

## Minutes of the second Annual General Meeting of the Dales Way Association.

This was held at 2.00 pm on Saturday, 23rd April, 1994 in the Anderton Memorial Institute in Linton.

Colin Speakman introduced & chaired the meeting in the absence of the President.

Present:- Alan Barrett, Alyson Coney, Douglas Cossar, Mr & Mrs John Creese, Margaret Downham, Paul Hannon, W.R.Scott, David Smith, Colin Speakman & Ken & Margaret Staines.

Also on the attendance list was what looks like M.R.Berry but this name cannot be identified as a member. (Can anyone help?)

Note: These Minutes are not laid out in the order of the Agenda.

1. Apologies were received from Stuart Charlton & George Philipson.
2. The Minutes of the previous AGM & also the last ordinary Committee meeting, (11th March), were agreed to be true records.
3. Arising from the Minutes.

Way Marking. It was agreed that improved & unique way marking was required for the Dales Way. This had been discussed on previous occasions but some action taken only at the western end. With a larger committee ( see below ) it was confirmed that action would be ensured & that firm responsibilities would be decided at a Committee meeting to be held on 22nd May.

4. President's Report. In the absence of the President Colin Speakman spoke of the Association's activities through the previous year. Points made included:-

A welcome for all those providing accommodation along the route & who were now members.

Appreciation for the standard of both Handbook & Newsletter - congratulating Douglas Cossar & David Smith for their production.

The urgent need for more Committee members to help further the aims of the Association.

Suggested that our Members offering accommodation be encouraged to use the Association logo on their brochures/cards & that they be sent a supply of Membership Application Forms.

5. Treasurer's Report.

The Accounts for April 1993 to March 1994 inclusive, had been submitted to member Alan Barrett who had thoroughly checked these. He had produced an Income & Expenditure Report as a result & copies were circulated at the meeting. A signed copy will be kept in the Association records.

A summary of the statement made by the Treasurer is as follows:-

**Assets** at 31st March, 1994 - £982. These include:- Balance at Bank - £949. Stock of badges, handbooks etc - £53.

**Main Income for the year.**

Subscriptions 721

Donations 63

Sale of Badges 397 ) NB. These items show Income from

Other Sales 111 ) Sales, NOT profit.

**Main items of Expenditure.**

Postage 220

Stationery 78

Purchase Handbooks 142

Stapler for Newsletter 35

The Treasurer gave his opinion that the financial position of the Association was basically healthy - assuming that a flow of new members was maintained & a reasonable proportion kept renewing their membership. Significant expenditure would be made from time to time (eg. Badges for resale) but these should duly result in a useful profit. The possibility of purchasing Tee Shirts with the official logo to be reconsidered during the year.

It was agreed, as a safeguard, that the Treasurer only be empowered to issue cheques to a maximum of £50. Any cheques needed for a greater amount must be covered by a signed statement of agreement from any one of the other Officers of the Association.

Current Membership was 235 of whom 120 offered accommodation along the Dales Way.

6. Election of officers & committee.

Colin Speakman stressed the need for more helpers on the Committee & after discussion it was agreed to be more important to secure such helpers rather than bother about any particular responsibility for them.

After discussion it was agreed to reelect the present officers:-

President Frank Sanderson

Chairman Colin Speakman

Vice Chairman Douglas Cossar

Secretary/Treasurer David Smith

Paul Hannon agreed to continue to act as a committee member.

In addition the following of those present agreed to join the committee:- Alyson Coney, Mr & Mrs John Creese, Ken & Margaret Staines.

The above was agreed by the meeting & the new volunteers warmly thanked by the Chairman.

Alan Barrett agreed to continue to check the annual accounts & was thanked for his contribution to them for the previous year.

Relating to the above there was discussion on the best time & place for future committee meetings. To suit the majority it was agreed that these would be on Sundays with a suggested timetable of the meeting commencing at 4.00 pm & preceded by a walk. The venue would reflect the location of committee members & for the moment would be Ilkley. (This is a balance between Bowness & Grimsby). Times & venues would of course be reviewed at each meeting.

7. Lengthsmen. David Smith reported that he had had a very good response to the idea of having individuals specially responsible for sections of the route. The list was not yet finalised as some negotiation had yet to be carried out where more than one had volunteered for the same section & also a limited number of sections remained uncovered. Nevertheless some 13 members had volunteered & it should be possible now to ensure coverage of the entire route. The principle of more members looking after fewer sections would be followed.

Suggestions were made that Lengthsmen could have a wider responsibility than just the condition of the track. They could meet & liaise with those offering accommodation on their stretch.

It is hoped that the list will be finalised in time for the next committee meeting. At that time, in addition, David Smith agreed to draft a 'job description' & possibly Report Form.

8. Meets. A small number had expressed interest in the proposed meet based on Cam Houses early in September. It is now suggested that we proceed with this as worth while even if only a handful attend. David Smith will be reporting to those interested. The bunk barn at Cam Houses has had a serious fire, but Dorothy Smith hopes to have it operational again for the end of the summer.

For the moment the above, together with walks linked to Committee Meetings, would be all the meets proposed. David Smith explained that information could only be sent out to membership with the two Newsletters or their membership renewal. (Short of an emergency). Non committee members, when possible, would be invited to come on the walks on the same days as committee meetings - (full day or just afternoon??)

9. Next committee meeting. It was agreed that one was needed much earlier than the October date given in the Minutes of the March meeting. This will now be held on Sunday, 22nd May at the Speakmans home - 67 Grove Road, Ilkley.

David Smith