

# **NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA – COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **Minutes**

**Monday 9 January 2023**

### **Opening**

The meeting opened at 7:35 pm. Dave welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Present**

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

### **Apologies**

None, the entire Committee present.

#### **1. Minutes of Previous Meeting (11 October 2022)**

Approved unanimously.

#### **2. Chair**

Dave referred to an email that he and Lynn had received from the NEC's Secretary. It was agreed to cover this topic under the Walks Secretary's update. Otherwise there was nothing new to report.

#### **3. Group Secretary**

Robert will re-word our Meetup "mission statement" to reflect that whilst we are no longer active on Meetup, we still exist as North Yorkshire LDWA and welcome Meetup guests to come and try us out. Otherwise there was nothing new to report.

#### **4. Treasurer**

4.1. Roger reported that the Groups' accounts for the year are finalised. Highlights and items of note include:

- 4.1.1. Our banking arrangements allow 10 free transactions per month. November was a busy month due to the Kilburn Kanter resulting in £10.20 in bank charges. Ordinarily we do not exceed this monthly limit.
- 4.1.2. Although not differentially priced for this purpose, a donation of £125 from The Kettlewell surplus was made to the LDWA central IT fund. A further donation of £384 from the Kilburn Kanter surplus was also made to this fund (64 non-LDWA members paying the £6 differential entry fee between £18 and £12).
- 4.1.3. There was minor expenditure for a new lock up box and can opener.
- 4.1.4. Rent of £140 will be due for the lock up in August (of which £70 to be reimbursed by the Irregulars).
- 4.1.5. We have a balance of £2,574.51 (including petty cash).
- 4.1.6. Dave would endeavour to audit the accounts in the next couple of weeks.

- 4.2. Roger summarised the results of the 2022 Kilburn Kanter as follows:
  - 4.2.1. We had 190 paid entries, with 138 starters on the day (with one retiree).
  - 4.2.2. 64 entries were from non-LDWA members.
  - 4.2.3. We made a surplus of £546.30 after all expenses including contributions to the NEC IT fund, Raynet and for volunteers' travel.
- 4.3. Regarding this year's Kilburn Kanter the following was discussed and/or agreed:
  - 4.3.1. Given the number of no shows Roger proposes to increase the entry limit from 190 to 200/205.
  - 4.3.2. Advertising should commence via the April Strider (10 February deadline) together with the usual "pre-entry holding page" on the website.
  - 4.3.3. Entries (via SI Entries) to open in June.
  - 4.3.4. Given the likely increase in costs (food, village halls' energy costs etc.) an increase in fees from £12 to £14 (members) and £18 to £20 (non-members) was suggested by Caroline and provisionally agreed. Roger will give further consideration to this, with a view to confirming it at the AGM.

## **5. Walks Secretary**

- 5.1. The social walks programme for the next 3 months is currently not too busy (one every 2-3 weeks), but well spread geographically.
- 5.2. We have a joint walk scheduled with the Essex and Herts Group on Saturday 25 March which Lynn will lead. A potentially large group, they will also be walking with West Yorkshire on the Sunday.
- 5.3. Sadly, Wendy and Jon's walks have been taken off the programme. Their "Weekend Away" last year had been very good but Lynn proposed to defer organising something similar until next year.
- 5.4. Lynn advised that her request to keep the Roundhay 50 weekend free and to revise the date of a Cumbrian (out of territory) walk to a more geographically suitable date had not been well received - and had resulted in various members of the NEC being contacted and a subsequent exploratory response from the NEC Secretary to Lynn and Dave. Thus far there has been no further communication on this matter though some follow-up was mooted by the NEC. Following brief discussion, the Committee was unanimous and unequivocal in confirming its support for Lynn's approach as the Walks Secretary to construct the social walks programme and make such decisions as she sees fit. The question of respecting certain local Challenge Walks which we are actively supporting had been discussed at our last meeting.
- 5.5. Going forwards Lynn intends to issue more frequent newsletters in the hope of drawing more participants to our social walks.
- 5.6. To the same end Lynn also feels that a more pro-active Facebook presence might help. Not being a Facebook user herself, could someone else in the Group be found to assist with this task? Robert added that the Webmaster role would also benefit from such competency. Jill agreed to approach someone who might be able to help.
- 5.7. Lynn will approach her walk leader group for further walks as usual but will also mention the idea of Newsletters, the forthcoming AGM and Committee vacancies and Facebook possibilities.

## **6. Webmaster / IT**

- 6.1. Richard May will be taking up his post as the permanent IT Officer at the forthcoming LDWA AGM – a post which has been vacant for many months. In the meantime our current local website remains stable but unchanged.
- 6.2. The LDWA's membership subscription function is going to be outsourced to SI Entries, effective sometime in 2023. The January 2023 subscription renewal cycle will be the last using the existing system managed by (the retiring) Julia Warman.

## **7. 100's & Challenges Coordinators**

- 7.1. Roundhay 50 (18-19 February 2023):  
North Yorkshire will be running Checkpoint 2 at Bardsey on Saturday 18 February (around 12 noon to 5pm). An email will be going out shortly seeking volunteers.
- 7.2. Afoot in Two Dales (15-16 July 2023):
  - 7.2.1. We have offered to run the Bainbridge Checkpoint and are assuming this will go ahead as usual - awaiting confirmation.
  - 7.2.2. Similarly, Jill is assuming that the ex-Cleveland team will run the Haverdale Checkpoint as usual - also awaiting confirmation.
- 7.3. 2023 100 EBB (27-29 May 2023):  
We will be assisting at HQ from Sunday lunch until the close. Caroline, Roger, Dave and Steve Hall already committed. Awaiting further details.
- 7.4. 2024 100 Scotland:  
We have made an offer to run the Checkpoint at Aviemore at around 90 miles. Awaiting further feedback from the organisers.

## **8. AGM Preparation (Monday 6 February 2023)**

- 8.1. Notice & Communications
  - 8.1.1. Notice of the AGM should be given no less than 21 days beforehand. This will be via the website together with a bulk email to all members (*Note: Done 11 January*).
  - 8.1.2. A reminder email will follow no later than 25 January.
- 8.2. Officers Reports  
These should be completed in time for their publication on our website by 25 January latest (*All completed 19 January, to be published 23 January*)
- 8.3. Committee Composition and Elections
  - 8.3.1. The Committee may comprise a maximum of 10 members including Officers (we are currently 9).
  - 8.3.2. The AGM quorum requires a minimum of 8 Members (not necessarily Committee members) but including at least two of the current Officers.
  - 8.3.3. If the AGM is not quorate, or any of the posts of Chair, Secretary or Treasurer remain unfilled, the AGM should be adjourned and reconvened within 8 weeks with a minimum of 21 days' notice. The NEC should also be informed.

- 8.3.4. Discussion ensued on possible different compositions of the Committee. In addition to filling the already announced vacancies of Secretary and Webmaster, some Committee members would be willing to stand aside in favour of other members who may currently be more active (either as social or challenge walkers). A number of potential candidates were mooted and may be approached to see if there might be any interest.
- 8.3.5. Nominations for election should be received 2 weeks prior to the AGM, but may also be made in person on the day.

## **9. AOB**

### **9.1. Volunteers Fuel Costs**

The Committee unanimously confirmed that a £10 contribution towards fuel expenses was available for (a) Walk Leaders for recces of any social walks that are actually listed; and (b) volunteers who assist at the Kilburn Kanter. In both cases for the driver only, whether alone or where car sharing may have taken place. Such expense to be claimed from the Treasurer.

### **9.2. National AGM (10-12 March)**

Roger reminded us that bookings to attend the National AGM had to be made by 12 January. Dave will be going and Christine may consider attending. The Group will reimburse accommodation costs for up to two individuals (or one couple if only one couple is attending). Should two couples attend, then only one person per couple will be reimbursed.

### **9.3. Zoom Donation**

The Committee unanimously agreed to make a £20 donation towards our use of a time-unlimited Zoom facility.

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

Dave thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9:26 pm. The next meeting will be the AGM on Monday 6 February 2023 at 7:30 pm. Caroline to supply the Zoom link.