LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Zoom Committee Meeting Monday 24th May 2021

Minutes

| | Apologies: Jacqui and Jane |
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| | In attendance: Neil, Karen, Ian, David, Mike, Glyn, John and Andy |
| | Standing items: The club is committed to litter picking. Associated membership of the Ramblers and looking after the Trig point at Darwen. |
| 1 | Chairs Introduction. Minutes of the Last Meeting. Agreed. Update: The trig point at Darwen tower has been painted and our plaque polished by Sue and Peter Lomax. |
| 2 | The Walks Programme Neil commenced the meeting by saying the 3 walks already lead by committee members had gone smoothly and without any hitches. One walk has been cancelled due to bad weather. The numbers attended have been 13-19 members. Neil felt that there should be further walks led by the committee until Dave and Jane can put out dates to members for leading walks. Dates agreed. 1st June – Andy 8th June – David 15th June – David 15th June – Glyn It was felt that this would give enough time for members to consider the programme and put themselves forward to lead walks in July, August and September. The majority of committee members wished to continue with the Tuesday walks, adding a longer walk either on a Saturday or Thursday. It was agreed that Ian would lead a walk on Thursday 10th June, with lower numbers and Neil would lead a walk on Saturday 26th June. On the 20th July Neil would lead a walk with a guest leader, Andrew who hosted the meeting in April about his book on walks in the Forest of Bowland. It was agreed that Mike would lead a fish and chip walk sometime after the 21st June, if restrictions are lifted then. Action David and Jane to circulate list for leaders. |

Finances Not discussed at this meeting.

The current balance is £7,400 with little expenditure since the last meeting. Figure given by Jacqui.

Outstanding expenditure:

Emergency tags - $\pounds 3.00$ plus VAT per person. Firm not working to capacity.

Action: On hold at present.

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.

Short discussion re the impact on the Club's finances since the Amble was not held in 2021.

Ian is looking at an Anytime Challenge to be held in July/August. £5.00 entry fee but we will probably use this to support our annual donations eg Mountain Rescue, rather than Group Funds. Ian looking at the route descriptions for the Barbondale round. Ian had already had an enquiry from a group wishing to visit the area and would be happy to wait until it is listed on SI entries.

4 Social Events

Any social events i.e., Christmas would depend on the future pathway and lifting of restrictions. To consider this in August/September.

5 Committee Meetings and Member Meetings

To schedule a committee meeting in July. Dependent on the lifting of restrictions a group meeting may be possible, but not at the Sea View as there was not enough room inside for social distancing.

Karen said that in the past there has been a couple of social evening walks in the summer months, followed by a drink at the Ley Inn, Clayton le Woods.

Brindle Village Hall is COVID compliant and will be hosting general meetings from July. This could be a possibility if the bar was open.

Karen to look at venues and talk with members.

6 **AOB**

Amble date for 2022 is 12th February.

Sue Lomax is looking to put on a virtual challenge later in the year. We should ask Sue for more details ahead of the next Committee meeting but in principle we should encourage this and other events.

It is the LDWA's 50th Anniversary in 2022. The club to consider whether this should be celebrated.

Karen to email members wishing them good luck for the 100.

There have been a number of new members, David sends them the Walk programme.

Date of next meeting to be decided.