



North of Scotland LDWA committee meeting

Thursday January 11th 2024 7.00pm

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

Apologies: Julie Cribb (JC) 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
AOB,
Date and time of next meeting.

Agenda		Action Items	who	when	Status	Comment
1	Committee Update	Roger Boston (RB) was welcomed	GS			
	Matters Arising from last meeting that have been dealt with	PM has added LS and Stuart Nelson (SN) to the walk leaders list.	PM		done	
		LS sent a donation of £100 to Cairngorm Mountain Rescue	LS		done	
		GS sent an email to PM regarding route description adopted by the LDWA	GS		done	
		Norman Thomson was contacted regarding the use of his book. The Moray Way companion.... In order to use some quotes.	BJ		done	

	Matters arising still to be dealt with	<p>LS to liase with JC regarding SI entries.</p> <p>PM to do an overhaul of the Laich O’Moray.</p> <p>MB requested that ‘Challenge walks ‘ be kept on the Agenda. GS said that they will be kept in mind and furthers discussions will happen after the Speyside 100.</p>	<p>LS/JC</p> <p>PM</p>	<p>On going</p> <p>On going</p> <p>On going</p>	
2	Membership	We now have 118 members.	AC		
		AC sends new members a welcome What's App message and encourages them to go on the North of Scotland LDWA What's App group.			
3	Treasures update	We received a donation of £10 from Mary Atkinson	LS		
	Account	Current status £1831.00			
4	Social walks	<p>PM has sent out an email with a draft plan of social walks. PM is looking for volunteers to lead walks in April, June and July. The Strider deadline is Feb 9th.</p> <p>There will be a Joint walking weekend with the Heart of Scotland group in Aberfeldy on the 17/18th August 2024.</p> <p>JA is leading a walk for the Inverness Walking and Wheeling Festival on May 19th.</p> <p>AC asked if there are any walks in Aberdeenshire. BJ is leading one in the autumn. New members Karen and David Meikle will be asked to lead a walk in the Brora area.</p> <p>In order for group members to be familiar with the Speyside 100 route and to see if there are any hazards, fallen trees etc. JH suggested that the route be walked in a series of 5x 20 mile walks in April. JH will liase with PM in order to put these walks on.</p>	PM		<p>Walk Leaders needed for April, June and July.</p> <p>JH to liase with PM about walking the Speyside 100 in</p>

						April.
5	Group Merchandise	In the absence of JC it was decided to defer discussion about this item until the next meeting. JC is at an NEC meeting this evening.	GS			
6	Constitution Update	<p>The National Committee had produced an amended model constitution for local groups to adopt. GS and AC received an email about this in December.</p> <p>GS sent an email to committee members about this on 10.01.2024 as clarification was needed about some issues.</p> <p>In Item 7.3</p> <p>All monies received shall be paid into the Bank and all payments other than petty cash payments shall be made by appropriate form of electronic transmission authorised by the Treasurer and one or other of two members of the Finance Sub-committee.</p> <p>LS explained that in order to adopt the new constitution regarding electronic transmission being authorised by herself and one other, if a payment is needed then GS will send an email to authorise it and LS will keep them all.</p> <p>If you are requesting payment then please send an email to both LS and GS.</p> <p>BJ discussed our constitution which is on our website. It was decided that we would discuss the new ‘model constitution for local groups’ at the AGM and that there was no need to have a special members meeting. We will have a draft constitution for the AGM.</p> <p>In item 7.2</p> <p>. The Treasurer shall ensure that the accounts are authorised by the independent examiner.</p>	<p>GS</p> <p>LS</p> <p>BJ</p>		On going	Draft Constitution needed for AGM

		<p>The wording of the new draft in item 7.2 was discussed by BJ. An independent examiner is expected to ‘scrutinise’ not authorise. GS will contact Bill Milbourne at the NEC regarding this.</p> <p>It was agreed that GS would approach Tanya Mclvor, a group member who lives in Tain, to independently look at our accounts.</p> <p>8. Property. 8.1. A nominated Group Member shall maintain a list of the property of the Group.</p> <p>A nominated group member is needed to maintain a list of property. PM agreed to take on this role. He has the feather banners and road signs. PM requested that if anyone has any property then please let him know.</p>				<p>GS to contact NEC regarding the wording of the new draft.</p> <p>GS to contact Tanya to ask if she could look at our accounts</p>
7	Speyside 100	<p>JH reported that there are still some niggling issues with the speyside 100 route. There are still a few miles to add. All checkpoints are sorted.. the outside ones with a Marquee and portaloos. The route description and Gpx is still to be done.</p> <p>RB is helping with the route development.</p> <p>GS reported that there are 400 plus entries for the main event and 9 booked for the Marshals walk. There are 14 checkpoints and all have been filled by LDWA groups. One checkpoint will need support of 4 folks from our own group volunteers.</p>	JH		On going	

