

Minutes of a Dales Way Association Committee Meeting.

This was held at the Bridge Hotel, Ingleton on the evening of 12th October 1993.

Present: Douglas Cossar, Frank Sanderson, Colin Speakman & David Smith. Member Gordon Fanstone also attended as an observer.

1. **Apologies** were received from Paul Hannon.

2. **The Minutes of the last meeting** (which was the AGM) were agreed to be an accurate record.

3. **Arising from the Minutes.**

The only matters were related to Future Actions under Item 8.

It was reported that the Lakes National Park had accepted our proposed design of Way Marker & had indicated little difficulty in producing it. It was agreed that Frank Sanderson would now propose this to the South Lakeland Council & Douglas Cossar do so to Bradford Council. Assuming that this went OK, an approach would then be made to the Dales National Park.

Regarding improvements to the route, the following action was agreed. Individuals, as listed below, to consider sections of the Dales Way & send brief recommendations for any changes to David Smith before the end of 1993. (They can of course also make suggestions outside their specific section if so wished.) David Smith to put all this together & circulate so that a final report can be agreed - probably at the next committee meeting. This to be presented duly to the relevant bodies. Individuals to cover sections as follows:-

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| Colin Speakman | Ilkley to Buckden. |
| David Smith | Buckden to Sedbergh. |
| Douglas Cossar | Sedbergh to Burneside. |
| Pat/Dave Walsh | Burneside to Bowness. Letter to be sent to them. |

There was some discussion on the £500 grant to provide a series of circular walks based on the Windermere end of the Dales Way. Douglas Cossar agreed to liaise with Frank Sanderson to devise such walks & duly produce a suitable guide.

4. **Since the last meeting** it has been necessary to report the **resignations** of Pat & Dave Walsh together with Ian Brooks from the Committee. This left the committee as a bare quorum (5) with everyone present. It was agreed that suitable volunteers should be sought. (Possibly someone to represent the Accommodation interests).

5. Membership & Finance. David Smith reported that the current membership stood at 115. However he pointed out that the present Quarter would be the first in which a significant number of renewals occurred. (26) It seemed inevitable that not all would rejoin - and it could be as low as only 50% It would always remain necessary to publicise the Association & actively seek new members therefore.

Our Current Bank Account stood at a pleasing £650 (approx), although there were commitments for £20 or £30 of this. It was also noted that Frank Sanderson had purchased a new batch of badges & would need to be paid for these at some time in the future.

For interest, approx figures for Income & Expenditure in the current financial year (ie April onwards) are as follows:-

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| Income:- | Subscriptions | £156 |
| | Donations | £ 11 |
| | Sale of Badges | £357 |
| | Sale of Handbooks | £ 14 (After repaying the RA) |
| | Certificates | £ 58 (?) |
| Expenditure:- | Postage | £ 40 |
| | AGM | £ 8 |

6. Action taken with National Park since last Meeting. The only action appears to be the discussion on Way Marking with the Lake District National Park. Ref. Arisings from the Minutes above.

7. Handbook. Material for the 1994 Handbook is needed by Douglas Cossar - preferably before the end of the year.

It was agreed to implement the policy that all those offering accommodation & listed in the Handbook, should be invited to become members of the Association. The subscription is modest & this procedure provides a convenient means of ensuring that accommodation information in the Handbook remains accurate each year. It will also relate those providing accommodation with the Dales Way - maybe making them more knowledgeable about it. This would also be a possible source of new members.

Frank Sanderson has already approached all those listed under Bowness on Windermere. The majority, if not all, were only too pleased to join & we already have some 10 new members following this initiative.

David Smith is to send a circular letter & questionnaire to all the rest listed. This will hopefully check current entries & possibly gain extra detail such as map references.

It is agreed that those who do NOT join will be deleted from the Handbook. (As all those listed will be members there will be no need for an * to mark them.

[Note for Douglas Cossar. There are some 180 entries in the Handbook. I think I am correct in saying that we do not have sufficient 1993 Handbooks to send out to all those who may join. If successful this could push our membership up over the 200 mark - all of whom will need the 1994 Handbook when it comes out. In other words you probably need to increase the print run a little.]

In future the Handbook is to show the YEAR on the front cover.

Consideration to be given to extra information - more on transport/baggage transfer? Self catering accommodation in Bowness.

8. Sales. Agreed Frank Sanderson to continue to handle sale of Certificates. Newsletter to announce an alternative to the current design - A4 size on handmade paper at £3.50

David Smith to handle sale of all badges - including those sent out in bulk for resale. However others to continue to request for supplies for Brockhole, RA, TIC's etc.

David Smith normally only handles Handbooks for free issue to members. However he does sell a number to non members on request at £1. Agreed that RA be reimbursed for these at 50p each.

9. It was agreed that the Dales Way should have **National Trail** status & that we should campaign for this as appropriate. However Colin Speakman explained that this would not happen in the near future although the route is on the list to be considered officially. In due course the Dales National Park should be urged to take some interest in the route & to press for an upgrade in its status.

10. Future Actions. These are listed within the minutes above.

11. There was no Other Business.

12. The next Committee Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 8th March 1994.**

Subject to arranging hire of hall, the AGM will be on **Saturday, 23rd April 1994.** Arrangements at Linton as for 1993.

Please contact David Smith quickly if anyone finds the above dates unsatisfactory.

David Smith