

# The Dales Way Association

## Minutes of a Meeting held at the Bridge Hotel, Ingleton on Wednesday 17th March, 1993

**Present:** Gerald Cole, Douglas Cossar, Paul Hannon, Frank Sanderson, David Smith, Colin Speakman, Pat & David Walsh.

1. Everyone being present, there were no Apologies.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record.
3. Arisings from the Minutes.
  - a. **Copyright of Logo.** David Walsh reported that he now had most of the information needed on this subject. It could be that all we need do is to establish when the logo was introduced by writing a sealed letter giving details & also introduce the copyright symbol, ©, near to the logo. Further details at next meeting. It was noted that there was no point in spending any appreciable amount of money to gain copyright, as we would not be able to afford any legal fees to defend it in any case.
  - b. Badges are covered under item 8 of this meeting, but a suitable version of the logo was agreed for use on the projected sweat shirts. There is no cash to proceed with these at present - but consideration is being given to their design, colour etc.
  - c. Douglas Cossar pointed out that an asterisk against accommodation listed in the Handbook indicated that they were members of the Association. He asked for information of other instances where members offered accommodation. David Smith to send details from current membership - although this will need updating at the end of the year for the next Handbook.
4. It was reported that the current Membership stood at 62. This included 4 ordinary members who had renewed their membership for a second year. Gerald Cole announced that he would now resign from the Committee. This was noted with regret, although agreed that if necessary he could be co-opted for any meeting if felt that his particular expertise would be useful. He has never been a member of the Association.
5. The Treasurer reported that following payment in full for the badges, the cash remaining was less than £20. Income from the sale of badges is urgently needed. See item 8.
6. No arrangements had been made for the AGM apart from the date, which remains as Saturday, 24th April. It was agreed that, subject to finding a suitable room, Linton would be an ideal venue. It was suggested that it might be possible to use the Youth Hostel. David Smith to follow up. The plan for the day of the AGM would be a walk

in the morning, organised & led by Douglas Cossar. The AGM itself would start at 2.00pm. David Smith to notify Douglas Cossar when the room is booked so that details of the walk can be finalised & members notified. Four non committee members have so far indicated that they would like to attend. Despite having issued a tear off reply slip with the recent Newsletter to save postal costs - it was stated that we had to send out a formal notice of the meeting to all members nevertheless. ( £11.16 )

The Agenda for the AGM was agreed to be as follows:-

Adoption of Constitution (Amended to show President).

Apologies

Minutes of 17th March Committee meeting.

Arising from the Minutes.

Chairman's Report.

Treasurer's Report.

Election of Officers & Committee.

Any Other Business.

7. Officers will have to be formally appointed at the AGM. It was agreed that Frank Sanderson be proposed as President, with Colin Speakman continuing as Chairman. David Smith agreed to continue handling Membership & Association funds. It was agreed that an Hon.Secretary was urgently needed, but there were no volunteers & it was left to hope that we could interest a non committee member attending the AGM to take on the job. In the meantime David Smith is prepared to issue Agendas, Minutes & prepare Newsletters. Douglas Cossar of course has the duty of updating the Handbook each year, although this is not an official post in the Association.
8. **Sale of Badges.** It was agreed that this must be regularised. All badges, which belong entirely to the Association, were handed to the Treasurer who will hold them in future. He may sell them direct. or supply batches to individuals who may sell them on behalf of the Association. A record is to be kept by the Treasurer to note who has badges & ensure that payment is received when they are sold.  

It was agreed that the normal selling price would be £1.50 each. This would be reduced to £1.00 when supplied in a batch for resale by a commercial organisation such as T.I.C's. Cost price of the badges to us is approx. 65p each. Details of the initial distribution of badges for sale are included as an appendix to these minutes.
9. David Smith reported that there had been some response from the Dales National Park on route queries. Two letters from them are included with these Minutes for information. Their proposed actions to minor problems in the Lune valley are welcomed. David Smith has yet to visit Grassington to see their survey of the route & talk about it. This may well be best handled by an Hon.Secretary if we get one.

10. It was firmly agreed that some action for the future must be agreed at the meeting otherwise nothing would happen. It was suggested therefore that investigation continue into suitable Way Marks for the route. With some better idea of what could be available we would then be in a stronger position to make a presentation to the relevant authorities. It was suggested that a meeting be called with them, as soon as possible after the AGM, to discuss the matter & try & get something in hand.
11. Any Other Business.  
David Smith mentioned that he had recently joined the Offa's Dyke Association and found the organisation of this well established club very interesting. Photo copies of their membership form & sales list are enclosed with these Minutes for interest.
12. It was agreed that the next Committee meeting be held immediately following the AGM on 24th April 1993.

David Smith

