

NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA – COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday 11 October 2022

Opening

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm. In Dave's absence Robert welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present

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

Apologies

Apologies were received from Dave Jacques and Bob Jowett.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting (5 September 2022)

Approved unanimously. Jill asked if the Haverdale House Checkpoint team's support on Afoot in Two Dales also be acknowledged (in addition to the Bainbridge team).

2. Chair

Dave had advised that he had nothing new to raise since the last meeting.

3. Group Secretary

- 3.1. The LDWA's Personal Accident policy now covers all LDWA members "Whilst participating in recognised activities and whilst travelling to and/or from approved activities within the UK." Previously cover was only extended to walk leaders and designated back markers or similar. The policy may be found on the LDWA website under "Toolkit". As an aside, "Toolkit" contains all manner of useful LDWA documents – it's well worth a look.
- 3.2. No candidates from the wider membership had come forward to represent us at the Local Groups' Meeting on 18-20 November. Currently 21 Local Groups will be attending.
- 3.3. NEC personnel changes. Julian White (Communications) has resigned with immediate effect and Karen Pickersgill (Local Groups) will resign after the Local Groups' weekend.

4. Treasurer

Entry fees for the Kilburn are being remitted from time to time by SiEntries based upon a percentage of the total entries received. The final payment less Si's fees is expected one week before the event. Currently we have in the region of £4,000 in the bank with approximately £1,000 of Kilburn costs yet to be expended.

5. Walks Secretary

- 5.1. We have a good selection of walks in the program up until Christmas
- 5.2. No replies have been received so far for the forthcoming Strider deadline (14 October) – so the program will evolve on a rolling basis and be published via the website.
- 5.3. Lynn observed that our Meetup trial had not proven either popular or effective - and suggested that we should probably finish it. Robert commented that some of the other groups (East Lancs especially) were still very active – but agreed with Lynn's assessment. In Julian White's absence Robert will establish how we formally terminate it.

6. Webmaster / IT

There are no new website developments at the local group level, but Robert understands that requirements to upgrade the membership database are being worked on. There is still no IT Officer on the NEC.

7. Kilburn Kanter (5 November 2022)

- 7.1. The Marshall's rota and catering arrangements were discussed in some detail. Car parking numbers were increased, but in summary we have sufficient volunteers - Lynn will circulate the finalised rota shortly. Car parking briefing at 6am if possible.
- 7.2. Roger to advise access to checkpoint venues (what time and how).
- 7.3. Checkpoint food is yet to be sourced. Lynn will advise checkpoint personnel once it is.
- 7.4. Entries are now closed. 181 (Walkers 126 / Runners 55). No reserve list but dropouts anticipated down to the target maximum of 150. 29 vegetarians registered.
- 7.5. A £10 donation per car towards volunteers' fuel costs was discussed and agreed. Lynn will advise volunteers accordingly. Maximum cost is estimated to be £240 and whilst not priced for in this year's entry fee, this should still just remain within the overall Kilburn Kanter budget. The same £10 fuel cost donation is already available for walk leaders, but it was agreed that this should be reconfirmed at the forthcoming AGM.
- 7.6. The Marshalls' walk (29 October) will be supported at Cold Kirby and Hawnby. Lynn to advise Roger of attendees for the purpose of certificate preparation.

8. 100's & Challenges Coordinators

There is no change from last meeting's comprehensive update – repeated below for completeness.

- 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). Ex Cleveland members have also been asked to support the Haverdale House CP next year (not discussed at the meeting, but added for completeness at Jill's request).

9. Christmas Walk / Lunch (Sunday 11 December 2022)

- 9.1. The Forrester's Arms (Kilburn) is now booked for 2pm. Nearer the time attendees will be asked to pre-order their choice from the Christmas menu.
- 9.2. Lynn to lead the walk - 10 miles / 09:00 start. To be posted in Strider.

10. AGM (Monday 6 February 2023 at 7:30 pm - via Zoom)

- 10.1. Given the geographic spread of the Committee and the time of year, the consensus view was to go for a Zoom meeting again. Robert confirmed that the LDWA regards this as an acceptable form of Annual General Meeting.
- 10.2. Monday 6 February at 7:30 pm chosen to avoid school half-term.
- 10.3. Officers' reports to be prepared and circulated beforehand.
- 10.4. 21 days formal notice required, but Robert will advertise earlier as well via the website and bulk email.

11. AOB

With reference to a 7 January 2021 committee meeting (where 2 walks per month was stated as a goal), Jill queried the greater number of walks that are currently being posted, the dominance of certain walk leader(s) and the number of clashes with Challenge events. Also, a concern that willing North Yorkshire Group walk leaders were possibly being excluded from leading walks due to leaders from other LDWA Groups. There was a wide-ranging discussion on these matters and the following represents some (but not all) of the points raised.

- 11.1. Having only joined the Committee this year, Lynn was unaware of this previous goal. Her approach as Walks Secretary has been to encourage more/new walk leaders and to accept all their walk submissions – but, importantly, this had not resulted in any leaders (from any Group) being excluded.
- 11.2. A maximum of one walk per month had been set for a dominant walk leader.
- 11.3. Some (but not all) Challenge event dates had been respected.
- 11.4. Whilst acknowledging the prior goal, Robert did not feel that it was (or should be) considered set in concrete and broadly supported Lynn's approach. He did not feel that the diminishing numbers attending our walks was the result of the number of walks (too many) being posted.
- 11.5. With some exceptions Robert did not feel that the Walks Programme should be constrained by the dates of Challenge Walks. Notwithstanding the diminishing numbers anyway he felt that this might result in even fewer opportunities for social-only walkers to get out as often.

- 11.6. Roger and Malcolm observed that some years ago Challenge events were the dominant norm for a number of the Group's members. Caroline added that this might still be the case and perhaps helps to explain why the Group's membership continues to grow without us seeing any new social walkers.
- 11.7. Were social walkers gravitating to neighbouring groups? Christine observed that she walks with some of the other Groups (both mid-week and some Saturdays) but this was mainly "incremental rather than substitutional" – and she was not aware of North Yorkshire members having moved predominantly to another Group.
- 11.8. Jill felt that a "walk leaders pack" might be helpful to provide further guidance and clarity on a number of these matters. Lynn agreed to do this.
- 11.9. Jill thanked the Committee for engaging in this overall topic.

12. Closing & Date of Next Meeting

Robert thanked everyone for attending and Caroline thanked Robert for conducting the meeting. The meeting closed at 9:05 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 9 January 2023 at 7:30 pm. Caroline to supply the Zoom link.