

LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Zoom Committee Meeting
Monday 22nd March 2021

Minutes

	<p>Apologies: Jacqui</p> <p>In attendance: Neil, Karen, Ian, David, Mike, Jane, Glyn, John and Andy</p> <p>Standing items: The club is committed to litter picking. Associated membership of the Ramblers and looking after the Trig point at Darwen.</p>
1	<p>Chairs Introduction.</p> <p>Minutes of the Last Meeting. Agreed.</p> <p>Update:</p> <p>The trig point at Darwen tower has been painted and our plaque polished by Neil, Sue and Peter.</p>
2	<p>The Walks Programme</p> <p>Neil was keen to 'get ahead' and look at producing a walk's programme, from the 13th April, when the next reduction in restrictions was to take place. Whilst detailed guidance was not yet available it had been promised by the NEC of the LDWA before then and we could pre-empt this by having a programme ready to start no matter how limited.</p> <p>However, some members felt this was too soon.</p> <p>Discussion around a further ease of lockdown from the 17th May, where numbers on walks could potentially increase (to up to 30) also met with some resistance, even though it was likely that numbers would still be at the discretion of the walk leader. There was no firm guidance yet from Sport England/LDWA in relation to safe numbers and distance walkers can travel, with current guidance being to exercise with one other and 'stay local'.</p> <p>Discussion took place around the numbers on walks and the level of risk being up to the individual. The issue of safety, ie using sanitisers after opening a gate and car parking were also discussed. It was agreed whilst everyone knew the concept of social distancing on walks, the reality is leading a walk with walkers could open 'a can of worms'.</p> <p>It was agreed to wait until there is firm guidance in relation to travel, risk assessments, walk numbers etc.</p> <p>Action – It was concluded that no group walking would take place until at least the 17th May. However, a further Committee meeting would be held on the 26th April at 6:30pm to consider the Guidance, which we would hopefully have by then, with a view to deciding if May 17th was the right time to begin a walks programme and the format of it.</p>

3	<p>Finances</p> <p>The current balance is £7,452.94</p> <p>Expenditure is</p> <p>£42.87 for Zoom meeting – agreed to reimburse Neil 50% of his subscription</p> <p>£30.00 for the speaker at the last meeting</p> <p>£65.00 for the Ramblers – agreed by the Meeting</p> <p>£600.00 donation to the NEC IT fund – agreed at the AGM</p> <p>Outstanding expenditure:</p> <p>Emergency tags - £3.00 plus VAT per person. Firm not working to capacity. Action: On hold at present.</p> <p>A member has asked the club to fund a Northern Peaks sign. These are £385.00 plus VAT and installation. Action: On hold at present.</p> <p>Short discussion re the impact on the Club’s finances since the Amble was not held in 2021. Hosting an Anytime Challenge has been put on hold for the moment but having one later in the year when restrictions are lifted would bring in some income to potential cover the limited expenditure in the year but also enable us to continue our preferred donations such as Mountain Rescue. Ian is to consider this.</p>
4	<p>Social Events</p> <p>To look at this at a more appropriate time.</p>
5	<p>Committee Meetings and Member Meetings</p> <p>At the last meeting 20 members attended. Zoom meetings are a way of catching up and Neil asked for ideas for any future bi-monthly meetings.</p>
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>Anytime Challenges on hold.</p> <p>Amble date for 2022 is 12th February.</p> <p>Date of next meeting 26th April, 6:30 pm.</p>