
Minutes of the Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Dales Way Association

This Meeting took place on **Sunday 9th May 1999** at 1.30 pm in Linton Village Hall.

Present:- Ian Brooks, Pat & Geoffrey Hickman, Christopher & Pamela Knowles-Fitton, Chris Musson, David Smith, Colin Speakman, Margaret & Ken Staines, Jennifer & Harold Ward. The Meeting was chaired by Colin Speakman.

1. **Apologies** from Douglas Cossar & Joan & Russel Jamieson.
2. **Minutes** of the 1998 AGM together with those for the latest ordinary Committee meeting were agreed to be true records.
3. **Arisings from the Minutes.** There were no matters arising from either of the above Minutes that are not covered elsewhere. The only exception was a report on the situation with the proposed display board by Ilkley Old Bridge. In the absence of Martin Collison, no new details were available for the meeting.
4. **President's Report.** In the absence of Frank Sanderson, Colin Speakman reported on the activities of the Association during the previous year. He felt that this had been a successful one for the Association with real improvements now being achieved for the route. In particular it was very encouraging that the Yorkshire Dales National Park was now very supportive of the Dales Way and were keen to do all possible to undertake work that might be needed to bring it up to the standard that it deserved. Colin repeated the opinion that the Dales Way should have the status of a National Trail and explained how this had been the original intention. Thanks were expressed for the work done by the Officers and Committee and an unsuccessful plea made for volunteers from the floor to serve on the Committee. It was felt that new blood was needed to ensure the successful continuation of the Association into the future.

5. **Officers Reports.**

Sales

Margaret Staines reported steady sales throughout the year with demand for all items. This included the first year for sales undertaken by the Lakes Information Centre which were felt to be reasonable for a first year. From the accounts it was noted that a total of £2,245 had been received from all sales which, when corrected for stock, showed a profit of £898. This is roughly 25% of income and a very welcome source of funds for the Association. Margaret had now, recently, succeeded in producing the Dales Way Certificate and was thus now able to handle all Sales for the Association. David Smith thanked Margaret for undertaking all this work.

Footpath.

Pat Hickman reported on matters being followed up with the relevant Authorities at this time. These included the installation of way marks (or finger posts) on the initial stages of the Bradford Link by the canal, the erection of a simple footbridge to cross a small beck between Ilkley and Addingham and the ongoing saga with the forestry above Cam Houses. A site meeting was to be held with the National Park to sort out the latter.

A letter had been received reporting on the deplorable state of the Cam High Road due to 4WD vehicles. Colin Speakman reported that this was now being actively pursued with the National Park. A recent day had been spent with Sir Chris Bonington, (President of the Council for National Parks) together with representatives of the press and National Park to high light this serious problem. It was agreed that the Association seeks a means to support GLEAM, a national body created to try and achieve a solution to this long standing scandal.

Financial.

David Smith reported Membership to be now somewhat above the average level of 400. At this time numbers fluctuated between about 400 and as many as nearly 450 depending on the significant numbers who only joined for the one year and did not renew. These were roughly balanced by new Members. Quite a lot of new Members were now joining having seen details on the Internet.

Copies of the official accounts for the 1998 to 1999 financial year were available to the Meeting. The Treasurer pointed out that the figure of £1,528 as Excess of Income over Expenditure which appeared for both 98/99 and the previous year, were not an error, but just an unlikely coincidence. Taking pence into account they were not in fact exactly equal.

There was nothing special to report from the accounts which followed the pattern of recent years with a surplus of some £1,500. The Treasurer pointed out that this was money which we should be spending on the Dales Way and would welcome opportunities to use some of this to, at least, get a number of projects off the ground.

A total of £5283 was held in the Association's two bank accounts at the end of the financial year and remained as a similar amount at the time of the AGM.

Thanks were due to Martin Bairstow of Sutcliffe & Riley who undertook the checking of our the Accounts at no charge to the Association. This was a gesture of good will on his part resulting in his long friendship with the Speakmans and the Yorkshire Dales Society. Colin was asked to specially pass on our thanks when next meeting Martin.

6. **Election of Officers & Committee.** There being no other nominations, all the existing Officers & Committee Members were re elected for the current year. These were as listed in the AGM Agenda. As mentioned above, it was felt that some new Members on the Committee would be very much welcomed.

7. **Any Other Business.**

Colin Speakman reported on an approach that had been made to him concerning the Quaker Meeting House near Farfield House. This is right alongside the Dales Way about half way between Addingham and Bolton Bridge. This historic building remained in use for its original purpose occasionally, but they were anxious that it be available for passers by seeking peace and a rest on their journey. It was proposed that a small picnic area in some form would be created in the trees within its fairly limited grounds. It was agreed that the Association would welcome the chance to be involved with this project and would seek to establish how we could participate.

Unfortunately the need to fix a date for the next ordinary Committee Meeting had been omitted from the agenda and was overlooked. David Smith will make suggestions for a date - probably earlyish in September as was the case in 1998.

David Smith

DALES WAY ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31st March 1999

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Subscriptions	1,765	1,739
Donations	325	219
Bank Interest	152	63
Retail Sales	2,245	2,533
Less Cost of Goods Sold	<u>1,347</u>	<u>1,932</u>
	3,140	2,622
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Photocopying	522	237
Postage	499	518
Stationery	547	135
AGM Expenses	19	30
Subscriptions & Donations Paid	<u>25</u>	<u>174</u>
	1,612	1,094
<u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>	£ <u>1,528</u>	£ <u>1,528</u>

BALANCE SHEET

at 31st March 1999

CURRENT ASSETS

Stock	1,347	2,000
Bank	<u>5,283</u>	<u>3,102</u>
	£ <u>6,630</u>	£ <u>5,102</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

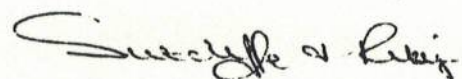
Balance at 1st April 1998	5,102	3,574
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>1,528</u>	<u>1,528</u>
	£ <u>6,630</u>	£ <u>5,102</u>

REPORT

We have prepared, without audit, the accounts set out above from the financial records information and explanations supplied.

Fountain Chambers
HALIFAX

20th April 1999



SUTCLIFFE & RILEY
Chartered Accountants