

NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA – COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Monday 16 August 2021

Opening

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm, via Zoom, hosted by Robert

Present

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

1. Apologies

n/a all present

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1. Accepted

2.2. Caroline has booked Millstones for Xmas lunch (of which more later)

3. Easing of Covid-19 Restrictions

3.1. Following both Government and LDWA easing of Covid-19 restrictions a hybrid model for was agreed for “management” of individually posted walks. This would enable a return to our historic modus operandi for those leaders comfortable with this approach whilst respecting any leaders who might prefer to retain numeric limits and pre-registration. All new walks posted would follow this model.

3.2. Amendments to the website front page and a bulk email would be sent to communicate these new arrangements to the broader membership.

4. Local Group’s Weekend – Haworth November 12-14

4.1. LDWA is seeking delegate bookings by 13 August. At this time, and for different reasons, no-one felt able to commit to attend this weekend event.

4.2. Karen to be advised accordingly with the reservation that our position may change

5. Chair

5.1. Lynn and Robert were thanked for their efforts since we recommenced group walks

5.2. Based upon the Millstones lunch venue, Dave volunteered to lead our Xmas walk – probably close to (but not around) Thruscross Reservoir.
Outline details: 10 miles / 10:00 start / 13:30 lunch

6. Group Secretary

- 6.1. Nothing to report other than those items already posted as separate agenda items

7. Treasurer

- 7.1. There had been no financial movements since the last meeting but rent for the lock-up was due – to be shared with the Irregulars

8. Walk Secretary

- 8.1. Walks were now posted for most weekends until Xmas. Robert hopes to add one for 2 October and Jon/Wendy for 4 December.
- 8.2. Some concerns had been raised (but subsequently addressed) over the “one walk per Saturday” limit
- 8.3. The Kettlewell Marshals’ was scheduled and agreed with Andy Miller for 5 March 2022
- 8.4. Looking forward to 2022 Lynn was considering the following possibilities:
 - 8.4.1. Weekends away in either March or late September (Whitby?) - or both
 - 8.4.2. A night walk mid-summer
 - 8.4.3. A Long Distance Path over one weekend or possibilities several weekends

9. Webmaster

- 9.1. Multiple Saturday walks (which admittedly will disappear soon) and fragmented submissions of walk reports, registers, risk assessments and photos via individual emails were, at times, proving onerous in terms of weekend website updating
- 9.2. Further guidance on submission guidelines to be considered by Robert

10. 100's Coordinators

- 10.1. We will be running the 2022 Wentworth C.P. and already have adequate volunteer numbers
- 10.2. Following a request received today, it was agreed that North Yorks would volunteer to run a C.P. at the 2023 EBB100 – preferably a later C.P. Caroline/Roger to coordinate on our behalf.

11. LDWA 50th Anniversary

The LDWA celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2022 and is encouraging local groups to put on a/several events to mark the occasion and to raise awareness locally. A number of possible scenarios were discussed including:

- 11.1. A 50km social supported walk (the North Yorkshire Wobble perhaps?). Consensus was that this should be limited to ~25 participants. Possibly somewhat restrictive for the entirety of the North Yorks Group though?
- 11.2. Several walks of varying length totalling 50 miles (say 25/15/10) so as to appeal to a larger number of walkers of various abilities. Probably not supported en-route but with a Village Hall start and targeted common finish time to enable some form of celebratory party at the end (to be determined). Whilst not definitive, this option was preferred for further consideration.

- 11.2.1. Suggested dates were the weekend either side of the summer solstice (e.g. Saturday 18 June or 25 June)
- 11.2.2. Village Halls to consider: Chop Gate, Osmotherley and Goathland. Robert to make preliminary availability enquiries.

12. AOB

- 12.1. Lynn enquired about the possibility of a Facebook presence for North Yorks in the hope that it may broaden our appeal to younger members/potential members. Caroline pointed to the distinction between a Facebook page (on our website?) and a stand-alone Facebook account. Whilst generally supportive (in principle at least), it seemed that the Committee lacked the necessary expertise in such Social Media. Lynn said she would endeavour to make further enquiries.

Action Items		Who	Comments
1.	3.2: Update website front page and bulk email to reflect revised Covid-19 arrangements	RC	Done 18/8
2.	4.2: Inform Karen of our presence (or likely not) at the Haworth Local Group Reps weekend	RC	Done 21/8
3.	9.2: Consider revision of guidelines for submission of photos	RC	
4.	10.2: Caroline & Roger to lead 2023 EBB C.P. initiative	CW	
5.	11.2.2 Village Hall(s) availability for 50 th event	RC	
6.	12.1 Look further into Facebook possibilities	LH	

Closing & Date of Next Meeting:

The meeting closed abruptly (due to Zoom deadline) at approx. 9:00 pm. Next meeting to be scheduled Monday evening, mid-September.