

Minutes of a Dales Way Association Committee Meeting.

The meeting took place on Sunday, 25th September 1994 at the Bull Hotel in Sedbergh.

Present: John & Sandra Creese, Frank Sanderson, David Smith, Colin Speakman, Ken & Margaret Staines.

1. Apologies were received from Alyson Coney, Douglas Cossar & Paul Hannon.
2. The minutes of the last meeting, held on 24th July 1994, were agreed to be a correct record with the exception of Para.6. Once again reference to John & Sandra Creese should have to Ken & Margaret Staines.
3. Most matters arising from the Minutes are covered later in the Agenda. Frank Sanderson reported however that the further painting competitions for schools were well in hand for Burnside now. Sponsors had been obtained for Family prizes. Also preparation of the 'Child's Guide' to the Dales Way was progressing well.

4. Membership & Finance. David Smith reported the following figures:-

Membership - currently 237 of whom 120 offered accommodation. It is hoped that more membership renewals for the third quarter will push up the above.

Finance - Current bank balance £1052

Note that £200/300 are due to Frank Sanderson to cover purchase of the second batch of badges. The Treasurer to invoice the Bowness Bay Boating Company for 50 badges supplied to them.

The first renewal subscriptions have now been received by Standing Order.

The Treasurer had still to arrange Affiliated Membership with the RA & LDWA.

5. Colin Speakman had now given preliminary thought to writing a Policy Statement on the Dales Way. This is to be suitable for distribution at high levels in relevant spheres. David Smith agreed to prepare some notes on way marking for inclusion. There is a firm aim to have this drafted by the end of October.

6. There was not a lot to report on Sales. The first batch of badges had now all gone with a profit to the Association of approx. £190. (This figure contains an estimate for postage costs).

Ken & Margaret Staines agreed, after discussion, to look into the possibility of arranging a stock, or just a sample, of the sweat shirt at the café in Burnsall & also at the Bowness Bay Boating Company's shop. (Introduction by Frank Sanderson). As there has been only limited possibility of publicising their availability so far, sales have been slow. However over £200 had been received to

date although this does not account for the postage costs.

David Smith was preparing a new Membership form combined with an Order Form. Until this, and the 1995 Handbook, are out not a lot of approaches will be made to Ken & Margaret Staines.

7. The route is now covered in its entirety by volunteer Lengthsmen. Information was already coming in from them although not in any regular manner.

After discussion it was agreed that a 'Footpath Officer' was needed to collate all the information that came in. This would enable decisions to be made on where action was needed. John Creese agreed to take on this post (aided by Sandra). This was very welcome & he was thanked by the Committee. David Smith will, from time to time, pass on batches of information received.

Probably just 2 significant problems needed resolving at this time. These were the unofficial obstruction by the forestry plantation above Cam Houses & a dangerously eroded length of path just below Crook of Lune. Frank Sanderson reported that the very muddy track by Greenhead Farm had been improved but was still not satisfactory. He was in touch with the Parish Council on the matter.

8. Meets. The proposed meet at Cam Houses had not taken place due to lack of interest & problems with the accommodation.

David & Pat Walsh were to lead a walk on Sunday 22nd January. A circuit from Sedbergh. Details in the Autumn Newsletter.

It was agreed that Association be invited to the planned YDS lecture on '25 Years of the Dales Way' to be given by Colin Speakman early next year. Details will be in the Newsletter.

9. Any other business.

Frank Sanderson reported the possibility of a link path to the Langdales from the Dales Way.

1995 AGM arrangements to be agreed at the next meeting.

10. It was agreed that the next committee meeting be held on Sunday 27th November in Ilkley. This to be at 67 Grove Road but with a walk in the morning. Details will be with the Agenda.

David Smith

Colin Speakman

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