NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023 (Virtually via Zoom)

Minutes Monday 6 February 2023 at 7.30pm

Present

Dave Jacques (Chair), Robert Cope, Lynn Hathaway, Roma Haigh, Jill King, Malcolm & Sue Reid, Christine Stopford, Caroline & Roger Wandless

Opening Remarks

The meeting commenced at 7:40pm. Dave welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for turning up.

1. Apologies for Absence Andrea Hutchinson, Bob Jowett

2. Minutes of the 2022 AGM (20 April 2022)

These were unanimously accepted. Proposed: Jill King, Seconded: Dave Jacques.

Note on the following Officers' Reports

Written reports had already been posted on the website before the meeting, and are also included as appendices to these minutes. The reports below therefore reflect only any specific additional comments made at the meeting or responses to questions raised.

3. Chair's Report

Dave reiterated his thanks to everyone for their contributions to the Group over the past year. Roma added that the Chair's written report was a good report. There were no other matters arising.

4. Treasurer's / Financial Report

Roger added that he had just received a £300 contribution arising from our Wentworth Cricket Club checkpoint support of the Trans Pennine 100. This will be distributed to those volunteers who assisted. Roma commended the North Yorkshire checkpoint team on a very good job.

Dave acknowledged that the accounts for 2022 were yet to be audited but hoped to do this in the coming few weeks.

There were no other matters arising.

5. Secretary's Report

Robert had nothing new to add to his written report, but as the retiring Secretary and Webmaster reiterated his thanks to his fellow Committee members for their support and collaboration during his tenure in those two roles. There were no other matters arising.

6. Walk Secretary's Report

Lynn reiterated her thanks to all Walk Leaders for the time and effort they put in to recce and lead walks throughout last year. There were no other matters arising.

7. Webmaster's Report

Robert advised that the website was currently down due to a basic cyber-attack which was in the process of being remedied by the LDWA IT team - and noted the irony of this vis-à-vis his comments about systems reliability in his written report. There were no other matters arising.

8. Election of Officers

Our Constitution obliges all Officers and Members of the current Committee to automatically retire at the AGM.

In light of Robert's resignation as Group Secretary, discussions ensued as to how this "deemed mandatory" Committee role might be filled in the absence, thus far, of any candidate(s) putting themselves forward. A constructive suggestion by Caroline to split the workload was explored resulting in Christine volunteering to become the Group Secretary, supported by Jill who agreed to manage the minutes component of the role. Christine and Jill were collectively thanked by all for this collaborative solution. Robert confirmed he would notify the LDWA to formalise this change of personnel and also to provide any continuity and handover assistance that may be required.

In the absence of any candidates for the Webmaster role this position would remain vacant for the time being, but should be re-advertised - possibly even as two roles comprising website/IT expertise on the one hand, and a more pro-active social media presence on the other. Robert again confirmed he was willing to provide any critical cover and assistance should it be required.

The following were elected (or re-elected), as the case may be. All were elected unanimously.

Position	Name	Proposer	Seconder
Chair	Dave Jacques	Lynn Hathaway	Malcolm Reid
Group Secretary	Christine Stopford	Caroline Wandless	Jill King
Treasurer	Roger Wandless	Christine Stopford	Robert Cope
Walks Secretary	Lynn Hathaway	Dave Jacques	Christine Stopford
Web Master	Vacant		
Committee Member	Malcolm Reid	Dave Jacques	Lynn Hathaway
Committee Member	Caroline Wandless	Dave Jacques	Lynn Hathaway
Committee Member	Bob Jowett	Dave Jacques	Lynn Hathaway
Committee Member	Jill King	Dave Jacques	Lynn Hathaway
Committee Member	Sue Reid	Dave Jacques	Lynn Hathaway
Committee Member	Robert Cope	Dave Jacques	Lynn Hathaway
100s Coordinators	Caroline & Roger Wandless	Dave Jacques	Lynn Hathaway
Auditor (Accounts)	Dave Jacques	Dave Jacques	Lynn Hathaway

9. AOB

- 9.1. Lynn advised that she had received a request from a local EFL League 2 football club to put on a money raising challenge event on its behalf. Lynn's inclination was that this was not something we would normally consider supporting as it was neither a charitable entity nor a remotely walking-related cause. The Committee concurred with this view.
- 9.2. Dave raised the idea of North Yorkshire T-Shirts (or similar) to be worn at Challenge events that we run or support. It was noted that West Yorks wear such a "uniform" at its Challenge event checkpoints. Purple with the North Yorks logo was suggested and the consensus view was that this was an initiative worth pursuing. Caroline offered to do some research with a local supplier and bring forward some suggestions and indicative pricing at the next meeting.
- 9.3. On behalf of all those present, Caroline thanked Dave for his continued support as the North Yorkshire Chair.
- 9.4. No other AOB items were raised by those attending and none had been submitted prior to the AGM.

Closing & Date of Next Meeting:

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm with Dave thanking everyone once again for attending. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday 24 April at 7:30pm. Caroline to provide the Zoom invite.

Robert Cope 13 February 2023