NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA – COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes Monday 18 October 2021

Opening

The meeting opened at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Present

Eva Bowes | Robert Cope | Lynn Hathaway | Jill King | Dave Jacques | Jon & Wendy Leete | Malcolm & Sue Reid | Christine Stopford | Caroline & Roger Wandless

Apologies

Roma Haigh | Paul Shepherd | Tony Simmonds

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- 1.1. Accepted: Roger (P) / Dave (S)
- 1.2. All action items have been completed

2. Chair

Dave opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking all attendees and added:

- 2.1. Thanks to Bob for his efforts in the preparation and submission of the forthcoming Strider "Focus on North Yorkshire" article
- 2.2. Apologies to more northern and ex Cleveland members for the location of our Xmas walk and dinner which (with hindsight) was perhaps not very convenient
- 2.3. Caroline had kindly agreed to manage the evening's proceedings thanks

Jill and Eva in turn thanked Dave and North Yorkshire Group for their welcome and inclusion of ex Cleveland members. Robert and Wendy (later) commended the midweek shorter walks initiative led mainly by ex Cleveland members.

3. Group Secretary

3.1. The NEC's Inclusion & Diversity bulk email (which had arrived only that weekend) was raised. It was agreed that its consideration should be deferred until the next meeting in order to give its numerous initiatives adequate time. Caroline commented that North Yorkshire was already adopting some of the suggestions.

4. Treasurer

- 4.1. SI Entries has changed its payment method
- 4.2. The Current Account balance is in the region of £3.5K, but the Kettlewell's costs are still to pay
- 4.3. There may be some scope to contribute to the NEC IT Fund after the Kettlewell even though The Kettlewell's fees had not been differentially priced (LDWA v non-LDWA). The Committee to review this after April next year.

5. Walk Secretary

- 5.1. Healthy walks programme through to April next year now submitted to Strider:
 - Most Saturday's to Xmas, all of January and most of February including a joint walk with West Yorks, Kettlewell Marshal's and Challenge in March
 - A mix of Saturday's and Wednesday's
 - Xmas and AGM walks now in the programme
 - No problem to add "ad hoc" Wednesday walks at short notice depending on weather
- 5.2. Wendy looking at a weekend in the Lakes in July book own accommodation
- 5.3. A Facebook page has been set up, currently with 5 members
 - Name to be changed North Yorkshire LDWA
 - All Committee members / Facebook users to consider joining?
 - Link to be added to the website

6. Webmaster / IT

- 6.1. Attended a Local Groups new website requirements Zoom workshop on Tuesday 5 October (also repeated the following day). One of several workshops the NEC has been holding with different stakeholder groups over recent months.
 - Well attended and lots of good/constructive ideas
 - Several alternative development strategies (Bespoke, Package, Hybrid)
 - But it's a big project (likely 2-3 years)

7. Kilburn & Kettlewell Challenges

- 7.1. Kilburn Anytime Challenge
 - 58 entries via SI (11 completed)
 - Not a big money earner as an additional SI charge for reporting back and some people probably walking without paying. But worthwhile to maintain visibility of the event

7.2. Kettlewell Actual Challenge

Current status is as follows:

- 200 entries (sold out) and 9 on waitlist
- Catering Menu & Checkpoint Equipment: In Progress
- Kettlewell Village Hall: Staffed (8/8)
- Car Parking: Staffed (2/2)
- Bucket Drop: Staffed (2/2)
- CP1 Grassington: Staffed (3/3)
- CP2 Linton: Irregulars are staffing
- CP3 Wood Nook: Staffed (4/4)
- CP4 Street Gate: Irregulars (different team) are staffing
- CP5 Hawkswick: Staffed (4/4)
- Sweepers: Staffed (1 + 2 x Raynet)
- Body Wagon: TBA
- CP Provisions Delivery: TBA

8. 100's Coordinators

- 8.1. Confirmed CP @ Wentworth for 2022: 8 volunteers so far, more are welcome
- 8.2. Offered to run a CP for 2023: Awaiting to hear back

9. LDWA 50th Anniversary - Saturday 18 June 2022, Chop Gate

An open-ended discussion/brainstorming took place to start formulating what the event might look like. The following lists the ideas discussed that were felt worthy of further consideration for our next meeting on the subject:

- 9.1. LDWA is encouraging all Groups to run an event on 18 June weekend
- 9.2. Chop Gate Village Hall booked
 - 9.2.1. Currently all day/entire facility (£180 full day charge)
 - 9.2.2. There are two halls and two kitchens (large 280, small 80 (max 40 seated))
 - 9.2.3. Scope to negotiate lesser charge once requirements established
 - 9.2.4. Free car parking for event attendees
- 9.3. Walk Event Outline
 - 9.3.1. 4 walks (2 x 15 miles, 2 x 10 miles)
 - 9.3.2. Jon offered to roughly sketch out some possible routes, but recognising that walk leaders (once chosen) may wish to devise their own routes
 - 9.3.3. Need some form of advance booking so numbers are known
 - 9.3.4. Staggered start times to finish at same time
 - 9.3.5. Route description for each walk or to be led by a walk leader TBD
 - 9.3.6. Jill / Jon / Robert / Lynn / Wendy all offered to lead
 - 9.3.6.1. Lynn also to appeal to all other walk leaders
 - 9.3.6.2. May need a Leader + Sweeper/Backup for each walk TBD
- 9.4. Hospitality Structure
 - 9.4.1. Treasury funding/subsidy should be possible
 - 9.4.2. What about memorabilia (e.g. buff, mug, banners etc.)
 - 9.4.2.3. What are LDWA doing Robert to make enquiries of Karen
 - 9.4.2.4. Jill suggested a mounted "collage" of old Challenge badges no longer run
 - 9.4.3. Catering not discussed in detail, but:
 - 9.4.3.5. Anniversary Cake? Wendy would make enquiries of Katherine
 - 9.4.3.6. Drinks Licence not required if provided free
 - 9.4.3.7. Hot drinks to start, turn up and go
- 9.5. Who Might Attend
 - 9.5.1. Just members (or members and partners)
 - 9.5.2. What about a purely social component as well for "no longer walking members" (and/or partners)
 - 9.5.3. Members from other Groups
 - 9.5.4. Non-members (potential joiners?)

10. AOB

10.1. LDWA is offering a "Meetup" trial opportunity (Item 10. of the Inclusion and Diversity document) for up to three Local Groups. Essentially, it's a tried and tested technology platform used by various different social organisations as a convenient way of its members booking themselves onto their events. It can be configured to cater for a specific membership organisation (such as the LDWA) to promote and manage bookings to its own members for its own events. Whilst possibly a bit "left field" Robert felt that this might be an insight to LDWA's future direction – and offered to manage a trial with a few walk leaders. It was agreed that Robert would put North Yorkshire forward for such a trial.

Action Items		<u>Who</u>	Comments
1.	4.3 Diary NEC IT contribution discussion for April 2022	RC	
2.	5.3. Facebook link to be added to the website home page	RC	
3.	9.3.2 Start work on planning 4 x routes for anniversary event	JL	
4.	9.3.6.1 Appeal to all walk leaders for anniversary event	LH	
5.	9.4.2.3 LDWA plans for memorabilia	RC	
6.	9.4.3.5 Anniversary cake possibilities	WL	
7.	10.1 Pursue Meetup trial	RC	

Closing & Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 8:50pm with a big thank you from Dave to everyone and a reminder for the forthcoming Xmas Walk & Lunch and AGM at the Forresters. No date for the next meeting was set.