

# **NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA – COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **Minutes**

**Monday 5 September 2022**

### **Opening**

Following login problems with Robert's Zoom account, the meeting opened late at 7:45 pm using Caroline's Zoom account. Dave welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Present**

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

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Jill King and Bob Jowett prior to the meeting.

### **1. Minutes of Previous Meeting (30 May 2022)**

Approved unanimously.

### **2. Chair**

Dave thanked everyone for their contribution to the successful LDWA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on 18 June at Chop Gate. Also, to all those who had supported our Bainbridge Checkpoint on Afoot in Two Dales on the weekend of 16-17 July.

### **3. Group Secretary**

- 3.1. Robert and Lynn participated in an NEC/Local Groups' update Zoom meeting on 12 July – a key component of which was to promote and advertise the various vacant (or to become vacant) roles on the NEC or in support of the NEC. As requested, we circulated a bulk email to our members to make them aware of these volunteering opportunities. The NEC hopes to repeat such meetings from time to time to enhance communications with the Local Groups.
- 3.2. The Local Groups' Weekend takes place on 18-20 November in Buxton. As no-one from the Committee is able to attend it was decided to circulate our membership to see if anyone might be interested. There is no cost as we will pay the accommodation costs and the NEC reimburses petrol costs. Robert will action, subject to places still being available.
- 3.3. 38 new members have joined the Group since 1 January and all have received a "Welcome to the North Yorkshire Group" email. Thus far however, none appear to have participated in any of our social walks. As discussed in previous meetings there are clearly many other reasons why people join the LDWA.
- 3.4. The LDWA has upgraded its insurance cover to extend Personal Accident cover to all LDWA members. As this was not widely appreciated by several members of the Committee, Robert undertook to explore this further and report back at the next meeting (discussed under the Webmaster / IT Section of the Agenda but belongs more logically to the Group Secretary role).

#### **4. Treasurer**

- 4.1. The lock-up has been paid for, for a further year. £140 shared equally between ourselves and the Irregulars.
- 4.2. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event had cost £247 which was considered very reasonable considering what had been laid on.
- 4.3. There is approximately £3,000 cash at bank, but this includes Kilburn Kanter subscriptions already received, whilst none of its costs have yet been incurred.

#### **5. Walk Secretary**

- 5.1. We have walks in the calendar for most weekends up to the end of the year. The first two weekends in December have been kept free for a possible Christmas walk/lunch (dealt with later).
- 5.2. Last Saturday's walk was cancelled due to a very poor weather forecast.
- 5.3. Jill (via email) noted a disappointing response to Wednesday walks and welcomed suggestions to improve numbers. Lynn undertook to contact Jill to explore the matter further.

#### **6. Webmaster / IT**

- 6.1. The website continues to be updated each week as normal.
- 6.2. There is currently no evidence or indication of any website developments in so far as they may relate to the Local Groups' website. However, the initial development priority is understood to be with the NEC functions (e.g. the membership database).

#### **7. Kilburn Kanter**

- 7.1. 122 entries so far (87 LDWA members, 35 non-members). If this split is maintained to the full complement of 190 entries, the differential entry fee would result in an IT contribution in the region of £300.
- 7.2. All the venues are booked with CP5 now being Boltby VH (replacing Hesketh Hall).
- 7.3. Cold Kirby and Hawnby VHs are also booked for the Marshalls walk.
- 7.4. Catering arrangements and allocation of all volunteering roles were discussed in some detail. In summary this work is progressing well with no major exposures, but there are a number of loose ends still to be finalised over the next few weeks which Lynn is working on.
- 7.5. The next meeting to be scheduled before the event and in good time to discuss and review the final arrangements.

#### **8. 100's & Challenges Coordinators**

- 8.1. 100's
  - 8.1.1. 2023 Elephant, Bear and Bull (EBB): Confirmed we will be running CP14 (at 90 miles) at St. Anne's Church, Moseley. Sunday 28 May 9am to Monday 29 May 5am.
  - 8.1.2. 2024 Scotland: We have offered to run the 90-mile CP, awaiting to hear more details.
  - 8.1.3. 2025 East Anglia: We have offered to run the 90-mile CP, awaiting to hear if confirmed and more details.

- 8.2. Roundhay 50 (18-19 February 2023): We have been asked by West Yorkshire to support the Bardsey CP (at 21 miles). Saturday 1pm to 5pm. This was unanimously agreed.
- 8.3. Afoot in Two Dales (2023): In anticipation of being asked by The Irregulars to support again the Bainbridge CP next year, it was unanimously agreed that we would (without the need to await agreement at the next Committee meeting).

## **9. Christmas Walk / Lunch**

- 9.1. It was agreed that this should take place on Sunday 11 December 2022.
- 9.2. Lynn to lead the walk, followed by lunch at 2pm.
- 9.3. Location to be decided, Caroline will enquire of Forrester's Arms (Kilburn) and The George Hotel (Easingwold) in the first instance. Assume 20 attendees.

## **10. AGM**

- 10.1. The AGM was provisionally scheduled for Sunday 12 February 2023.
- 10.2. Historically (pre-Covid) this was on a Sunday and comprised a walk, followed by lunch and then the AGM itself.
- 10.3. Discussions took place on whether this should now revert to a social face to face event as in previous years or via Zoom again as per the last two years. Given the geographic spread, convenience, possibility of a wider audience and cost the Committee was undecided at this stage as to the most suitable approach.
- 10.4. It was agreed that the date should remain provisionally held and to revisit this topic at the next meeting.

## **11. AOB**

### **11.1. Volunteer Expenses**

- 11.1.1. Caroline mentioned that there was apparently an LDWA suggestion that Local Groups might consider offering its volunteers some assistance with expenses. Jill (via email) had also raised this topic for discussion.
- 11.1.2. Roger reminded us that we already had an agreement to offer Walk Leaders £10 per walk to cover fuel costs (Annual General Meeting 3 March 2019). Relatively few walk leaders had actually claimed this assistance though it was perhaps not that widely known amongst our new and wider pool of walk leaders.
- 11.1.3. If something similar were to be extended to (and taken up by) our many Challenge volunteers this might represent a sizeable proportion of any surplus arising from the event (bearing in mind the IT contribution commitment mentioned earlier).
- 11.1.4. The Committee agreed therefore to take a more comprehensive review of both such initiatives at a future meeting with a view to coming forward with a proposal to be presented and voted on at the next AGM.

## 11.2. Dog on Walks

11.2.1. Jill (via email) had suggested that the decision regarding dogs (Committee Meeting 30 May 2022) should be added as a formal proposal to be made part of our Constitution.

11.2.2. Whilst the agreed default position is “no dogs allowed” (our Strider entry states “Only registered assistance dogs are allowed on group walks”), those present did not feel that it was appropriate to make this part of our Constitution as this provides the framework for our Group’s activities, but not its operational details. Further reasons discussed included; too inflexible, the default position could be relaxed on a case by case basis subject to a walk leader’s specific preference or agreement and joint walks with other groups where dogs are allowed (e.g. West Yorkshire).

## 12. Closing & Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11 October at 7:30 pm. Caroline to supply the Zoom link.