**

**A Zoom meeting hosted by Gordon Stone.**

**Present:**

Hilary Scott (HS)	Chair / IT Secretary
Roger Jackson (RJ)	Secretary
Nick Halford (NH)	Walks 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
Dave Walsh (DW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Mike Bushby (MB)	Ordinary Committee Member

**Apologies:**

Paul Allen (PA)	Treasurer
Viv Lee (VL)	Social Secretary
Caroline Tennant (CT)	Events Secretary

**The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 8.00 pm and closed at 08.40 pm.**

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

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

**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** '.**January 2021 Update:** HS now has the plaque and will arrange for it to be placed on the designated post after this lockdown finishes. **March Update:** HS has contacted John Thomson who has **agreed to put up the plaque** , date and time to be arranged when possible under Covid 19 restrictions. **May Update:** John Thompson has now attached the plaque , Dave Chadwick and The Ramblers are aware and apparently the steps are being well used , though have not yet been stoned. **Closed**

### **3 Chair and Secretary Update:**

As you all know we have restarted the Social Walking Programme. Thanks to all those who have volunteered to lead walks. There are also a number of Anytime Challenges open to LDWA members to take part in. It remains to be seen how long it takes the club to get back to normal and how it may affect the numbers walking.

Thanks to Dave and Alma who organised a quiz in March and to Gordon for hosting it.

### **4 Treasurers Report**

Paul sent his apologies for not attending and forwarded the following report to HS/RJ which RJ read out at the meeting.

The Account continues to hold a healthy balance. There is one Welsh 100 refund cheque still to be cashed.

As agreed the balance in Red Rose Account has been moved to the Savings Account and the Red Rose Account closed.

### **5 Events Secretary**

There is no point in booking next years Two Crosses Event until it is clear that Covid restrictions are lifted and Events can go ahead as normal.

The route has been reccied to see if the Entwistle logging has affected the paths used.

### **6 Walks Secretary's Update:**

We asked for walk leaders to the end of August, 8 Sundays and 8 Wednesdays were booked, including plodders, thank you to all who responded.

In future will ask in 3 month tranches, so 1st June will ask for Sept/Oct/Nov - an Autumn programme, then obviously Winter, Spring etc.

The message for all is to keep checking the website for new walks put on, and to see which days need to be filled.

### **7 Social Secretary's Update:**

Monies for the Longtown trip have now been returned to participating members. There are some trips that have been rolled over but nothing new can be booked until we are sure all Covid Restrictions are lifted.

**8 IT Secretary's Update:**

Reports from the Social Walks, that have taken place, are now on the website. There are more postings on Facebook as well.

**9 Pastoral Care**

Not a lot to report. Alma will be reducing her contacts with members as the club has now commenced its Walks Programme therefore enabling people to meet up on Social walks.

**10 Publicity**

Pauline has made contact with Wigan and Leigh College, about reaching out to activity groups in the borough, also .posted on the Civil Service and HMRC intranet sites and sent business cards to Whalley Warm and Dry to see if they will put some in boxes when people buy boots.

She requested if we could order another 250 business cards which was unanimously approved at the meeting.

**11 Inclusion and Diversity**

Julian White's email on the LDWA's business plan for 'Inclusion and Diversity' had been circulated prior to the group meeting. HS gave a brief summary highlighting that the NEC was looking for more involvement from Local Group members. There followed a brief concussion and it was then left to individuals to consider if they wished to be involved.

**12 AOB**

None

**13 Next Meeting**

July 6th Will be an actual meeting if possible , if not a Zoom one. **Action:** RJ to contact Doffcocker to see if possible to hold meeting there.

