



North of Scotland LDWA committee meeting

Thursday March 7th 2024 7.00pm

Attendees: Graham Smith (GS) Alison Collins (AC) Pete Mitchell (PM) Lorna Sproates (LS) Mick Banks (MB) John Henderson (JH) Roger Boston (RB) Julie Cribb (JC)
Apologies: Bea Jefferson (BJ) Jan Adamson (JA)

Chair: GS
Recorded by: AC

Agenda:
 Committee update
 Membership update/ matters arising
 Treasurers update
 Social walks
 Group merchandise
 Constitution update
 Speyside 100 update
 Martyn Greaves Fund
 Challenge walks/10th Anniversary
 AOB,
 Date and time of next meeting.

Agenda		Action Items	who	when	Status	Comment
1	Committee Update	Nothing new				
	Matters Arising from last meeting that have been dealt with	No matters arising from previous minutes that will not be dealt with on the agenda				
	Matters	Nothing to be dealt with that is not covered in the agenda.				

	arising still to be dealt with					
2	Membership	We now have 103 members. We had 124 members so 21 members have not re subscribed as yet.	AC			
3	Treasures update	We have received £3,760 from the Martin Greaves fund	LS			
	Account	Current status £5421.09 Take away the money from the Martin Greaves fund and the balance is £1661.09.				
4	Social walks	PM has sent out an email with a draft plan of social walks. PM is looking for volunteers to lead walks in Nov and Dec . The strider deadline for walks until the end of the year is ? Late May/early June so Pete would like this sorted soon. GS said that he would contact Gordon Stone (Strider editor)to find out the deadline. PM highlighted that when a walk is completed the walk register, the Gpx and a walk report need to be uploaded onto the web page. PM can do this if a walk leader does not have access to the web site.	PM			Walk Leaders needed for Nov and Dec. GS to contact Gordon to find out the Strider deadline
5	Group Merchandise	JC has been working with Madelene Watson (MW)regarding the Speyside 100 merchandise. PECOS have produced a range of 7 items for the Speyside 100.. JC suggested that we can do the same for our group. JC asked PM to send his best quality logo in order to organise. JH suggested that we all have the same colour for ease of identifying our group. After some discussion it was decided to go for 2 colours Mauve and green. JC will ask PECOS to mock up a page for a final view. Then an email can be sent to members with a link when the page is live so that members can order.	JC			JC to contact PECOS with a view to having 7 items for our merchandise. PM to send JC best quality logo.

		LS and AC would like a North of Scotland LDWA plastic mug. MB said that Madelene Watson(MW) had organised this before. JC will contact her.				JC to contact MW regarding plastic mugs
6	Constitution Update	Some amendments were made to the constitution by GS these were sent round to the committee and all were happy with them. This will be presented at the AGM in September. GS sent it to Bill Millburne (NEC General secretary) and there were no comments back.	GS			The new constitution will be presented at at the AGM
7	Speyside 100	JC informed us that the draft route description has been finalised and feedback will be given on this on the Marshals walk. It is on the Speyside 100 website. The catering team will start shopping when there is somewhere to store it all. There are team leaders for different jobs... all info on the spread sheet that has been sent round. There are 300 volunteers involved. GS said that arrangements are being finalised for the marshalls walk. That nearly all the checkpoints were manned, one still needs a checkpoint lead. GS is off to Australia from 13th-29th April. GS has been in touch with the media team and the local BBC. JH added that the glenlivet ranger has not allowed them to use the orbital route around tomintoul due to a bird hide, so a small amendment has been made. RB suggested that Chris Townsend could ?? officially start the walk, he lives in Grantown. JC suggested Cameron McNeish could also be approached.	JC JH RB		On going	
8	Martyn Greaves fund	Many thanks to BJ for her successful application for funds for First Aid and Navigation courses. The money is now in £3760. BJ is very busy at present so AC has offered to try to organise the courses. After some discussion this was decided;	AC			Ac will liase with course providers and look at venue hire. Send out

		<p>Not to have a choice of dates and to do them over a weekend as a group as a team building event. With plenty of notice folks should be able to keep those weekends free. It was decided to prioritise walk leaders and potential walk leaders in the first instance. An email to go out shortly (when the courses have been finalised) with a follow up in July.</p> <p>Navigation courses at Glenmore Lodge on 14th/15th September for a group of 12 people, split into 2 groups of 6. A beginners and a more advanced course. This bespoke course will be at a cost of £200 each. A total of £2400.</p> <p>Outdoor First Aid course by Outfit Moray. A proposed weekend in October to be arranged with Outfit Moray for a 2 day course. At a cost of £106 each. A total of £1272. We need to hire a venue. It was suggested that a village hall would be a good option.</p> <p>$£2400 + £1272 = £3,672$ which leaves £88 for the venue hire. PM suggested that a hall should be booked that is near a campsite.</p>				<p>an email to all primary members as soon as is possible.</p>
9	<p>Challenge walks/10th Anniversary</p>	<p>GS suggested a tenth anniversary group challenge walk in 2025 for our group.</p> <p>GS would like to have one challenge walk a year, a joint venture with the heart of Scotland group in Scotland.</p> <p>We have had 3 years of the Laich O’Moray route and now it is time for something different.</p> <p>PM suggested doing a Fochabers to Dufftown route – 39 miles. With options to finish in Keith and Buckie, which they did in 2016.</p> <p>MB suggested that what would be attractive for people is to do a coast to coast walk and this could be a challenge walk. The walk that PM is leading in July, the Highland Coast to Coast from Ullapool harbour to Ardgay. A 36 walk.</p> <p>PM said that there are very few opportunities for check points.</p> <p>GS said that he thought that a coast to coast walk would grab to peoples imagination</p>	GS			<p>Recce of the Highland Coast to Coast walk to be done in July with a view to ? A challenge walk in the future.</p>

