

# **NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA – COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **Minutes**

**Monday 19 April 2021**

### **Opening**

The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm and was conducted via Zoom (hosted by Robert).

### **Present**

Robert Cope | Lynn Hathaway | Dave Jacques | Jon & Wendy Leete | Malcolm & Sue Reid | Caroline & Roger Wandless

### **Agenda Topics**

The agenda was scheduled as updates from each of the Officers, together with a broader discussion on the evolving social walks programme following LDWA's recent announcement that social walks could recommence.

#### **1. Chair**

- 1.1. Dave had nothing specific to report, but wanted to stress his personal advice and concern that all members remain vigilant and "Covid safety conscious" as the country emerges from lockdown.

#### **2. Group Secretary**

- 2.1. Robert reported that all outstanding actions from the 7 January meeting (items 4 - 7) were now completed.
- 2.2. Since the 11 March AGM the following had also been actioned:
  - NEC notified of the composition of the new Committee
  - Website access granted to Lynn
  - Alias emails secured and working for those that wanted them
- 2.3. There was an open discussion on the subject of bulk emails received by the Secretary requesting that they be forwarded either to the Committee and/or to our entire membership (six such communications had been received). As new Secretary Robert advised that he was comfortable using his discretion on such matters and certainly did not intend to circulate every single one seeking Committee input – only those that he considered relevant. But the Committee's views and preferences were of course relevant and of interest. Specifically:
  - Many appear more suitable for NEC all groups-wide distribution. Robert would take this up with Karen Pickersgill.
  - What "member communication presence" do we wish to establish (highly pro-active versus periodic newsletters with primary focus on NY activities?).

The general consensus seemed to be "tread the middle ground" using the discretionary approach referred to above. Dave added that many such NEC communications also came to him as Chair giving the opportunity for a second opinion.

### **3. Treasurer**

- 3.1. Roger advised there had been no financial movements since the 7 January meeting and had nothing further to report.

### **4. Walk Secretary**

The Walk Secretary update evolved into a broader discussion on the status and future direction of the social walks programme and also challenge walks.

- 4.1. Following NEC's recent announcement of approval to re-commence social walks, Lynn provided an update on the current status of the social walks programme. Our first 2021 social walk had just taken place on the Saturday just gone.

- An encouraging number of volunteers had indicated a willingness to lead
- May was already well covered, June and July were progressing well but not much yet for August. Some shorter mid-week walks were also in plan. Hoping to also get some further north and in the Moors over time, but good progress so far from a standing start.
- Hoping to achieve 3-4 walks per leader per year if possible for a diverse programme.
- Robert pointed out that the historic Strider 4-month input programme may come back into force for August. For discussion at a future meeting?

- 4.2. The following "other" social walk variations were also discussed for future consideration:

- Sunrise/sunset/night walks. Wendy might consider? Roger & Caroline willing to support if required
- Weekends away
- Longer walks (e.g. Lyke Wake, Levisham Limp)
- Sunday walks
- Are dogs welcome (or not). The guiding principle has always been to leave this to the walk leader's discretion.

- 4.3. Lynn queried whether we had considered alternating the Kilburn Kanter with a different challenge walk from year to year. It was generally felt that the Kilburn Kanter was our well-respected flagship event and should be retained annually – moreover a number of other challenge events had fallen away after a few years.

- 4.4. Roger advised that plans for the Kilburn Kanter are progressing satisfactorily. Kilburn, Cold Kirby and Hawnby village halls are booked. Hesketh Hall may be a doubt due to a possible change of ownership but Boltby village hall is a potential alternative. We await the NEC's guidance on what Covid-secure guidelines may have to be adhered to for challenge events to take place. Entries will not open before 1 June. Malcolm asked if chest numbers could be used instead of punching tallies. Roger said that he was planning to dispense with actual punching of the tallies anyway.

## 5. Webmaster

- 5.1. Lynn and Robert attended an NEC Zoom workshop on 8 April on the LDWA's Covid-secure social walks guidelines – nothing radically different from the existing 2020 guidelines but a useful refresher.
- 5.2. No major IT/web issues to report, but the website has been updated as follows:
  - AGM minutes filed
  - Significant home page changes to reflect:
    - Covid-19 social walks announcement
    - Covid-19 guidelines and links to revised walk register and risk assessment documents
    - The next 5 walks and the latest walk report

## 6. 100's Co-ordinators & Other Group's Challenge Events

Caroline advised the following:

- 6.1. We have 5-6 people willing to support a checkpoint at the Foot in 2 Dales, awaiting confirmation (or otherwise) if it is going ahead. Ex Cleveland personnel will also man a checkpoint.
- 6.2. For the 2022 Hundred we have 9 volunteers to support the Wentworth checkpoint. Help is also available from the ex Cleveland group.
- 6.3. The 2023 group has not approached us yet.

## 7. AOB

- 7.1. Wendy asked if we could consider getting some photos and narrative into the next edition of Strider as means of promoting the group generally and to celebrate the recommencement of our social walks programme. Robert will follow-up with Graham Smith.

| Action Items  | <u>Who</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
|---|------------|-----------------|
| 1. 2.3: Query bulk email distributions – NEC v Local Groups | RC         |                 |
| 2. 7.1: Photos and article in the next Strider              | RC         |                 |

## Closing & Date of Next Meeting:

Dave thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8:55 pm. The next meeting to be scheduled once we have visibility of NEC Challenge Walk guidelines and to tie in with Kilburn Kanter plans.