

NORTH YORKSHIRE LDWA – COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Monday 26 July 2021

Opening

The meeting was held via Zoom, hosted by Caroline and commenced at 7:30 pm.

Present

Robert Cope | Lynn Hathaway | Dave Jacques | Bob Jowett | Jon & Wendy Leete | Malcolm & Sue Reid | Caroline & Roger Wandless

Apologies

None, all present.

1. Chair

Prior to the listed Agenda topics, Dave's opening remarks included the following:

- 1.1. Thank you to all walk leaders since the recommencement of our walks programme
- 1.2. Mention of the Local Group Reps meeting at Haworth, November 12-14
- 1.3. Possible expansion of the Committee to include ex Cleveland representation
- 1.4. As Covid-19 restrictions are relaxed, individual walk leaders should be free to determine what they consider to be safe and not put under pressure

2. LDWA Easing of Covid-19 Guidelines (14 July)

- 2.1. There was a broad discussion on how we should proceed in light of LDWA's easing of restrictions – ranging from no change to the current *modus operandi* to a full return to the pre-Covid era. The consensus conclusion for the time being was to continue broadly with the current arrangements, but with walk leader discretion as to the extent of easing.
- 2.2. In summary walks still to be pre-booked, but each walk leader to determine and publish numeric limits (if any). The Walk Register remains mandatory but the Risk Assessment (whilst recommended by the NEC) is now optional.

3. Walks Programme Review

- 3.1. In order to get the walks programme going again and to encourage as many walk leaders to come forward as possible, Lynn had posted walks as submitted regardless of their dates. This had resulted in a pool of about 10 walk leaders but also two walks on quite a few Saturdays. Wednesday mid-week meanders had also been very successful, especially shorter less challenging ones for more mature members, those returning from injury or still "Covid cautious". Following this successful fast start and now a much larger pool of leaders, it was agreed that we should now revert to our historic "norm" of only one walk per Saturday. Lynn would strive for a more balanced programme supported by multiple walk leaders - and no more than one walk per leader per month would be accepted. Currently posted Saturday duplicates would remain but no new ones would be posted.
- 3.2. Lynn proposed that we should, where possible, avoid known clashes with the neighbouring Nidderdale Group in order to support/not compete with them (due to their limited walks programme at present).

- 3.3. It was agreed the Kilburn Kanter anytime challenge should not be promoted as an officially supported NY social walk as this would undermine the decision not to hold the traditional KK this year. Individual members were free of course to put together their own group supported arrangements, but this should not be advertised via our website.
- 3.4. A Christmas Walk was proposed for Sunday 12 December. Lunch for 20 people at 1:30 to be investigated.
- 3.5. A Kettlewell Marshalls' walk to be scheduled for 5 March 2022. Andy Miller to lead and co-ordinate.
- 3.6. Consideration be given to a longer but supported summer social walk next year (30-45 miles?). Similar to the historic Moorland Walks? For future discussion?

4. Secretary & Webmaster

- 4.1. The LDWA insurance policy now includes Personal Accident cover for the social walk leader and any formal "assistant" – e.g. an appointed sweeper for a larger than usual group. This cover also extends to travel to/from an approved activity. A social walk recce may also be covered so long as it can be identified as such and may also include another person(s) – again provided it can be evidenced as formal activity and not just a private walk amongst friends. A properly completed Walk Register, promptly submitted is considered essential to ensure such cover is valid. Robert prepared a summary document which Lynn has distributed to all walk leaders.
- 4.2. A Local Group Representatives' weekend will take place at Haworth YHA from 12-14 November. No decision as yet as to who (if anyone) might attend.
- 4.3. Following input from Jill King, changes have been made to the website to better reflect the now non-existence of a geographic "Cleveland group" so that potential new members are more correctly directed to the appropriate alternative local group. A somewhat "clunky solution" but an interim fix pending the new website.
- 4.4. An outdoor "face to face" social/committee meeting plus short walk was considered (weekday evening or Sunday perhaps) but no conclusion on location or date arrived at.

5. Treasurer

- 5.1. Roger advised there had been no financial movements since the last meeting but rent for the lock-up was due soon.
- 5.2. So far there had been 15 entries for the Kilburn Kanter Anytime Challenge.
- 5.3. There were 138 entries held over from the twice postponed The Kettlewell

6. 100's Co-ordinators & Other Group's Challenge Events

Caroline advised that we are confirmed for CP15 at Wentworth for the 2022 Hundred.

7. AOB

- 7.1. Robert noted that our "N Yorks Hits the Ground Running" article and photographs was published in the latest Strider (Page 94).

Action Items		<u>Who</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1.	3.1: Lynn to advise the walk leader pool of the revised social walks programme arrangements	LH	Done 26/7
2.	3.4: Caroline to investigate lunch possibilities at the Millstones (near to Thruscross) or The George at Easingwold.	CW	

Closing & Date of Next Meeting:

Dave thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed shortly after 9:30 pm. The next meeting (via Zoom) is scheduled for Monday 16 August at 7:30 pm. Robert to co-ordinate.