



HEART OF ENGLAND – LONG DISTANCE WALKING ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Committee Meeting 10 Via MS TEAMS internet engagement
at 7.00 pm on 09/05/2023.

In attendance:

Clive Wainwright (CW) Chair * *minutes taker*
 Michael Buckley (MB) Membership Secretary
 David Hood (DH) Group Secretary
 Neil Bromley (NB) Deputy Chair

Robin Richmond (RR) Data Officer
 Graham Jones (GJ) Walks Secretary
 Yvonne Court (YC) [Guest attendee]

Apologies:

Christine Stockton (CS) Treasurer

Circulation

All above plus Group Membership (and via web site)

Item	Description	Action/date
10.	*	
10.1.	Introductions & apologies	
10.1.1.	Guest attendee - Yvonne, Welcome & thank you for your attendance & any input & to see how the committee discusses issues for the HoE members.	Note
10.2.	Approval of previous minutes 09 (14th March 2023)	
10.2.1.	The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting with no amendments noted.	Note
10.2.2.	Proposed by GJ	Note
10.2.3.	Seconded by NB	Note
10.3.	Matters arising (internal or external with Committee)	
10.3.1.	MMM = Lessons learnt or any other comment: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Around the table all thought the holding of the event went well & a success. ● Notably each checkpoint being autonomous in food and delivery - shall keep to this arrangement in the future. ● Good feedback from participants & post event - Facebook comments are all of praise. ● Route to remain the same, but always subject to review and land ownership by permission on the day. Forest Commission and right of passage as an example. ● Emphasis to anyone entering its still a walking event by nature and runners to be aware of terms of event through SI entries. ● Committee's intent is to hold again back to its usual month of June next year (but, always subject to volunteers commitment). 	Note
10.3.2.	Volunteers to help with the HoE team on the EBB100 are always welcome (27th May weekend)	Note All

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	Contact DH on specifics and any individuals involved for Timetables etc.	
10.3.3.	HoE banner. No further update, due to the image quality issue, but still thought long term a need & requirement to solve & obtain at least one sail shaped banner. CW to contact Brian Pitts if further development can be achieved.	Note & CW
10.4.	Chairs report (with deputy input)	CW/NB
10.4.1	Focus on communication & running group going forward.	All Note
10.4.2	Chair thanked everyone's input and effort on the marshalling of the MMM & praised those who undertook recent EBB marshalling weekend both in entering & attendance in support.	Note
10.4.3	Chair asked all to keep the website updated & current wherever possible post the MMM.	All Note
10.5.	Treasurer's report (as caretaker)	CS
10.5.1	As temporary Treasurer, CS has generated the interim accounts for this meeting (Appendix 10.12.1). The Committee will seek a permanent appointment for 2023-4 from the membership. Robin (as present Data P Officer) has kindly offered his services to also be future treasurer. As ever all nominations welcome in support. YC also offered support in conjunction with RR for CS in obtaining knowledge for the role.	All Note + Committee
10.6.	Group Secretary report	DH
10.6.1	Nothing to report, obviously personally focused on running & doing a lot of input into the EBB100 at present.	Note
10.6.2	DH raised the Wychavon Way, and at this present time only 3No. individuals had registered, which is a disappointing response. Committee agreed to endeavour to persevere & arrange the coach. GJ to issue requests to members again via email/website this is happening.	DH & GJ
10.6.3	Also the planning of the AGM to be made/challenged again with an early lead in. Venue discussed & an option proposed for a different central location (subject to cost and dates available). Same location as 2022 as well as Alvechurch village hall (as EBB checkpoint location). DH to approach parties on viability for outcome & MB to look into walks within areas respectively.	DH & MB
10.6.4	DH noted further leaders are coming forward to lead the social walks listed to date, all good for the group in engagement.	Note
10.7.	Membership Secretary report	MB
10.7.1	MB - just an update = 28 new members since last meeting, noting 7No. did not wish to be contacted through local email & 6no. through a family membership sign up. In general HoE Group membership is still around the 500 mark in numbers.	Note
10.8.	Walk Secretary report	GJ
10.8.1	Wychavon Way - published on our website for anyone wanting to do the full distance in one day or split for the two days. As 10.6.2 - Members send the money to the account listed on the	All Note

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	website and you're on the coach! Noting this is presently only being organised for HoE members.	
10.8.2	GJ reported a healthy social walk programme through to the end of August, with a walk being held approximately every fortnight or weekly June/July. September onwards being developed, noting cut off with Strider for publishing in the next couple of weeks.	All Note
10.8.3	There is no doubt disappoint that the BCC is not being held this year, but committee will endeavour to put the programme back in place next year in some capacity.	Note
10.8.4	Welsh Coastal path being continued by MB, likely to be in abeyance. However, a provisional booking for the late Bank holiday weekend August (25th to 27th) at Plas Y Brenin (outdoor centre) has been made for 8No. people all subject to cost. Outcome to be developed & subject to interest - TBA via website if finalised.	Note & MB
10.9.	Publicity & Property Officer report	Vacant
10.9.1	Position vacant - a bonus if an individual is available for the position.	All Note
10.10.	Data Protection Officer report	RR
10.10.1	RR has re-engaged with the NEC and a new person in charge presently acting as general officer being Bill Milbourne (from Stuart Bains (NEC GDPR Officer) rather than actual officer. Past issues, the taking of photos on our walks and their publishing thereafter remained a potentially contentious issue and it may be appropriate to make clear to all participants that this would be considered normal Group practice, in case they wished to absent themselves. see 09.12.2 for changes. RR has finished his first assessment on committee members roles, he asked all to review & comment back if changes are needed or in agreement - once established a formal outcome can be given back to the NEC as the HoE representation. Committee please assess either through email or direct contact with Robin prior to the next meeting.	RR All Committee
10.11.	Any other business	
10.11.1	Nominations for a future Charity were still being sought from the membership, however a view towards something to do with walking and disability e.g. MENCAP or guided routes for the disabled ideal for charity sought. CW will look into the matter further.	CW
10.11.2	RR brought up the issue of data from the recent national "Local Groups" weekend. A percentage of points made may be of relevance for HoE members to be considered. Chair asked all to review and look at information (on main NEC website under "toolkit" area) prior to the next meeting. Overview to be discussed next time with a possible view for further agenda items.	All Note
10.11.3	It's Lyme disease awareness month - importance of all insect bites and infection - see website https://lymediseaseuk.com/2023/03/30/lyme-disease-awarenes	All Note

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10.11.4	Meeting closed at 8.50pm – next meeting date, 25th July 2023 - using MS Teams. DH to send link. 7:00 pm start time.	DH
10.12.	Appendices	
10.12.1	Accounts interim summary	Note
	Heart of England LDWA - LDWA - Heart of England Local Group	

Appendix 10.12.1

Bank

Bank balance 9/3/23	£5,654.58
Credit since 9/3/23	£2,306.20
Sub total credit	£7,960.78

Debit since 9/3/23	£ 494.66
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BANK BALANCE 8/5/23	£7,466.12
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Concurs with bank statement balance at 8/5/23

Cash

Cash held 9/3/23	£ 191.95
Cash income since 9/3/23	£ 30.00
Cash debit since 9/3/23	£ 50.00

CASH BALANCE ELD	£ 171.95
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TOTAL BANK AND CASH BALANCE	£7,638.07
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NOTES

<i>Current MMM credit balance</i>	<i>£1,886.88</i>
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But - remaining costs still To pay - base catering and marshals travel

<i>Wychavon way 1&2 income - 3 bookings</i>	<i>£ 45.00</i>
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Other costs - Go Outdoors evening, stationery, equipment