

NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA - Committee Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES: 06.01.25

The meeting began at 1930

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

1. Apologies for absence: None
2. Minutes of previous meeting (30.09.24): Approved by Steve and Robert
3. Matters arising: Jill mentioned a conversation she had had with N. Yorks members who thought the decision by the NEC to offer £500 to all groups who helped at a 100 event to be unfair to some groups and a lot of money to be dishing out from the National funds.
4. Chair's report: (Dave) He welcomed the committee with best wishes for 2025 and hoped it would be a healthy and successful one for all of us and for the group.
5. Treasurer's report: (Roger) No outstanding bills. Group subsidised the Christmas meal and the lock up rental paid until August. The group has always offered to subsidise attendance at the National AGM - this year in Newcastle - and Dave will be attending. Bank total - £1667.54
6. Secretary's report: (Christine) Some items for comment etc are as separate items on the agenda. The next Local Group's meeting will be on 14th January. Christine will circulate the agenda before hand to see who on the committee would attend, depending on relevance.
7. Walk Secretary's report: (Lynn) A walks programme is in place until after Easter, well done Lynn. Joint walks with Cleveland, West Yorks and East Yorks planned plus the chance to join West Yorks walking the Ebor Way over 2 weekends in June/ July.
8. Feedback from the Local Group's Meeting: (Lynn) Talk mainly on walk register completions.
9. AGM: 23.02.25 After several years of holding the AGM via zoom we have decided to revert to a face to face meeting, preceding the business with a short social walk and a pie & pea lunch, and we hope this will encourage more members to attend. The details are as follows:

9 am: meet at Harmby Village Hall (Harmby, Leyburn DL8 5PD) to either join a walk of 8 or 9 miles, or remain at the village hall for tea / coffee and chat.

1.00pm: hot lunch (pie & peas, crumble & custard) with vegetarian option, provided by the group. For catering purposes we will need to know if you are coming; please let us know by Wednesday 19 February, at northyorkshire@ldwa.org.uk, and also if you have any dietary requirements.

2.00pm: Annual General Meeting. The meeting does not usually last more than an hour.

The agenda, officers' reports and annual accounts will be available to view on our website no later than Sunday 9 February 2025.

Our constitution obliges all members of the Committee to stand down at each AGM. The current committee comprises:

Officers: Dave Jacques (Chair), Christine Stopford (Group Secretary), Roger Wandless (Treasurer), Lynn Hathaway (Walks Secretary), and Robert Cope (Webmaster/IT).

Ordinary Members: Steve Hall, Bob Jowett, Jill King, Malcolm Reid, Sue Reid.

Some Officers and Ordinary Committee members are more than willing to make way for 'new faces' to join the committee.

Nominations for Officers and Ordinary Committee Members (who must be Primary Members of the Group) should be received by the Group Secretary (northyorkshire@ldwa.org.uk) no later than two weeks prior to the AGM (ie by **Sunday 9 February 2025**). Nominations should include the names of the proposer and seconder and the nominee's intent to stand. Further nominations will also be accepted at the meeting.

Please consider whether you would like to stand for any roles and help to shape the future direction and success of the Group.

The AGM is open to all Primary and Associate Members of the North Yorkshire Group (although only Primary Members may vote). Your attendance and a good turnout would be most welcome - why not make a weekend of it and join our social walk (joint with the Cleveland Group) from Reeth on Saturday 22 February?

10. Martyn Greaves Fund: With relevance to the Kilburn Kanter Challenge event, most use for a bench would be at the top of Sutton Bank with a good deal of footfall including wheelchair access. Christine will write to the NYMoors National Park Authority. A resin bench will cost approx £800 plus. A topic for more discussion on the next agenda.

11. Northern Collective proposal from West Lancs group. Christine formulated a feedback response to be approved by the committee and sent back to West Lancs.

The North Yorkshire group discussed your 'Northern Collective' proposal at its committee meeting last night, with the following feedback being given:

- The premise that members are reluctant to walk with other groups was questioned; this is not the experience of those present.
- It was felt that the area proposed to be covered by the collective walks was very large and that people may not be willing to drive long distances to access a walk
- There was potential for large numbers to attend walks which could be difficult, and present additional responsibilities for the walk leader.
- As you know there are several local groups in the immediate area (W Yorks, E Yorks, Nidderdale and Cleveland) and we are increasingly holding joint walks with some of these.

Thank you for consulting the North Yorkshire group. We appreciate the work that you have put into this proposal and all the practicalities that you have considered, but the committee decided not to be part of the collective at this point in time. We hope the venture is successful for the groups which do take part.

12. Kilburn Kanter: (Roger) KK24 was the most successful for a number of years with 38 volunteers and just under the desired number of competitors at 145.
Ratio of walkers: runners who entered the event were 129:68. There was a larger than normal surplus mainly due to clever catering by Christine. Roger commented that on the marshals walk, the volunteers and walkers had combined to make it a very happy & enjoyable day out. Only feedback issues had been a slight shortage of sandwiches at Hawnby, rescued by a top - up from other checkpoints. Dave, who tends to move equipment and food supplies around on the day did suggest that we might need to look to hiring a van to cover the weekend for distributing gear etc but would need a younger driver to suit insurance purposes. Other minor issues were perhaps to buy a mop to be used at Kilburn Hall - theirs was well past its sell by date and thicker paper for the certificates. A local farmer had offered some parking with at least 6 spaces for the Marshals to use on the main event. Trevor Daniel has swept the main event for us for quite a few years and had said that would be his last one. Christine to take a suitable gift to the Filey Flyer with the thanks of the Group for what can be a tough and stressful job.
13. Flower of Suffolk 100 update & other challenge events: (Roger) Roundhay 50 on Feb 15/16 has 8 volunteers at Checkpoint 2 Bardsey. Flower of Suffolk 100 on May 24/26 has possibly 11 volunteers at Checkpoint 14 Sutton Hoo with a possible generator/gas rings. AF2D's has volunteers at 2 checkpoints, Haverdale house and Bainbridge village Hall.
14. AOB - no business
15. Date of the next meeting: 28.04.25 via zoom with Robert to set up

Dave closed the meeting at 9.25

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