

NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA - Committee Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES: 16.10.23

The meeting commenced at 1930 with a welcome from the Chair, Dave.

In attendance: Robert Cope, Lynn Hathaway, Christine Stopford, Dave Jacques, Sue & Malcolm Reid, Caroline & Roger Wandless and Jill King.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Bob Jowett
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** (08.08.23) were approved. Proposed by Robert and seconded by Lynn. Some matters arising will be covered under items of the Agenda.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - 3.1. Logo to be discussed later in the meeting
 - 3.2. Forestry England. Roger reported that after Roger's conversation with them, they were very happy with all issues discussed.
 - 3.3. Ebor Way. Robert & Christine have walked sections with considerable re-writing where stiles have become gates, hedges have gone, shops have closed etc. Changes to be expected after nearly 50 years since Ken Piggin wrote the book.
4. **Christmas Meal:** Caroline is organising and has accepted bookings so far for 13 people for lunch @ 1400 The George at Easingwold. Meal costs: 1 course - £16.00, 2 courses - £21.00 and 3 - £25.00. Caroline is still taking bookings. Robert to mention on the Group website.
5. **Chair's Report (Dave)** The Local Groups' Weekend is coming up in November with Dave & Christine attending. Dave thanked Robert for some in-depth work on both the Group dashboard and a possible group logo.
6. **Treasurer's/ Financial Report (Roger)**
 - 6.1. The Kilburn Kanter numbers have reached the maximum and SIentries are beginning to pay in fees.
 - 6.2. Lock up has been paid for the next year.
 - 6.3. Balance: £4051.19 boosted by KK entries and likely to be lowered from KK expenses
 - 6.4. Audit of accounts is in hand
7. **Secretary's Report (Christine)**
 - 7.1. Changes to the Speyside 100 2024. A good section of the route, start and breakfast locations need to be changed in response to the wishes of RSPB, Cairngorm NP and Forestry for Scotland. Disturbance of wildlife especially the capercaillie were quoted. The organising committee will keep all informed. North Yorks team of helpers will be contacted and updated by Caroline.
8. **Walk Secretary's Report (Lynn)**
 - 8.1. The last couple of walks have resulted in 8-10 people from different groups and different ages attending. Facebook has proved popular with members.
 - 8.2. Lynn will email all walk leaders encouraging them to come forward with walks. 2 from other groups have also volunteered.
 - 8.3. See the section of Local groups dashboard later for some thoughts
 - 8.4. Possibility of a North Yorkshire day with different length walks available with a buffet to follow - similar to the 50 birthday one from Chop Gate.
 - 8.5. Lynn also proposing a weekend away next July to walk a LDP - possibly Windermere Way
9. **Kilburn Kanter final arrangements/Other Challenge events (Roger & Lynn)**
 - 8.1 KK closed with 195 entries
 - 8.2 All venues booked/kit boxes to be checked

- 8.3 No clipping just note numbers
- 8.4 Sutton Bank CP moved to include using Jon Leete's bench.
- 8.5 Marshals' walk in hand - 7 at present with support from Roger & Caroline
- 8.6 Lynn reports lots of helpers to do the following jobs:

Check In, results, Certificates, Finish desk

Kitchen duties, front of house, Tea & toast

Car parking

Cold Kirby/Tylas farm with short cut gate/ Hawnby/Boltby/Southwoods Lodge/Sutton Bank CP

Delivery of provisions

Sweepers/ Raynet

Body Wagon

8.7 Meal at finish in hand. Sue & Jill passed on the requirements for their respective check points. Sutton Bank may have mulled wine & mince pies.

8.8 Issue at Southwoods Lodge with parking - may not have Raynet there.

8.9 Roger with Wendy's permission will say a few words about Jon before the start of the event.

8.10 Afoot in 2 Dales 2024 will be on the weekend of July 20/21

9. Local groups Dashboard (Robert)

Robert talked us through both the National LDWA and Local Groups Dashboard. Main items of interest are the Age Profiles of Primary members and the possibility of access to their post codes. How do we use this data to our benefit. Robert to analyse further.

10. Cleveland Group Re-formation Christine will update us after the NEC meeting this coming weekend.

11. C2C consultation with YDNP Authority. Christine & Jill attended on behalf of the LDWA in the company of representatives from The NP Ranger Service, Natural England, Swaledale Outdoor club, British Horse Society, British Cycling and from the local Access Forum. The main thing was that they are establishing a massive undertaking to upgrade all the PROWs, Bridleways and relevant permissive paths. The route will have new signage containing the Acorn & AW signature all with black lettering. Circular and link routes will make it more accessible for those wanting shorter walks. Information Boards will be established where QR codes can provide additional information. It was decided to call a similar meeting in 1 year's time to discuss progress and issues.

12. AOB

12.1 Rebranding of the Group logo. Little response from Group members so left to the committee to decide. All to think about and make a FINAL decision at the next Committee meeting.

12.2 The date for the AGM was fixed as February 6th 2024, 7.30 via Zoom

13. Close & Date of the next committee meeting. Dave thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30

Next Meeting: Monday January 8th 2024 7.30 via Zoom

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