

LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Committee Meeting
Thursday 2nd July 2020 at 6.00pm

Minutes

	<p>Apologies: Jacqui</p> <p>In attendance: Neil, Ian, Karen, David, Jane, Andy & Glyn.</p> <p>Standing items: The trig point at Darwen tower. The club is committed to litter picking. The club is committed to purchasing emergency contact tags for members bags. This is currently on hold. The club is committed to being associate members of the Ramblers.</p>
1	<p>Chairs Introduction. The previous minutes were agreed.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Karen has received a thank you letter from the Fire Service Benevolent Fund for the club's donation following the First Aid event in February.</p> <p>LDWA formal meetings, due to Covid 19 Karen has received an email from Julie Cribb, informing us that formal meetings will be held by Zoom for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Incident/accident report to be placed in the Admin section. All walk leaders to be aware to complete one if the need arises.</p> <p>One committee member asked whether anyone was willing to organise a walking holiday abroad. Due to the current pandemic this is on hold.</p> <p>Pendle Witches Way and Lancashire Way – on hold</p> <p>The Amble 2021</p> <p>Discussion in regard to the Amble did not take place. The club is awaiting guidance from LDWA.</p>
2	<p>The Walking Programme</p> <p>Action: All West Lancs walks will not feature in Strider</p> <p>Neil had asked to committee members to consider the option he put forward. Committee members were unanimous in their view that all walks should be suspended until further notice.</p> <p>Some members have formed small social walking groups in their own areas and this is working well.</p>

	<p>Action: Neil to email members and ask if any member is feeling excluded to contact him.</p>
3	<p>Finances</p> <p>Jacqui reported the club's financial position, with the combined accounts totalling: £8,105.69. This included £2,814.44 from the Amble.</p> <p>Donations previously agreed</p> <p>Mountain Rescue - £500.00 (topped up from the Amble donations of £103.27) Air Ambulance - £400.00 Raynet (for 2 years attendance) - £250.00 White Coppice (for two years) - £50.00 Ramblers – Annual Affiliated membership - £65.00</p> <p>Other donations: £100.00 to the Fire Service Benevolent Fund – a donation in regard to the recent First Aid training.</p> <p>Jacqui queried the committee's previous discussion in regard to closing the books earlier. However, after discussion it was agreed to keep the status quo with the year end remaining at 31st March. However, the AGM should take place in late April to allow Jaqui the time to prepare the accounts.</p> <p>Neil proposed in AOB that the club contribute to the LDWA's IT fund, as requested in Strider. Neil proposed the club should contribute £1,000 from club funds. This is to be put forward at the AGM.</p> <p>A member is seeking the club pay for a Peak & Northern Pathways sign, see below.</p>
4	<p>Social Events</p> <p>The AGM is on hold as are all other social events until further guidance is issued</p> <p>The Committee agreed that Glyn should go ahead and book the 2020 Plod meal at Whalley golf club. Date 19th December, 2020 (please note date change). The Committee agreed to pay for the following social event:</p> <p>Tea and Cake walk - 22nd September, venue is the same as last year. Rivington tea rooms. Day to start with a bacon bap/cuppa, walk then tea and cakes. Non walkers/members can attend for the tea and cakes. As at the time of writing the tea rooms are open but we will consider nearer the time whether and if so how the event will take place.</p>
5	<p>Committee Meetings and Member Meetings</p> <p>Timetable Future Meetings</p>

	<p>It was agreed that future committee meetings could be held by Zoom, as this meeting had been successful. Future meetings could be held 2/3 weeks before a group meeting allowing the members to consider the minutes and raise at the Group Meeting if they felt it necessary.</p> <p>At the time of writing the Sea View has opened again. However, there is a table booking system and it is not big enough for a group meeting or AGM.</p> <p>AGM</p> <p>On hold at present.</p> <p>For information from previous minutes: There have been two motions received from two members. After discussion and clarification over the matter, one member decided to withdraw one motion. One member seconded by two members has submitted a motion for the Committee and AGM to consider.</p> <p>In brief this motion is in regard to David Whittaker's motion which was agreed at the 2019 AGM meeting, he proposed that the club meet less frequently. As the new Chair Neil introduced the idea in having a theme/speaker at each meeting to try and increase attendance and make meetings more interesting. At the AGM it was agreed to trial reduced meetings for 12 months. The Committee discussed this motion and agreed to the action as below.</p> <p>Action: Neil, Chair, to respond to this motion in his AGM report. A discussion will take place in regard to this response at the AGM.</p> <p>Other matters:</p> <p>David Whittaker has nominated, and this has been seconded by Harry Bretherton that John Clarke become a Committee member. John has already contributed to the club by leading a number of walks and responding to lead a walk when there has been a cancellation. As the AGM had been cancelled John was co-opted onto the committee at this meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that Jane should be known as the Social Walks Co-ordinator.</p>
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>Previous discussion:</p> <p><u>Outstanding from previous meetings</u></p> <p>It was discussed that some Committee members might benefit from attending LDWA meetings, ie AGM/Group Secretary's annual meeting.</p> <p>Action: Message from LDWA all meetings may be held by Zoom for the foreseeable future.</p>

	<p>A member had asked for the committee to consider a Peak & Northern pathway metal sign for siting at Charlie's Pole. The member subsequently informed Karen that this site was not appropriate.</p> <p>Action: The club to agree the expenditure for the sign at the AGM and members to be consulted where the sign should be sited on the Amble route. At this point, permission from the landowner should be sought or United Utilities.</p> <p>With vandalism of the plaque on the trig point at Darwen Tower it was agreed that Neil purchase a replacement and arrange with Peter Lomax that they repaint and re sign the trig point.</p> <p>Date of next meeting: No dates fixed</p>
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