

NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA - Committee Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES: 13.10.25

The meeting began at 1930

In attendance: Robert Cope, Christine Stopford, Steve Hall, Roger Wandless,

Lynn Hathaway, Dave Jacques, Malcolm & Sue Reid & Jill King

1. Welcome by Robert with no apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting (14.08.25) approved by Roger & Steve.
3. Matters arising: none
4. Chair's update: (Robert)
 - The topic of not enough walk leaders and numbers on group walks was discussed. Various thoughts came from across the committee.
 - Lynn did her best not to clash with local challenge events and other Groups' walks. Jill suggested looking at monetary aid to recce a walk. (East Lancs give 40p per mile to each leader to recce.) Our group has always offered £10 to each walk leader to cover expenses of fuel and car parking costs. Should we advertise our walks in Strider - this involves getting leaders to commit several months in advance. Is there a lack of confidence to lead, group members can offer to help with route and recce. Perhaps put a message out on Facebook. Should we try weekday walks instead of weekends? Lynn & Robert will prepare an A5 flyer to be distributed at the KK asking for help. An opportunity for more thoughts to an item on next meetings' agenda.
5. Treasurer's Update: (Steve)
 - KK receipts of £2153.20 Martyn Greaves receipt of £1260.00
 - Irregulars have paid their share of lock-up costs
 - Treasurer suggested that the two other members of the Finance Committee audit the accounts as an alternative to an external auditor in preparation for 2026 AGM.
 - Balance £3,430.94
6. Secretary's Update: (Christine)
 - Bi monthly Zoom Local Groups meeting coming shortly. Christine happy to attend.
 - The final batch of possible defunct LDP's is due soon from Iain C and will be circulated to the committee.
 - Christine will attend the annual Local Groups' weekend at Leamington Spa.
7. Walk Secretary's Update (Lynn)
 - Walks up to Christmas are advertised on the Group Webpage and Hazel is leading one in January.
 - See earlier notes re flyer and more new walk leaders. Lynn concentrating on a programme for the first few months of 2026.

- In the future, Lynn will be late to the zoom meeting through her work but the committee prepared for this and will keep Mondays as the committee night starting at 7.45
8. Website Update: (Robert)
- The tender for the new website is out.
9. Kilburn Kanter (Roger, Christine)
- 15 walkers on the Marshal's walk on 18.10.25. Roger & Caroline will cater at Cold Kirby, Hawnby, Boltby Wood and at Sutton Bank. Thank you. Local farmer offered driveway for parking.
 - 200 entries taken so hopefully 150 on the day
 - OK to sleep in the hall on the Friday night
 - Roger to phone all checkpoint halls with a final check
 - Regards van hire. Change of plan - Robert to do the finish desk to release Caroline/ Roger to deliver provisions to Boltby and possibly stay there until they close and return with left overs to Kilburn.
 - Catering etc at Hawnby. Lynn to ask Rachel to help out there.
 - Forestry England permit awaiting with no cost.
 - Catering at the finish - issue with custard powder so cartons of custard purchased.
 - All checkpoints manned as per August minutes except where mentioned here.
10. Martyn Greaves bench - see detail in August minutes.
- Regards plaque - wording accepted, brass coloured background awaiting decision.
 - Bench made but no chance to install before Christmas. Perhaps link with AGM (face to face possibly at Cold Kirby Hall/star gazing hub at Sutton Bank with provisional date of 22.02.26)
 - Catering would be similar to last year with some help needed.
 - Perhaps invite NEC members to attend the unveiling
11. Challenge Event news and updates:
- Honey Pot 100 - details in August minutes with possible volunteers of Roger & Caroline, Steve & Jan, Dave & Roy, Christine, Lynn, Robert & Sab. Help has been offered from West Yorks but may not be needed.
 - 2027 Jurassic 100 - we have been offered a CP at the 80 mile stage.
 - 2026 AF2D July 18/19 Haverdale House & Bainbridge to be manned by N. Yorks
12. Christmas walk & Meal: (Robert/ Christine)
- No further details on the walk. Information will appear on the group website.
 - Christine expecting the Sunday Lunch menu shortly
13. Any Other Business: none
14. Date of the next meeting:
- 05.01.26 at 7.45 via Zoom. Robert to set up. Thanks for attending.
 - Meeting closed at 2140

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