

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 7th September 2021
at the Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD.

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Present:

Hilary Scott (HS)	Chair / IT Secretary
Roger Jackson (RJ)	Secretary
Viv Lee (VL)	Social Secretary
Caroline Tennent (CT)	Events Secretary
Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Pauline Melia (PM)	Ordinary Committee Member
Alma Walsh (AW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Dave Walsh (DW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Steve Clark (SC)	Sue Boardman (SB)
Tony Clark (TC)	

Apologies:

Nick Halford (NH)	Walks Secretary
Barbara Shelton (BS)	

The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 8.00 pm and closed at 09.20 pm.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

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

2. Matters Arising:

None

3 Chair and Secretary Update:

There is not a lot to report. The walks programme is ticking along., the Two Crosses is booked in. Other points will be discussed later in the meeting.

4 Treasurers Report

The treasurer didn't provide us an update but to the best of our knowledge the club finances remain in good health.

5 Events Secretary

The date of the 2022 Two Crosses is 20th March. VL has booked hall and car parks. Event is now on the LDWA website. Ready to put on SI entries. Slight delay as Tim Glenn was on holiday and we wanted it on LDWA before SI, but will be on in the next few days. SI initially for info only, no bookings until a bit closer to the time.

Basically, we have done as much as we can for now and future preparations are in hand.

Post meeting CT provided the update that she has now opened SI entries up for bookings.

6 Walks Secretary's Update:

Nick had sent his apologies as he could not make the meeting and sent his report to HS who read it out.

Statistics: almost all proposed walk dates filled since the last meeting. Walks themselves: 5 Sundays average 11 walkers, 3 Wednesdays average 9, and 1 Saturday with 8. NH will advertise dates for a winter walking programme shortly and advise that everyone keeps checking the website for walk dates and details.

NH is trying to keep a GPX file record of all social walks which are then recorded on the walks database. If he is on the walk then he will use that file. Please could committee members help with this if he is not on the walk but remember to ask permission from the leader.

As part of this report, there was a discussion about using the database for our walk reports and photos. It was decided to leave it in the format as it is for easy access to them.

Christmas Cracker - Norman is planning to do a shortened version on December 19th, probably finishing at the lunchtime stop, it will be his 25th running of the event.

7 Social Secretary's Update.

Things now picking up, Viv hi-lighted the following upcoming events

2021

26-11-2021 to 29-11-2021 Neuadd Arms Real Ale Ramble	Full
13-12-2021 to 17-12-2021 Ghyll Head Walking in Lakes	Full
29-12-2021 to 02/01/2022 Neuadd Arms New Year	3 rooms left

2022

21-01-2022 to 24-01-2022 Old Vicarage Ambleside Walking in South Lakes

Please book directly with the Old Vivcarage

25-02-2022 to 04-03-2022 Hazelwood House, Keswick, walks in North Lakes. **Full**

02/06/2022 - 06-02-2022 LDWA 100 2022 (Breakfast Check Point)

Accommodation at St Michaels Hathersage , free 03/06/2022 - 05/06/2022 , With option of booking 02/06/2022 and 06/06/2022 cost £26 per person per night helpers required **4 places left.**

- 8 All walk reports are up to date. HS is still posting on FaceBook. There is an issue with two of the committee LDWA emails , this has been reported, one for the second time, so we will see what happens.

9 Pastoral Care

The active member who was in hospital has had his operation and is now at home recovering. Four of us represented the club at the funeral of Steve Baker who was an active member of the club until the start of the pandemic.

10 Publicity

Pauline gave us an update which led to a general discussion how we may allow new/potential members an opportunity to meet current members and find out about the group.

CT put forward the suggestion that we could run a series of relatively shorter walks that would either have a stop at a cafe or one at the end of the walk for a brew. She already has five walks, that she could lead, that are 90% ready to go. (Great Hill, Winter Hill, Peel Tower, Cuerden Valley, Yarrow Valley) As well as the leader it would require some current members to attend in order to share their love and knowledge of the LDWA These walks could probably be held, as an alternative to the longer walk , one Sunday every two months All current members would obviously be welcome but walks would also be suitable for people that don't have a full day to walk, or just fancy something a little shorter than normal. Just because we are Long distance walkers, doesn't exclude us from doing something shorter in addition to as our programme of longer walks. Even if we don't get any new members, the current members could still enjoy an extra walk out.

We could advertise the walks using the 'meet up' App, as well as our website and Facebook etc. **Action:** CT to investigate practicalities of using 'meet up'.

12 Donation in memory of Steve Baker

It was agreed that we donate £100 to the Alzheimer's Society in Steve Baker's memory.

13 LDWA 50th Anniversary Celebration.

VL has been looking into the possibility of a weekend trip to Llandudno with 'Alfa Travel' as part of the LDWA 50th anniversary celebrations. We did a similar trip a few years ago which proved very popular. Twenty Six people have expressed interest so far however we do need a few more to make it viable. **Action:** RJ to send out bulk email publicising the event.

14 Next Meeting

November 2nd AGM **Action:** RJ to contact Doffcocker to discuss.

