

NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA – COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Monday 30 May 2022

Opening

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Dave welcomed everyone and due to Zoom communication difficulties asked Caroline to conduct the meeting on his behalf.

Present

Robert Cope | Lynn Hathaway | Dave Jacques | Bob Jowett | Jill King | Malcolm & Sue Reid | Christine Stopford | Caroline & Roger Wandless

Apologies

n/a all present.

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings (19 January & 20 April)

Approved unanimously (Proposed Lynn / Seconded Dave)

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

- 2.1. Robert reconfirmed the Chop Gate Village Hall booking and the suitability of its facilities. We have the entire hall for the whole day and entry is via a keycode which he will share with Caroline, Jill, Lynn and Sue. A village hall information pack is also expected which Robert will circulate when received. Roger asked about a tarpaulin, it was decided not necessary – but he will provide blue shoe covers if muddy. Car parking is free for village hall attendees, Jill will provide parking passes for all attendees.
- 2.2. Lynn has a count of 35 attendees so far including all of us. Catering for 40 was agreed assuming a few more latecomers and the odd drop-out. Lynn will send a final bulk email reminder and Caroline will contact notable prior committee members to see if they would like to come.
- 2.3. Caroline's initial menu proposal was universally welcomed and agreed. Additional items and contributions to include sausage rolls, mince pies, scones, cake and fruit loaf. Paper plates were agreed and Jill will prepare some table arrangements. Catering (tea and toast) to start at 8:00 am with the main event around 2:30pm.
- 2.4. The four walk leaders are Paul Rodgers & Jon Leete (15m) and John Leeman and Jill King (10m). As many of the attendees have not specified which distance we will decide on the day who goes with who. Walk registers should be prepared as usual.
- 2.5. 15-mile walks will start at 09:00 prompt (assumed 5.5 hours elapsed time)
- 2.6. 10-mile walks will start around 09:45 (assumed around 4.5 hours elapsed time)

3. Walks not published in Strider

- 3.1. Malcolm and Sue felt that not publishing walks in Strider was detrimental to the social walks programme, resulting potentially in reduced numbers. Lynn explained that there had been a number of changes, cancellations or additions to the walks programme which can lead to Strider being “out of date”.
- 3.2. Nevertheless, Lynn was happy to reinstate Strider publication for the next two issues with a view to monitoring its impact, and will seek feedback from those attending.
- 3.3. Lynn will make the necessary website changes to meet the forthcoming publication deadline and Robert will revise the static text in Strider to reflect this change.

4. Dogs on walks

- 4.1. Lynn had circulated the walk leaders on how they felt about dogs on walks. The majority were not comfortable given the additional responsibility and nature of the terrain (and livestock) that we frequent. The Committee felt that our default position should be “no dogs allowed”.
- 4.2. The question of assistance dogs was raised and it was agreed that this was a valid exemption.
- 4.3. Social walks listings (Strider and website) should make this policy clear – “only registered assistance dogs are allowed on group walks”.

5. AOB

- 5.1. Robert informed the Committee that sadly Stanley Radcliffe, a former Cleveland (and now North Yorkshire) member, had recently passed away.
- 5.2. Roger gave a short update on Kilburn Kanter progress. Specifically, Boltby Village Hall is now confirmed (street parking only), as well as Tylas Farm and Sutton Bank. Entries are not yet open (mid June).
- 5.3. Lynn said she would start work on volunteers for the Kilburn Marshals once the 100 was over.
- 5.4. Roger confirmed that £125 had been remitted to the LDWA IT fund from the proceeds of the recent Kettlewell.
- 5.5. Caroline advised that an email would be going to all the 100 helpers in the next few days.

6. Closing & Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed (somewhat abruptly due to Zoom time limits) at 08:10 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 5 September at 7:30 pm via Zoom.