
Minutes of a Dales Way Association Committee Meeting

The Meeting took place on **Sunday, 28th April 1996** at 67 Grove Road, Ilkley.

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

1. Apologies were received from Alyson Coney, Douglas Cossar and John & Sandra Creese.
2. The Minutes of the previous Meeting, held on 25th February, were agreed to be a correct record.
3. Most matters Arising from the Minutes are covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

Frank Sanderson reported very good progress towards construction of stone seats on the route. Two are currently planned and will be situated near Burneside and by Black Moss Tarn. Sketches of the two different designs were tabled. Discussion was also in hand for a final site for 'foot cooling' on the shore of Lake Windermere. Suggestions will be sought for other places suitable for seats along the way.

David Smith reported with regret that he had not yet been able to commence distribution of Way Marks to the various Authorities. He hoped to be able to do this before the AGM.

4. **Officers Reports.**

Sales. Margaret Staines reported satisfactory sales of sweat shirts which make a significant contribution to Association funds. David Smith reported on other sales made during the last financial year. 174 Certificates had been supplied in that period with an estimate profit of £148. Similarly 189 badges had been sold with an estimated profit (allowing for postage) of £208.

Lengthsmen. David Smith reported that he had had a letter from John & Sandra Creese with apologies for this meeting together with comments on Lengthsmen. Unfortunately John felt that he would have to relinquish the post of Footpath Officer at the AGM and resign from the Committee. He would however be pleased to continue as a Lengthsman covering the Ilkley to Bolton Bridge section. A letter would be sent to John & Sandra following the meeting.

John reported that he had had no reports from Lengthsmen for 7 or 8 months and that clearly the system was not working as intended. He had sent a note to all Lengthsmen requesting a report and it remains to be seen whether this will elicit a response. John suggested that reallocating Lengthsmen with longer sections might

help in the future although, after discussion, the committee did not feel that this was necessary - especially as most Lengthsmen were based fairly near to their sections.

Some discussion followed and it was agreed that the operation of the scheme needed reconsideration. It was thought that may be the provision of a report form, with boxes to tick etc, might well encourage regular reports in the future covering both any changes or comments on the route and also on information for the Handbook. A draft form will be drawn up - but final consideration will await the appointment of a new Footpath Officer to incorporate his/her views.

It was agreed that the function of Lengthsmen was fundamental to the running of the Association as a means of keeping information on the route fully up to date for use in the Handbook and in Newsletters.

Membership. David Smith reported that subscription reminders for the second quarter had only just been sent out. However assuming the usual number of renewals, the overall membership was steady in the region of 250.

Finance. Despite the one off payment of £1345 for the Way Marks, the current account in the Bank was still satisfactory at about £1400. This had been helped by a donation of £200 from one Member. Expenditure of £195 for the new Membership/ Order Form and about £250 for a new stock of Badges would be made in the near future. (The supply of a batch of 35 badges to the Lake District National Park for resale would await receipt of the new stock). A copy of the Income & Expenditure for the 95/96 financial year is attached to these minutes.

Following the suggestion at the last meeting, David Smith had arranged that Martin Bairstow, who looks after the Yorkshire Dales Society accounts, would look at our figures and let us have his suggestions for their presentation to the AGM. This is at no cost to the Association. When we see the form in which he gives these back to us (should be before 3rd May) we can decide on future action.

5. **Any Other Business.**

With her apology for this meeting, Alyson Coney had indicated with regret that she would be unable to stand for re election at the AGM. Hopefully she would be able to rejoin some time in the future.

Colin Speakman reported that Arthur Gemmell, co author of the Dales Way Route Guide, was seeking help with up dating it. This was needed for the Lakes end only at this time. Clearly we do wish to help and it was suggested that the relevant Lengthsmen be asked to take this on for their sections. Working west from Sedbergh, this would only involve four of them (Smith, Hogg, Walsh & Nettleton).

It was agreed that David Smith write to the above explaining the position with a copy to Arthur giving their addresses. He would then send them a pack of maps etc together with any necessary instructions. Hopefully this would then take place. If any felt that they were unable to help we would have to reconsider how to cover their particular section.

Frank Sanderson reported the threat of housing development on School Knott adjacent to the Dales Way near Windermere. This was clearly most undesirable and Frank Sanderson agreed to send details, together with a name and address, for

David Smith to write stating the Association opposition to any such scheme.

A query was made about any progress on the installation of a foot bridge on the Ilkley to Addingham stretch which had been discussed in the past. Can Douglas Cossar please up date us on this for the next meeting.

6. Arrangements for the AGM (**Saturday, 18th May**) are all made and the Agenda sent to all Members. It was noted that David Smith had stated an incorrect date for the 'last' committee meeting on this. (It should of course have been the current meeting). After the meeting David Smith also noted that he had carelessly omitted to give the actual location of the meeting - although details of the morning walk pointed people to Linton. The location is of course the Anderton Memorial Institute in Linton as on previous years. It is hoped that this will not cause too much difficulty for any Members wishing to come. Indications have been received from a small number of ordinary members that they hope to come along.

A date for the next ordinary committee meeting was provisionally arranged to be on **Sunday, 16th June** in or near Kendal. This is to be confirmed at the AGM. A venue needs to be identified - (any suggestions - Frank, Colin?)

Once again the Committee are grateful for the hospitality provided by Fleur & Colin Speakman.

David Smith

Date 24-04-96 20:23

Committee Meeting - 28.4.96

DALES WAY ASSOCIATION
Code Totals Report - Apr-95 to Mar-96

| Class | Net Income | Net Outgoings |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| c0 COPYING | | -213 |
| Total COPYING | | -213 |
| e0 EXPENSES | | |
| e1 Stamps | | -295 |
| e2 Stationery | | -277 |
| e3 Office Equipment | | |
| Total EXPENSES | | -572 |
| m0 MEETS | | |
| m1 Hire of Hall | | -29 |
| m2 Refreshments | | -53 |
| Total MEETS | | -81 |
| p0 PURCHASES | | |
| p1 Purchase Badges | | |
| p2 Purchase Handbooks | | -215 |
| p3 Purchase Sweat Shirts | | -689 |
| Total PURCHASES | | -904 |
| r0 RECEIPTS | | |
| r1 Subscriptions | 1,105 | |
| r2 Donations | 248 | |
| r3 Grants | | |
| r4 Bank Interest | 18 | |
| Total RECEIPTS | 1,371 | |
| s0 SALES | | |
| s1 Badges | 284 | |
| s2 Handbooks | 87 | |
| s3 Certificates | 261 | |
| s4 Sweat Shirts | 731 | |
| s5 Cost of Sales | | -68 |
| Total SALES | 1,362 | -68 |
| u0 Subscriptions made | | -23 |
| Total Subscriptions made | | -23 |
| w0 WAY MARKS | | -1,345 |
| Total WAY MARKS | | -1,345 |
| x0 TRANSFERS | | |
| Total TRANSFERS | | |
| z0 MISC | | -10 |
| Total MISC | | -10 |
| GRAND Total | 2,733 | -3,216 |
| Cash Flow | | -483 |
| Cash flow / Income % | | -18% |

1993

1,183
19,714

1,308

1994

463
30,896

1,358

Opening Shareholders' Funds

Closing Shareholders' Funds