

**LDWA East Lancs Group**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 4th October 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
Gordon Stone (GS)	Ordinary Committee Member
Jeanette Banks (JB)	Ordinary Committee Member
Paul Raine (PR)	Steve Clark (SC)
Sue Boardman (SB)	

**Apologies:**

Paul Allen	Treasurer
Andy Griffin (AG)	

**The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 8.00 pm and closed at 9.20 pm.**

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

The Minutes were accepted as a true record of the August 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. August Update: Dog Tags now ready for everyone who requested them. They are available to be picked up at walks or group meetings. Closed. **Reopened October Update: Since realised one more to go out and two more to order , otherwise finished. Closed.**

## 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 Redishirer 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. August Update: AG has researched the road signs on Amazon and provided pictures for the meeting. The signs are road legal and cost £44.99 each. The meeting agreed to order four signs. HS to ask Andy if he is happy to progress the order , if not CT is will do it. The ropes have been purchased and CT has offered a table for free. Redishire Wood - The NEC have agreed to pay £1000 towards the work and post meeting the Ramblers have also agreed to contribute. Action VL to progress with Dave Chadwick. Ongoing **October Update: Next Redishirer Wood section to cost £2150.00 plus a little extra amount, for a small bridge, to be split between East Lancs , LDWA NEC , Ramblers and Bury Council. EL has agreed to pay a maximum of £500.00. Viv Lee has contacted Dave Chadwick who is still waiting to confirm the start date. AG has confirmed he will have organised the new road signs prior to the Two Crosses 2023. Also VL has purchased some small lanterns in addition to the ropes mentioned earlier. Ongoing.**

## **22.09 East Lancs 40<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Next January is the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. There was a short discussion on what we could do to celebrate the occasion. We decided to firstly raise a glass during our January Ambleside trip and in the February walks program include a repeat of our first ever walk the 'Edenfield Round'. **Action: RJ and PA to work together to recreate the route.**  
**October Update: No progress RJ to contact PA.**

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

It has been a quiet couple of months but the social walks have been well attended in the main. The Two Crosses is open for entries with 46 booked on already.

Thanks to all those who are supporting the club.

## **4 Treasurers Report**

Paul sent his apologies for not making the meeting, but sent us an update of the groups financial position which RJ read out.

Recent movement - £1000 transferred from Savings Account to Current Account.

Two cheques for £396 recently paid into Savings Account. Also, recent payment of Ghyll Head deposit paid (£1036.80) - these recent transactions not yet showing on internet banking.

Donation from LDWA for Redisher (£1000) still outstanding - account details sent to John Elrick.

Again he confirmed the group continues to hold a healthy balance.

## **5 Events Secretary**

Two Crosses 2023 - Oct 2022 update

Two crosses now listed on the LDWA Challenge Events.

Also now listed on SI entries and entries are now open.

Changes for 2023 - Price increase of £1 to £11/ £16. Transfers now permitted.

All permission applications ready to submit in November.

Entries so far - 46. (no comparable stats, but a good number)

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

Basically things going ok but quite a few leaders required for the winter program.

The meeting agreed we should look at offering some mentoring for potential new walk leaders perhaps including navigation training.

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### Social Secretary's Update.

Viv hi-lighted the following upcoming events

- 31/10/2022 to 04/11/2022 Hydro Hotel Llandudno LDWA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. 2 days led walks. Most payments for this are now in.
- 25/11/2022 to 27/11/2022 Real Ale Ramble Neuadd Arms Hotel Llanwtryd ,Wells 12 people booked..
- 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 Bookings for the tea room now closed. The walk will set off at 9.00.am from the avenue leading up to the Top Barn Rivington.
- 29/12/2022 to 02/01/2023 New Year Neuadd Arms Llanwtryd 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 Vicarage 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, if you haven't already.

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### IT Secretary Update

The website is up to date. I've continued to post on FaceBook which I think has helped with the Crosses entries. Thanks to all walk leaders who have sent reports and pictures.

**9 Pastoral Care Update**

Nothing new to report this month. Also we agreed as we are all now meeting regularly again there is no longer the same need for this role so it will not be continued. Many thanks to Alma for all her efforts.

**10 Publicity Update**

Pauline has been looking in ordering some East Lancs customized merchandise. Following a short discussion we agreed to order a small selection of customized merchandise on '[customsportskit.co.uk](http://customsportskit.co.uk)' website to trial their service and quality.

**12 AOB**

**12.1 Groups Representatives Meeting**

Pauline and Jeanette have volunteered to represent East Lancs this year. We had a short discussion about points they may raise , but no particular suggestions made.

**13 Next Meeting**

**November 8 th AGM**

**Action: RJ to contact Doffcocker to discuss.**

