

Essex & Herts LDWA

Draft Notes from Committee Meeting on 29th Sept 2022 at Lorna Doone, Galleywood, 10.30am
Approved at the Committee Meeting held on 09/03/2023

Apologies for absence: RH, PH,

- **Approve minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 30th June 2022 at Ashfield Carriage Driving and Polo Club, Gt. Canfield.**

Proposed **JB**, Second **EO**

- **Matters arising from previous minutes**

- **JB** said that the document regarding Checkpoint etiquette was ongoing.
- **GS** said that a narrative about our products has been added to our merchandising page on the Essex & Herts website that includes a link to the PECO store.
- The dates of our challenge events have been shared with BBN, N&S and London groups .
- Sussex Stride will be on 16/17 or 23/24 Sept 2023.
- Both E&H and N&S will be holding BIENNIAL 50mile challenge events.

- **Financial report/update**

EO presented the financial report, results from TFW are not complete as yet.

Proposed **JB**, Second **GS**

- **GS** to contact Aaron Hookway ref. donation for the 2022 event.
- Some discussion regarding calculation of entry fees for Challenge Events. **EO** said that, on 100 entries to break even, she felt that, for members, we should charge £12 - £15 for marathon length challenges and £25 - £30 for 50+ mile challenges. Non-members were not discussed.
- 'Special birthdays' etc. Traditionally celebrated in the past with a cake and card but we no longer have skilled cake decorators. All agreed that they had done a wonderful job in the past.

Suggested way forward:

Card plus gift for Dave Wingrove's approaching special birthday

Proposal to AGM for cards to be sent for known significant birthdays such as 70, 80 and 90 with a small appropriate gift for 80th birthday. Cards at discretion such as Bereavement and Get Well wishes. **EO** proposed an initial budget of £250 PA

- **Social Walks**

- **Social walk program**

LB circulated the current program of walks and said that GPX files should be sent to RH.

The Walks Sheet is working well, there was some discussion as to whether the Risk

Assessment was mandatory for insurance purposes. **GS** to check the wording on our policy

Secret Santa – **LB** to check routes, there was discussion about simplifying the event by just visiting some churches to sing carols and having mince pies + Secret Santa before the start or at the end. £5/gift limit was agreed.

Walks Day 2023 – it was proposed to give it a rest for 2023 and then consider whether to run it in future.

- **Challenge Events**

- **Three Forests Way** – 119 entered, 94 starters, 78 finished. Good feedback with light hearted comments about the, unavoidable, deep ploughed fields. It was felt that, maybe, we had too many checkpoints and that the elliptical route did mean a long drive / wait for anyone needing to return to HQ, also it was felt that runners should be started later.
- **Checkpoint etiquette** – ongoing.

- **SS** – 8th Jan 2023 from St John's church, Stanstead Mountfitchet. Walkers start at 08:00, runners at 09:00. CP at Much Hadham. Route has been checked, marshal's walk on 13th Nov. support team **GS, RS, GP and PT. JB** to organize the marshals. **GS** to ask Mick Dodge if he might be available to act as sweeper from Much Hadham to the finish.
- **HH** – **GS** to check with Georgie for an update, date for the marshals and price.
- **BW** – Perhaps look for an alternative start in Blackwater area if the usual school cannot accommodate us.
- **Shotley** – Holbrook booked but Tattingstone not available. Event will be run as a figure of eight with an evening meal stop later than usual but back at Holbrook. There is clear potential to run a shorter distance as well as a 50. Event to be run by a sub-committee. Brian Adcock is currently revising the route.
- **National 100 events**
 - **EBB** – Our CP, currently, Norton Lindsey @ 50 miles, Saturday afternoon until Sunday morning. **JB** to ask for E&H volunteers, and if necessary, ask for support from another LDWA group or individuals.
- **Website** – Changes have been made and the site is looking good. **JB** to check/update our permissions to the various Admin pages.
- **Newsletter** – Due out in October but very little material received. **JB** will postpone publication until the end of the year. **JB** gave notice that she will be standing down as Newsletter editor at the AGM.
- **AGM** – 29th Jan. 2023. **JB** to issue a call for volunteers to join the committee in a future news update. All committee members present at the meeting confirmed they are willing to stand for re-election next year. **JB** to confirm Leaden Roding VH and check Aythorpe Roding as an alternative venue.
- **Banners** – **LB** presented designs but the sizes quoted to her do not suit the size of our current banner. **GS** phoned Promotional Ideas Ltd. at Rettendon, who supplied our current banner some time ago, they were very helpful. **GS** and **LB** will visit them to discuss a new banner to **LB's** design. File format must be editable and not JPEG.
- **Any other business**
LB to ask Peco about costs for a scarf.
- **Date of next meeting**
AGM - Sunday 29th Jan. 2023.