

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 7th June 2022

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

Present:

Hilary Scott (HS)	Chair / IT Secretary
Roger Jackson (RJ)	Secretary
Caroline Tennant (CT)	Events Secretary
Viv Lee (VL)	Social Secretary
Nick Halford (NH)	Walks Secretary
Alma Walsh	Ordinary Committee Member
Pauline Melia (PM)	Ordinary Committee Member
Dave Walsh (DW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Paul Banks (PB)	Ordinary Committee Member
Jeanette Banks (JB)	Ordinary Committee Member
Phil Chapman (PC)	Paul Raine (PR)
Barbara Shelton (BS)	

Apologies:

Gordon Stone (GS)	Ordinary Committee Member
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The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 8.00 pm and closed at 9.30 pm.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

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

2. Matters Arising:

22.04 Dog Tags

Jane Hill had sent her apologies as she could not make the meeting but had previously offered to order some more Dog tags if there was a demand.

We decided in principle to fund a new round for new members or those whose medical prescription has changed. But, we are going to wait about 3 months to see how many new people actually join up and thus are eligible. April Update: We agreed to wait a couple more months before doing a repeat order. **June Update: The meeting decided to proceed A.S.A.P. and offer dog tags to any Primary Member without one or needing a replacement. Action: HS to contact JH. Ongoing**

22.05 Suggested Future Expenditure

We had a sort discussion on ideas for future expenditure for the group.

VL suggested we look at doing some further improvements to our Two Crosses route in the Redshire Wood area. The meeting agreed to her to start looking into this.

Viv was also looking for a couple of things for the Batridge Barn checkpoint, a new folding table to replace the old wooden one, also four more tow ropes to help secure the tent, it was agreed she could go ahead with these purchases.

AG recommended some new signs, for Checkpoint Two to make crossing the main road safer for the entrants, and brought some rough costings to the meeting. We agreed Andy should follow this up with a more detailed proposal. **June Update: VL and CT have had a meeting with Dave Chadwick , the next section of work including a sign and Kissing Gate (replacing and old stile), will cost £2150.0. The meeting agreed that East Lancs are willing to make a contribution towards this but we will first see what other organizations are willing to offer, then consider how much we will commit to pay. We agreed to ask the LDWA NEC for £1000 but any contribution from them would be welcome, and also ask Ramblers and Bury council what they are willing to give towards the cost We also confirmed that East Lancs should not be responsible for ongoing maintenance. Action: CT to dig out previous correspondence and VL to contact other organizations. Ongoing**

22.06 Future Direction

There was a brief discussion on how we could encourage more people to come forward to take on committee positions in the future, particularly relevant as Chair and Secretary are stepping down this November.

Not a lot decided , but it was agreed we need initially a clear and concise description of duties each role would involve, to be readily available. **June Update: HS and RJ gave a brief update of the minimum requirements for the Club Chairman and Secretary roles, though emphasizing, any other responsibilities, taken on, were up to the individual concerned. A brief discussion followed but no clear conclusions reached . RJ and HS confirmed they are always open to any questions re the roles should anyone wish to discuss them. Closed**

3 Chair and Secretary Update:

Most of us here are still recovering from the 100 weekend, Many congratulations to all those who completed, well done too to those who entered even if you did not finish. It takes guts just to enter a 100. East Lancs manned a busy breakfast stop. It was not without its challenges the facilities and food expected. We have received thanks from Jane Guest of the 100 organizing committee. We have also received thanks from the Treasurer of the LDWA, John Elnik , for our donation towards the IT fund from the Two Crosses event.

This month sees the big walk over the weekend 17-19 June to celebrate the LDWA's 50 birthday. I hope as many of our members as possible will attend at least one of our 3 walks.

June also sees the Two Crosses Party, a chance to relax chat and eat with friends. Fingers crossed for a nice warm evening.

So thank you all for your efforts and lets keep doing what we do well.

4 Treasurers Report

Paul was not at the meeting and had not been in contact but we believe that the Group Account continues to hold a healthy balance. This was confirmed by Paul post meeting.

The meeting had previously agreed that Caroline Tennant would replace Paul Wadsworth as bank account signatory, the appropriate forms have been completed and submitted but no confirmation from Paul as yet. Again post meeting Paul has confirmed the mandate has been amended as per the request.

5 Events Secretary

Two Crosses update

2023 Two Crosses booked for 12th March 2023. Greenmount Centre booked.

New protocol written for dealing with late running entrants. In brief, there will now be cut off times at all checkpoints from 4 onwards and entrants will be taken back by marshals or the body wagon.

Event Handbook being updated, including the protocol, and will be stored on the group website.

Group Assets List being updated, following event purchases, also to be stored on the website.

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6 Walks Secretary's Update:

Nick reported the Summer Programme now in progress, leaders have been slightly slower to come forward with Wednesday 24th July and Sunday 28th August still to fill

7 Social Secretary's Update.

Recently back from successfully providing the breakfast Check Point for the LDWA TP 100 , at Hathersage.

Viv hi-lighted the following upcoming events

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| .19/06/2022 | Ramsbottom Round - Peel Tower Holcombe Hill charity event for Motor Neurone Disease and Multiple Sclerosis Trust. Pop up cafe at the Tower, any cake or jams welcome, plus climb the tower for a fantastic view, please phone Viv Lee to volunteer if you wish to help on the day. |
| 25/06/2022 | Two Crosses Party at Hilary Scott's. Please contact Hilary to attend. As usual this will be a bring a dish night, beer and wine will be provided by the club. |
| 31/10/2022 to 04/11/2022 | Hydro Hotel Llandudno LDWA 50 th Anniversary Celebrations. 2 days led walks. |
| 25/11/2022 to 27/11/2022 | Real Ale Ramble Neuadd Arms Hotel Llanwrtyd ,Wells 12 people booked so far. Book directly with the hotel Tel: 01591610236 and state you are with East Lancs LDWA and then Please contact Viv Lee. |
| 05/12/2022 to 09/12/2022 | Ghyll Head Full but there is a Reserve List |
| 11/12/2022 | 'Norman's' Christmas Cracker walk plus meal at Rivington Tea rooms 1.30 pm. Cost £20 pp. The walk will set off at 9.00.am from avenue leading up to the Top Barn Rivington. |
| 29/12/2022 to 02/01/2023 | New Year Neuadd Arms Llanwrtyd Wells 14 booked to date |
| 20/01/2023 to 24/01/2023 | Old Vicarage Ambleside Walking in South Lakes Please book directly, by September 2022, with the Old Vivcarage and inform Viv Lee. (14 people booked to date) |

26/05/2023 to 02/06/2023 LDWA 100 2023 West Midlands Breakfast Check Point
Staying at Knightcote Farm Cottages three cottages reserved so far (another is available to book) so please contact Viv on 017068244074 if you are interested . Cost £245.00 pp , also a small food kitty will be required, Viv will do the usual catering. 20 people booked to date.

09/06/2023 to 16/06/2023 Keswick / Hazelwood House, 1 weeks self catering, led walks each day some meals in plus a couple of pub meals and the option of a night out in the Lakeside Theatre. The house sleeps eighteen people. Cost £124, Please send cheque to Neil Smith to confirm your room.

8 IT Secretary Update

All walk reports and pictures, that have been provided, are on the website. .There are a couple of gaps, it is up to the leaders if they wish to deal with this. Facebook remains popular and I try to post about 3/4 times a week. Any extra photos or snippets to put on there would be gratefully received.

9 Pastoral Care Update

Nothing new to report

10 Publicity Update

PM to represent East Lancs at Greenmount School open day on 25/6/2022 which showcases various groups (include walking ones) doing presentations / displays. She has got some flyers, leaflets etc., already but has contacted Julian White for some more items that we can display.

Pauline has also looked into us advertising in a local Bury magazine , but it proved much too costly to go ahead.

11 AOB

11.1 Certificate for LDWA 50 Celebrations

Karen Pickersgill sent us a sample certificate, designed by the NEC with the suggestion we hand it out to all people attending our groups LDWA 50 anniversary celebration events. The meeting agreed this was a good idea. **Action : CT to look into printing off certificates.**

11.2

New East Lancs Banner

As the old one is a bit shabby now, VL suggested we look into getting a new East Lancs Banner following the example, set by our new Naughty Corner one. **Action: CT / VL to provide requirement details , RJ to contact GS.**

Next Meeting

August 2nd 2022

Action: RJ to contact Doffcocker to discuss.