

MINUTES: 28.04.25

The meeting began at 1930

In attendance: Robert Cope, Christine Stopford, Steve Hall, Roger Wandless, Sue & Malcolm Reid,
Lynn Hathaway & Jill King

As this is the first meeting after the AGM, Robert welcomed Steve as the new Treasurer (and himself as the new Chair) and passed on our sincere thanks to Roger and Dave for their tremendous efforts and hard work over many years as Treasurer and Chair respectively.

1. Apologies for absence: Dave Jacques.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting (06.01.25) Approved by Roger and Christine
3. Matters arising: none
4. Chair's update: (Robert)
 - Robert had attended the local Groups meeting. This is an agenda item for later in the meeting.
 - He has volunteered to look at the tendering proposal for the new National website
 - The pilgrimage of an LDWA Member - Sandra Gordon - from Aberdeen to Glastonbury was mentioned. All group members had been notified and 1 member had volunteered to walk with her for the day in his area of Skipton.
5. Treasurer's update: (Steve)
 - Transfer of signatories etc is not an easy process with the banks in York.
 - Steve is still waiting access to internet banking
 - The 2024 accounts have now been audited and will be sent to the National committee along with the AGM paperwork. Christine to action.
 - Balance: £1,585.14
6. Secretary's Update: (Christine) nothing to add
7. Walk Secretary's Update: (Lynn)
 - The group has 1 walk per month so far with two of them, a joint walk with Cleveland and one with West Yorkshire.
 - Numbers on walks can vary so much 13/14 after Christmas but decreasing nearer to Easter
8. Local Groups Meeting Update: (Robert)
 - The Zoom meeting had approx. 25/30 people attending.
 - The future of the Local Groups bi-monthly meetings was discussed with no definitive conclusion. The NEC seeks input/topics from these meetings.

- The Weekend would be at Woodland Grange. Leamington Spa on Nov 7/9 with a similar format to previous years. The NEC would pay for 1 person's accommodation & travel costs, the Group, the other.
- The NEC still needs a Local Groups Officer and a General Secretary - anyone?
- Action required from each group: to provide input to the group weekend/when available to discuss the website tender/to look at lost LDP's and to finalise the social walk guidelines/data protection. Madeleine Watson to finalise and circulate documents on social walks and data protection policies in the coming few weeks.

9. Martyn Greaves Legacy fund - bench proposal

- Robert & Lynn had visited the site and produced an excellent map to look at several locations and types of seating photographed. We opted for a location on the Cleveland Way just beyond the old racecourse with great views. Christine to go back to the National Parks with our choice and discuss further action. Hopefully at our next committee meeting we can have the response from them and discuss the choice of bench and base and plaque wording.

10. Officer email accounts: (Robert)

- Each group is allowed 4 email addresses
- NEC has decided that officers of the Group can have an LDWA email address. In our Group that will be Chair/Secretary/ Treasurer and Walk Secretary. Christine will respond to this and contact Chris Burrell to say we are happy security wise. Hopefully implemented by June 1st.

11. Lost LDP's: (Robert) He asked us about the Apostles Walk which was created by a church in Wilsden as a fund raiser. The organiser is deceased and the route would need updating. Our response is that we do not want any responsibility for it and perhaps West Yorkshire might be able to assist as the majority of the walk falls in their patch. Christine to reply.

12. Challenge Events:

- Flower of Suffolk 100 nothing new yet. Changes tend to occur after the Marshals walk (Steve & Jan successfully completed this in a very good time) The issue on the main event is how to provide hot water for drinks, it may be that competitors have to do without. Caroline, Roger, Steve, Jan, Lynn, Christine, Dave and Roy helping. Our very best wishes to all North Yorkshire members who are attempting the 100 this year.
- AF2D's - Haverdale House will be organised by Eva & Albert B, Carol S, Vince & Pat T, Dave F, Bob F, & Jill K
Bainbridge organised by Caroline & Roger W, Robert C, Sab, & Lynn H.
- Kilburn Kanter: All booked - Raynet & all Check point venues. Now in Strider and on SIentries on June 1st. We need to purchase certificates but have sufficient badges and prices will not change from 2024. Lynn to lead a Marshals walk on October 18. It is the intention to increase the SIentries number to ensure we will have 150 on the day. Only item to consider is procuring a van and driver to act as the body wagon.

13. Any Other Business: none

14. Date of next meeting: 18.08.25 @ 1930 via Zoom. Robert to organise.