

WMOA AGM
Monday October 15th 2018 commencing at 7.30 pm
Venue: The Great Barr Hotel, Birmingham

- 1. Present : R Collins (Chair), I.Gamlen (Treasurer), R. Lewis (Vice Chair), R Postlethwaite (WM Editor),A. White (HOC), M. White (HOC), J. Howells (WCH), H. Morgan (POTOC), B.Elkington (OD), B.Brandon (OD), B. McGowan (HOC), A. Pickles (WRE).**
- 2. Apologies: S. Parker (WRE), A.Williams (Fixtures Sec), A. Johnson (WMOA Webmaster), M. Elkington (OD), Kerstin Strain (OD) B.Morgan (POTOC)**
- 3. Declaration of interests - None**
- 4. Acceptance of Minutes of previous AGM - As read. The minutes of the 2017 AGM were proposed as a true record by A White seconded by J Howells and accepted.**
- 5. Matters Arising - None**
- 6. Correspondence –None**
- 7. Chairman’s Report -Ray Collins -**

I cannot believe that I have reached the maximum time allowed to be Chairman of this great organisation already. Three years have flown by and now it is time for me to handon the role to my successor. I will no longer be the main man of West Midlands orienteering, how sad. The role is not to blame for me losing my hair and good looks as they departed a long, long time ago.

Since last years AGM the region has staged arguably the best JK for many years. A great big thank you to everybody who helped in one way or another in a major or minor role for your time and effort. Andy and Alison Yeates, Bob Dredge and Eric Brown performed heroics in putting the whole show together so successfully. Thank you very much.....and as for the profits achieved, well, marvellous.

Over the past twelve months the region has had JK and British Champions and OD have a good crop of youngsters who, hopefully, will become the champions of tomorrow.

One, to me, worrying trend is that the West Midland relays have moved to the end of October. Last year, this year and next year have all chosen the last weekend of October to hold the event. Why I ask? The weather can be dreadful and the date is always part of half term, surely it is a summer event? So I ask can we go back to it being a summer event again please?

As a regular orienteer I also feel that the number of events that are staged in the region has fallen. Hopefully now the JK is over we can remedy this in the future....at least until 2028 when the JK is expected to return to the region.

I would like to thank everybody who has been on the WM committee over the past three years for your time and effort, especially Delia who has kept me up-to-date, well informed and prompted me when required. I hope that you give the incoming Chair as much support and back-up as you gave me. Thank you.

8. Treasurers Report - Ian Gamlen

Thank you to everyone who has supported me in my 2nd year as treasurer. The WMOA financial position has improved significantly, due to the very successful JK 2018 held in the West Midlands. The WMOA share of the financial surplus from the JK was £19,738, double what had been budgeted for. Following the closure of the 2017-18 WMOA accounts , this has now been shared out amongst the various West Midlands Clubs using the agreed formula of 1/10 to each WM club (plus RSOC) and 3/10 being retained by the WMOA. The WMOA balance on 10/10/18 was £7649.08.

When the income from the JK 2018 is excluded, the WMOA's income (£2163.00) was slightly exceeded by its expenditure (£2369.00). It is anticipated that due to events such as SINS 2019, levy income in 2018-19 will be higher than in 2017-18 and that there is likely to be a surplus of income over expenditure.

Ian presented the WMOA 2017-18 income and expenditure summary. This has been audited by Brian Laycock of HOC who has confirmed that they are a true and accurate summary of the accounts. This was duly accepted by all present. Thanks to Brian for kindly agreeing to audit these.

9. Budget for 2018/2019

Motion 1: It is proposed that the structure for WMOA levies is changed to the following:

0- 40 adult participants : Free

Over 40 adult participants : £1 each

This is intended to save time processing levy payments, whilst providing comparable income. With the current levy small amounts of money are raised from a large number of small events, this means more payments that Club Treasurers have to pay and more work for the WMOA. By increasing the number of participants before clubs pay the WMOA levy from 20 to 40, but increasing the levy to £1 per participant at events above 40 we will significantly reduce the number of events at which the levy has to be paid whilst still collecting a similar amount of levy.

This was unanimously supported by those present at the meeting.

Motion 2: It is proposed that the WMOA membership fee (currently free) for the forthcoming year is unchanged.

This was unanimously supported by those present at the meeting.

9. Fixtures Report

Unfortunately Allan Williams was unable to attend this evening, however, he informed Ray that everything regarding WM fixtures is fine and he is happy to continue as the WMOA Fixtures Secretary.

10. Other Reports

WMJS Report - Mel Elkington and Kirsten Strain sent their apologies and sent the following brief report:

The ongoing progress if the Junior Squad have been regularly reported at the committee meetings. Thank you to Rod Postlethwaite for publishing our reports separately in the West Midlander. We would like to thank the West Midlands Orienteering Association for their continuing support.

10. Election of Officers

Position	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Richard Lewis	Ray Collins	Henry Morgan
Vice Chair	Ray Collins	Barry Elkington	Jonathan Howells
Secretary	No nominations		

	were received		
Treasurer	Ian Gamlen	Richard Lewis	Rod Postlethwaite
Fixtures Secretary	Allan Williams	Jonathan Howells	Henry Morgan
Magazine Editor	Rod Postlethwaite	Ray Collins	Bob Brandon

Andy Johnson has kindly agreed to continue as WMOA Webmaster

11. Review of Data Privacy Policy

The policy agreed at the June 2018 Committee meeting was formally accepted as the WMOA Data Privacy Policy

12.WMOA Policy for carrying whistles for discussion and agreement.

The requirement to carry whistles and /or cagoules should be evaluated for each event, by the event organiser and controller, based upon the terrain, participants and time of year and any other relevant circumstances. It is mandatory that the risk assessments will include this and record why they are / are not required. If the decision for an event is that whistles and cagoules are mandatory this must be policed - the organiser and controller are responsible for ensuring that a system for checking is in place.

The above policy was unanimously agreed as above.

13. AOB

Bob Brandon is trying to get an up to date list of West Midlands Controllers. It was pointed out that Allan Williams as Fixtures Secretary should have access to this information via the BO website. ACTION - Allan Williams to provide Bob Brandon with an up to date list.

Henry reminded everyone that there is a training day the Lake District coming up on 10/11/18. He is running a Level C Controllers course on 3/11/18 if anyone is interested.

In the absence of a WMOA Secretary Ian proposed that any WMOA correspondence should be sent to either himself as Treasurer or Richard Lewis, newly elected Chair until the post can be filled. ACTION Ian Gamlen to liaise with Andy Johnson regarding this.

Richard Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to Ray Collins for his excellent work as Chair of the WMOA over the last 3 years. This was unanimously agreed by all present.

14. Next WMOA Committee Meeting is 10th December 2018