

# **NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA – COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **Minutes**

**Wednesday 19 January 2022**

### **Opening**

The meeting opened at 7:30pm via Zoom.

### **Present**

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

### **1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- 1.1. Approved (DJ / LH)

### **2. Chair**

- 2.1. Jon & Wendy Leete's resignations on 3 January 2022 from the Committee were reluctantly acknowledged.
- 2.2. The Committee requires a quorum of five, we now have seven members.
- 2.3. Dave thanked Robert and Wendy for standing-in for him at the Christmas walk.

### **3. Group Secretary**

- 3.1. Gerry Orchard (a longstanding member) is also now a member of the Local Access Forum for the North Yorks Moors National Park. Gerry would be pleased to raise on our behalf any relevant matters at the Forum's next meeting in June.
- 3.2. 48 new members who joined us in 2021 but have not walked with us were sent a belated welcome letter (excludes all the ex-Cleveland transfers). Going forwards Robert will contact new members more frequently (say monthly).
- 3.3. 7 non-members legitimately trialled with us last year – only one of whom returned for a second trial. Walk leaders should note contact details for these non-members on the walk register for insurance purposes and to enable follow-up (perhaps we can re-iterate in a future newsletter?). Robert will follow-up anyone who returns for a second trial walk. Non-members are welcome to try us out, but abuse of this facility should not be tolerated.
- 3.4. Primary membership since March 2021 has increased from 326 to 373 (and Associate membership from 539 to 661).

### **4. Treasurer**

- 4.1. The account balance is in the region of £3,700 but includes The Kettlewell's fees but not yet it all its costs.

### **5. Walk Secretary**

- 5.1. We have a healthy and firm programme until end April, with a good number of further walks already pencilled in for much of the rest of the year. The Lakeland Weekend (2/3 July) was confirmed with Jon and Wendy.

- 5.2. Lynn noted that we had cancelled 3 walks published in the last Strider (two leader cancellations and one for weather) and moreover was finding that she and the walk leaders would prefer greater flexibility and not to be locked-in several months ahead to the future Strider timetable. After further discussion on this matter the following was agreed:
- 5.2.1. Strider input would be limited to ordinarily fixed/firm events (e.g. Challenges and this year's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary). The Strider narrative would direct members to our website or to contact either the Secretary or Walk Secretary (i.e. essentially similar to Northumbria's modus operandi).
  - 5.2.2. Social walks would only be released (and therefore publicly visible on both the North Yorks and the National websites) approximately 2 months ahead and after reconfirmation with the relevant leader. Meanwhile Lynn will continue to build the programme several months ahead on a rolling basis and in website "Draft mode".
  - 5.2.3. The question of members without internet access was raised. Sue already prints for some folks and Robert and Lynn are also willing to assist any such members.
- 5.3. The Meetup trial has now started. For Lynn's walk on 1 January, 3 people RSVP'd, 2 cancelled and 1 showed up (feedback - LDWA more flexible than Ramblers as our membership spans all geographic groups).
- 5.3.1. We have approx. 50 members already.
  - 5.3.2. Probably need more like 6 months to judge whether successful in gaining new members.
- 5.4. Robert mentioned the Social Walks Database which the LDWA is encouraging local groups to embrace. The purpose of this database is to build a library of our social walks comprising a summary route description and, if available, a GPX file which will then display a route map. After some discussion, and given the additional workload this may create for walk leaders, the Committee felt this was not something we should pursue at this time.

## **6. Webmaster / IT**

- 6.1. The website has been updated to reflect recent Committee details and changes.

## **7. AGM Reschedule**

- 7.1. Given the full events calendar for weekends in March, it was decided to reschedule the AGM via Zoom again this year. Wednesday 9 March at 7:30pm was agreed.
- 7.2. As last year Committee Officers should prepare written reports to be published shortly beforehand. Robert to distribute templates.
- 7.3. Robert to investigate a Zoom one-off monthly subscription to avoid the Zoom 40-minute limit.

## **8. The Kettlewell**

Andy Miller joined the meeting at the start and provided the following update on his plans for The Kettlewell:

- 8.1. Broadly everything is in good shape with plenty of volunteers – and nothing additional of substance is required from the Committee.
- 8.2. The Village Halls are confirmed - subject only to the reservation that Kettlewell would not welcome the event should there be a dramatic upsurge in Covid cases. Were this to be the case an Anytime Challenge was agreed as the default alternative.
- 8.3. Still awaiting to hear from Raynet.
- 8.4. Provisions OK, there are credit notes from Bookers and vouchers (hopefully) from Morrisons. The finish meal will be essentially pie and peas/beans (5 portions per pie). Tea and toast will be served at the start.
- 8.5. The Marshals' event is on 5 March – pies and tea only at the end (Lynn will join)
- 8.6. A further review was agreed in one month and to finalise equipment requirements from the lock-up.

## **9. 100's & Challenges Coordinators**

- 9.1. There were 73 entries for the Kilburn Anytime Challenge, 59 of whom had completed it (or at least registered that they had completed).
- 9.2. We're still awaiting to hear about our checkpoint for the 2022 Trans-Pennine 100 (3-5 June).
- 9.3. We're confirmed to run the Bainbridge Checkpoint for Afoot in 2 Dales (16-17 July). Still looking for some more volunteers.
- 9.4. Tim Glenn is seeking Strider input for the 2022 Kilburn Kanter. Not quite clear what Tim actually requires but Lynn would add the event and the marshals in the walks calendar. The date was confirmed as 5 November with the Marshals on 29 October (Lynn volunteered to lead the Marshals). Roger would update the website at end of January and we should publicise in our next newsletter.

## **10. LDWA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Saturday 18 June 2022, Chop Gate**

- 10.1. The sub-committee had not yet met but Robert would schedule a zoom meeting to progress matters for Tuesday 25 January at 7:30pm.

## **11. AOB**

No other business was raised.

## **Closing & Date of Next Meeting**

The meeting closed around 9pm. The next meeting (prior to the AGM) to be via Zoom on Wednesday 23 February at 7:30pm.