

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	Second
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



NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA AGM 2023 CHAIR'S REPORT

May I take this opportunity to offer my thanks to everybody on the Committee for their hard work and dedication over the past 12 months, and an extra thank you to those who have stepped up to assist and run checkpoints on the Challenge Events, the coverage of the 2022 100 and those who have taken the lead on the Social Walks.

Many thanks are also offered to those who took lead roles for the LDWA 50 at Chop Gate and took part in the organisation of the Tea Party celebration event.

Special mentions to Lynn for an exemplary job in the role of Walk Secretary, and to Roger and Caroline for all of the work that they have done on behalf of North Yorkshire Group.

I also wish to say a heartfelt thank you to Robert who has stepped down from the dual roles of Web Master and Secretary. Robert will be a very hard act to follow.

On a very sad note, we make particular mention of the passing of Jon in November 2022, his passing has left a large hole in both the North Yorkshire Group and the walking community. My thoughts, and those of the whole group, go out to Wendy.

Moving forward in 2023 let's look forward to being able to cover checkpoints for other local groups who request assistance and keeping our standards on own checkpoints high. Walking and laughing together as our own group and perhaps welcoming some of those members of the LDWA that we have not yet had the pleasure of meeting and walking with, and perhaps welcoming new members to the North Yorkshire Group.

David Jacques



NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA AGM 2023

TREASURER'S REPORT

A busy financial AGM year for the group, the LDWA 50th Anniversary Walk in June 2022 was a successfully delivered celebration event underwritten by us and the Kilburn Kanter Challenge in November 2022 which returned a surplus of **£546.30**.

The North Yorkshire Group Christmas Meal at the Forrester Arms, Kilburn was subsidised to charging all **£10** only.

Charges now apply to our Bank Account for more than 10 transactions in any one month. This comprises a Service Charge of **£6.50** plus charges of **30p** & **70p** for each automated and manual debits respectively.

As expected we fell into this trap in November 2022 due to banking activities for the Kilburn Kanter Challenge and incurred a charge of **£10.20**.

Banking activities in subsequent months are expected to be free of charges.

Donation to the LDWA Website Fund

- A donation of **£125** was made from The Kettlewell surplus funds.
- A payment of **£384** was made from the Kilburn Kanter, that being the differential of LDWA member and non LDWA member entry fees paid. (**£12** and **£18** respectively)

Equipment Purchases

- **£22** for a sturdy box to safely store the Chafing Dishes.
- **£68** for a Catering Size Can Opener.

Future Payments

- An annual rent of **£140** is due in August 2023 for the equipment store, **£70** of which is recouped by subletting equipment store space to the Irregulars LDWA group.
- North Yorkshire Group is committed to cover the LDWA accommodation costs for 2 people to attend both the Regional Groups and the National AGM weekends.



Funds Flow for LDWA North Yorkshire Group **Report for Group AGM** **AGM April 2022 to January 2023**

CURRENT ACCOUNT

20-Apr-22 **Opening Balance £ 2,812.48**

FUNDS IN

Kilburn Kanter Entries (Si Entries)	£	2,369.25
Master Card Cashback	£	2.81
Lockup Rent from Irregulars	£	70.00
NY Christmas Meal Money	£	10.00

Sub Total **£ 2,452.06**

FUNDS OUT

Capital Costs

Box for Chafing Dishes	£	22.00
Catering Tin Opener	£	68.00

Operational Costs

Lockup Rent (To Aug 2023)	£	140.00
Bank Charges	£	10.20

Events

50th Anniversary Walk Expenses	£	246.87
LDWA IT Fund Donation (The Kettlewell)	£	125.00
Kilburn Kanter Expenses	£	1,430.55
LDWA IT Fund Donation (Kilburn Kanter)	£	384.00

Misc

Flowers	£	38.50
Petty Cash Box	£	200.00
Forresters Arms (Xmas Meal part payment)	£	62.90

Sub Total **£ 2,728.02**

Closing Account Balance £ 2,536.52

Cash in Hand	£	37.99
Credit Notes	£	-

Total Club funds £ 2,574.51

(Includes Cash in Hand Figures & Credit Notes)

CASH IN HAND

20-Apr-22 **Opening Balance £ 141.39**

FUNDS IN

18-Jun-22	Donation from 50th Anniversary	£	5.00
04-Nov-22	From Account	£	200.00
05-Nov-22	1 Kilburn Kanter Entry	£	12.00
05-Nov-22	Sale of 2 Kilburn Kanter Buffs	£	10.00
11-Dec-22	NY Group Xmas Meal Money	£	180.00

Total Funds In **£ 407.00**

FUNDS OUT

29-Oct-22	KK 2022 Hawaby VH (Marshals walk)	£	28.00
01-Nov-22	KK 2022 Tally Printing	£	2.40
11-Dec-22	Forresters Arms (part payment)	£	480.00

Total Funds Out **£ 510.40**

Closing Balance £ 37.99

CREDIT NOTES

£ -

Total **£ -**



Kilburn Kanter 2022 Event Report

SiEntries

Online Entries (gross) 190	£2,572.00
SiEntry Fees	£202.75
Sub Total	£ 2,369.25

Manual Entries

Manual Entries (in Petty Cash Box)	£ 12.00
Manual Refunds	£ -
Sub Total	£ 12.00

Other Income

Income from Marshals Walk	£ -
Donations from main walk - Sold x2 KK 30 anniversary buffs	£ 10.00
Sub Total	£ 10.00

Total Income **£ 2,391.25**

Operational Costs

NEC non member Levy	£ 384.00
Kilburn Institute	£ 150.00
Cold Kirby Village Hall - Marshals	£ 24.00
Cold Kirby Village Hall - Main Event	£ 48.00
Hawnby Village Hall - Marshals	£ 28.00
Hawnby Village Hall - Main Event	£ 70.00
Bolltby Village Hall	£ 45.00
Cleveland Raynet donation	£ 350.00
Travel Expense Donations to Marshals	£ 70.00
Sub Total	£ 1,169.00

Running Costs

Marshals Walk Catering	£ 66.03
Kilburn HQ Catering Main Event	£ 228.79
Checkpoint Catering Main Event	£ 245.16
Checkpoint Kit	£ 29.23
Thank You Gifts - CP's 1, 2 & 5	£ 26.79
Badges (167 remaining)	£ -
Certificates	£ 51.60
Waterproof paper for Tallies	£ 19.95
Tallies Printing	£ 2.40
Printer Ink	£ -
Emergency Phone Top Up	£ 6.00
Sub Total	£ 675.95

Total Costs **£ 1,844.95**

Surplus/Loss **£ 546.30**



NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA AGM 2023 SECRETARY'S REPORT

A welcome return to a normal timetable for AGM formalities after the interruptions of the last two years! Our AGM's should ordinarily take place no later than the end of February and report on the activities of the previous calendar year. Zoom (or similar) is now considered an acceptable means of conducting the AGM, and the Committee has decided to continue with this mode in order to facilitate and attract greater participation from the membership of our geographically large group.

The Group's membership at the end of the 2022 comprised 375 Primary Members and 721 Associates (up from 373 Primary and 661 Associates at the beginning of the year). Throughout the year 58 new Primary Members joined the North Yorkshire Group but this implies that almost as many existing Primary Members left us. All new joiners receive an email from the Secretary welcoming them to the Group and inviting them to join us on social walks, but almost none have done so thus far. The Committee has discussed this apparent anomaly on a number of occasions and understands that people join the LDWA for a variety of other "non-social walking" reasons - nevertheless this is a rather stark trend if it were to continue. The Walk Secretary's report explores in more detail the walk statistics for the year which in part also appears to reflect this trend.

Walk Registers have now become the accepted norm for pretty much all social walks with 40 out of 42 being submitted. My thanks to all Walk Leaders for their diligence in this important task alongside all their other responsibilities in planning and leading our walks. In addition to its primary purpose of providing insurance cover, it is worth noting that the Walk Register also feeds the walk statistics reported by the Walks Secretary as well as identifying guests (i.e. potential new members) who "try us out".

Walk reports have also accompanied around 27 of our social outings, often supported by photos as well. My thanks again to Walk Leaders and all other participants who have made this additional effort to help share and promote our activities with other LDWA members and the wider public.

Finally, as the retiring General Secretary and Webmaster, may I take this opportunity to thank my fellow Committee members for their support and collaboration during my tenure. Their commitment and untiring efforts to guide and enhance the North Yorkshire Group is without question. The membership is fortunate to have such a dedicated team supporting it.

Robert Cope



NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA AGM 2023 WALKS SECRETARY'S REPORT

2022 saw a range of walks throughout a comprehensive social walks programme covering all areas of North Yorkshire and parts of Cumbria, again all types of weather Britain can throw at us from the exceptionally long hot dry summer months to the usual wet soggy walks.

Some walk leaders decided to lead a series of walks on a theme. Reg led a series of walks through beautiful ancient woodlands, Jo led a series of walks covering the "3 peaks" in Malhamdale, Wharfedale and Swaledale and Ann led a walk around the Thornborough Henges, an unusual ancient monument complex that includes the three aligned henges.

In July a very small group of us had a weekend in The Lakes, with walks starting at Keswick on both Saturday & Sunday led by Jon & Wendy Leete. The weather was mixed but the walks were fantastic.

In April, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the LDWA, North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire did a group walk of The Nidderdale Way, a circular walk of just over 50 miles, around Nidderdale area of outstanding natural beauty.

To ensure that any member of North Yorkshire LDWA who does not participate in the longer walks had the opportunity to participate in the 50th Anniversary the Committee decided to run 2 walks of 15 miles and 2 walks of 10 miles, totalling 50 miles from Chop Gate. 50 walkers took part and refreshments in the village hall were provided by the Committee afterwards. Jill King's impressive array badges of many past Challenge Walks were displayed and were a great talking point.

This year saw the return of the first Kilburn Kanter after Covid which was enthusiastically undertaken by participants despite the deterioration of the weather throughout the day resulting in foggy, wet conditions by late afternoon.

Walk Statistics:

Over the year, we had a total 324 walkers on walks with the following breakdown:

7 participants walked in between 11 - 22 walks

10 participants walked in between 6 – 8 walks

8 participants walked in between 5 – 3 walks

24 participants took part in 2 walks

60 participants took part in 1 walk



Walk Statistics	2022	2021 (9 months)
Number of social walks:	42	50
• Walk registers completed	40	48
Number of walker participants:	324	407
• Average per walk	8.1	8.5
Number of different walkers:	109	94
• More than 10 times (average per walker)	7 (16.1)	11 (15.5)
• 6 to 10 times (average per walker)	10 (7.0)	13 (8.0)
• 3 to 5 times	8	17
• Once or twice	84	53
Number of different walk leaders:	12	14
• Led 3 or more walks	7	7
• Most number of walks led	9	13
** Data based upon completed walk registers **		

Obviously, these figures demonstrate that we have a cohort of @ 25 walkers who walk regularly, with members of other LDWA groups walking with us occasionally. We have work to do with encouraging occasional walkers to walk more often which is something The Committee need to concentrate on in the next year, which could be done with more regular communication of forthcoming walks through e-mail or the Facebook page.

A sincere thank you to all Walk Leaders who put in a lot of time and effort to plan, recce and lead the walks, without you all there would be no North Yorkshire LDWA.

Lynn Hathaway

Walks Secretary

North Yorkshire LDWA



NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA AGM 2023 WEBMASTER'S REPORT

For the second year in succession website functional developments (both the LDWA main site and our local groups' version) have remained broadly frozen, with only "break-fix" activity taking place. Fortunately, both sites appear to have been reliable throughout the year. It is not obvious what progress has been made on the overall LDWA website and systems development project, but the appointment of a permanent IT Officer on the NEC to take up his role in the next few months is hopefully significant and to be welcomed.

The North Yorkshire Local Group website (together with the bulk email facility) currently serves as our primary means of communication for updating Members on virtually all of our relevant activities. But the website itself is passive and relies upon Members to "come looking for information". As mentioned in the Walks Secretary's report, more regular pro-active communications via email or Facebook (or other social media) might also draw more frequent/new visitors to the site which in turn may expose them to the complete list of future walks, walk reports and photos etc. – and ultimately to consider participating in social walks.

As retiring Webmaster, I feel now is an opportune time for a more social media savvy individual (or individuals) to take on this role / these roles and to shape and enhance North Yorkshire Group's presence via a new website as it is introduced.

Robert Cope