



North of Scotland LDWA committee meeting

Thursday 23rd January 2025 7.00pm (on teams)

Attendees: Pete Mitchell (PM) Lorna Sproates (LS) Jan Adamson (JA) John Henderson (JH) Bea Jefferson (BJ) Karen Meikle (KM) Ros Wright (RS) Alison Collins (AC)

Apologies: Julie Cribb (JC) Graham Smith (GS) Roger Boston (RB)

Chair: PM
Recorded by: AC

Agenda:

- 1 Committee update/matters arising
- 2 Membership update
- 3 Treasurers update
- 4 Social walks
- 5 Challenge events
 - Coast to Coast
 - Laich O'Moray
- 6 Annual Joint Walking weekend
- 8 North of Scotland merchandise Mug update
- 9 First Aid Update
- 11 Local group bi-monthly meetings.. Tuesday 11th February
- 12 AOB,
- 13 Date and time of next meeting.

Agenda		Action Items	who	when	Status	Comment
1	Committee Update	PM Welcomed everyone.	PM			
2	Matters Arising from last meeting	Matters arising from last meeting; Merchandise link now done Rachel Mitchel received money... thank you Navigation event to be put on by Roger and Bea ...Ailnack Gorge ..Sunday July 27th All walk leaders encouraged to get a compass out and talk about navigation.	PM			

3	Membership update	122 members	AC			
4	Treasures update	Current status £2341.36 LS reported that GS and Rikky Beck can no longer access the account. PM is waiting for a card and reader, he has received a letter. There was some discussion about the bank now charging £4.25 a month as it is a community account. There could be further charges depending on how many transactions you have that are not on line and if you use cheques or cash. BJ reported that there are 3 banks that are free for non-profit organisations; Santander and The Royal Bank of Scotland (you have to be an account holder to open another account in these 2 banks) and Virgin Money. The decision was made to stay with our current bank and review in a year.	LS			Awaiting card and reader for PM to use the bank account
5	Social Walks	PM had sent a programme of walks by email before the meeting. Deadline for Strider is 9th Feb. PM asked KM for the details of her walk on 20th April so that it can go on the website. RB and BJ are putting on a navigation walk July 27th. JA and BJ are thinking of a Croy cafe walk. BJ reported that The Moray Walking Festival is from Friday 13th-Mon 23rd June and this is a very busy time for our group so we will not be putting on a walk. The Inverness Walking and Wheeling Festival is from Sat 31st-Sat 7th June, PM asked for volunteers no one did so it was decided not to put on a walk for this festival. JH reported that the MMC is putting on the Lairig Ghru in September. He will have more details in the summer ?? 3rd weekend ? 21st September ? This our AGM date but that can easily be changed. PM asked us to put our thinking caps on for a Christmas walk. A nice place for a meal and then create a walk.	PM			
6	Challenge events					

	Coast to Coast	KM reported that 207 coach seats have been booked and the invoice is £1800. They will send the invoice before the event. LS asked when do we get the payments from SI Entries. There followed some discussion about cancellation /refund policies for both the coaches and SI Entries. What happens if someone cancels and what happens if the organiser cancels. KM reported that Dogs are allowed on the coaches, but there is a cleaning fee (£50) if there are any issues. Dogs would have to have Public Liability Insurance to travel. JH asked if there were any Portaloos at the checkpoints. JH suggested that folks congregate in the Glen at the start in Ullapool. GS had asked AC to mention that there will be sufficient parking in Ardgay, they will need 6 marshalls. At the start in Ullapool they will need 6 marshalls, GS will go to Ullapool to check out the starting arrangements and will need 6 marshalls. The first checkpoint will now be at the East Rhidorroch Lodge area after 8.2 miles. There is a shed there and GS has asked PM to borrow the Dava way domed tent. The track from Ullapool to the Lodge is ok for a 4x4. KM reported that regarding Sweepers, one needs to be a first aider. RB is a first Aider. AC will be a first aider for the event. Purifying tablets will be used rather than providing fresh water. Cereal and protein bars will be provided rather than hot food. The marshalls at the river crossing will not be able to provide a rope, but just give advise. JA asked if there was provision for folks who withdraw to get back to Argay from Ullapool. GS has managed to get 200 Glenmorangie Minatures and Walkers shortbread. There will be badges in the goody bag.	KM			Points for discussion Cancellation policies for SI Entries and the coaches. Portaloos at the checkpoints. Congregating at the start in the Glen. The provision for folks who withdraw to get back to Argay.
	Laich O'Moray	JH had advised a possible date Saturday 13 th September ????	AC			
7	Joint Walking weekend	After much discussion it was decided that The Joint walking weekend with the Heart of Scotland will be on 6th/7th of September in Grantown. RB and Dave Galloway are organising the walks. Thunder in the Glen is on in the area the 23rd/24th August.	AC			AC to contact Heart of Scotland Group

[illegible]