



North of Scotland LDWA committee meeting

Thursday May 16th 2024 7.00pm

Attendees: Graham Smith (GS) Alison Collins (AC) Pete Mitchell (PM) Lorna Sproates (LS) John Henderson (JH) Bea Jefferson (BJ)

Apologies: Jan Adamson (JA) Julie Cribb (JC) Roger Boston (RB) Mick Banks (MB)

Chair: GS
Recorded by: AC

Agenda:
Committee update
Membership update/ matters arising
Treasurers update
Social walks
Group merchandise
Speyside 100 update
Skills for the Hills update
Social media: What's App and Facebook
AOB,
Date and time of next meeting.

Agenda		Action Items	who	when	Status	Comment
1	Committee Update	GS reported that Mic Banks would like to thank everyone for making him feel so welcome. As he is moving back to yorkshire there is now a vacancy on the committee. Congratulations were given to BJ who completed the Marshals' walk. JC was also congratulated on her organisation. GS gave thanks to all involved.	GS			GS will put out an email about the vacancy on the committee.
	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 arising still to be dealt with	Nothing to be dealt with that is not covered in the agenda.				
3	Membership	We now have 110 members.	AC			
4	Treasures update	We have received £3,760 from the Martin Greaves fund	LS			
	Account	Current status £4391 £1200 has been paid out of the Martin Greaves fund for the deposit at Glenmore lodge for the navigation courses.				
5	Social walks	PM has sent out an email with a draft plan of social walks. The strider deadline is June 9 th . Graham is planning a 19 mile walk from Inverness with Shelagh Walker and it was suggested that this walk be done ? 23rd/24th Nov. There was some talk about a potential Christmas walk in the Inverness area. Suggested weekend being 14/15 th December. BJ thought the Saturday may be better due to public transport. Various venues were discussed. AC will contact Culloden battlefield cafe. GS asked PM if walks could start at 10.00am in Moray due to members travelling long distances. PM said that this could be possible on some walks when there is a lot of daylight.	PM			Walk Leader needed for christmas walk.
6	Group Merchandise	JC unable to attend the meeting so no update available.	JC			JC to contact PECOS with a view to having 7 items for our merchandise.

						PM to send JC best quality logo. JC to contact MW regarding plastic mugs
7	Speyside 100	<p>JH reported that the marshals walk had gone well. He has been putting reflective tape on the chain gates in the Cromdale area. Cairngorm National park are doing some tree felling in the Cromdale area starting Monday. There will be no tree felling on the weekend of the main event. There are 425 entrants. 30 starting at 12.00, 8 starting at 14.00 and the rest starting at 10.00.</p> <p>JH reported that the weather will be reasonable with a 45% chance of rain.</p>	JH		On going	
8	Skills for the hills	<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 deposit of £1200 has been paid. We have 10 people interested at the moment.</p> <p>Outdoor First Aid course by Outfit Moray 26/27th October. At a cost of £88.00 each. A total of £1060. Edinkillie village hall has been booked. 8 people are interested, 2 from the Heart of Scotland group.</p> <p>BJ reported that 3 people from the Moray Walking festival could be interested in taking any places for the first aid course that were not booked. Another email will go out to our members in June asking for interest in the first instance. AC will liase with BJ regarding cost and availability.</p>	AC			

9	Social Media	AC felt that social media could be better managed regarding our group news. There are ? 2 different facebook groups/ pages. JH suggested that maybe the What's App groups could be better managed. AC suggested that if we are having a new committee member then they could have a special role of managing social media.				GS will be sending out an email for a new committee member and will mention social media.
10	AOB	<p>1. Some discussion about the proposed mobile field kitchen based in Heart of England group, an application by Michael Jones from the Martin Greaves fund. It was agreed that our feedback would be that we would not use it as we are such a long way from Birmingham and we have a good network of village halls. AC will report back our feedback to Chris Burrell.</p> <p>2. LS asked that if money was requested then an email be sent to both her and GS as he has to authorise.</p> <p>3. AC asked if the AGM could have a zoom option. AC will find out if there is Wifi at Edinkillie village hall.</p>				AC to find out if there is Wifi at Edinkillie village hall.
11	Date and time of next meeting	Thursday August 15th 2024 at 7 pm				

