

**WMOA AGM**  
**Monday October 14TH 2019 commencing at 7.30 pm**  
**Venue: The Great Barr Hotel, Birmingham**

**Present :** Richard Lewis (Chair & WRE), Ian Gamlen (Treasurer & COBOC), Ray Collins (Vice Chair & WCH), Rod Postlethwaite (WM Editor & WRE), Jonathan Howell (WCH), Andy White (HOC), Marian White (HOC), Barry Elkington (OD), Bob Brandon (OD), Steve Parker (WRE), Barry McGowan (HOC), Brenda Morgan (POTOC), Henry Morgan (POTOC).

1. Apologies : M. Elkington (OD), K. Strain (OD), H. Lawson (OD), A. Williams (WM Fixtures & WCH), Adrian Pickles (WRE).
2. Declaration of Interests - None
3. Acceptance of Minutes of previous AGM - As read. The minutes of the 2018 AGM were proposed as a true record by Barry Elkington seconded by Ray Collins and accepted.
4. Matters Arising - None
5. Correspondence - None
6. Chairman`s Report - Richard Lewis

Looking back on my first year and the last 12 months in the chair I cannot believe how quickly time moves on.

Whilst on a personnel basis I don't seem to have been venturing far too many events this year, I notice quite a few of our association members have and with creditable results in major competitions, around the country and further afield. Well done to you all.

Hopefully over the next 12 months I will become more active in competing.

The Association members have been involved in coaching our juniors and encouraging them within the sport, we have held Planning and controllers courses to encourage and train more into the roles.

Club and committee members have organised coaching days which were well attended by both WMOA members and other regions and by both in experienced and experienced Orienteers, I thank those clubs and WMOA members for organising these and look forward to the next one.

I am all for looking at ways we at the WMOA committee can help and support our Orienteers and club and would welcome any suggestions were you think we could add further support our clubs.

The events held within our region this year have mostly been successful which includes springtime in Shropshire and having been the organiser for the urban day was amazed at the entry number of over 550, showing the popularity of these events and also the easier organisation efforts/skills required?

The WMOA league is 2/3rds of the way through the year with 4 events left with the last event being the WM champs also, it could get very close towards the final event and perhaps a new name on the top??

Finally I would like to thank the WM committee for the support over the last 12 months and especially Ian who without asking has taken on some secretary roles as well as treasurer Thank You Ian.

And all the committee

Richard Lewis

## 7. Treasures Report - Ian Gamlen

### Treasurers Report 2018-19

Thank you to everyone who has supported me in my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as WMOA Treasurer. I am pleased to report that the WMOA finances are in good shape. The opening balance on 1/9/18 was £22259.98 of which £19738.06 was the WMOA share of the very successful JK 2018 held in the West Midlands.

In September 2018 I passed onto the 6 WM clubs plus RSOC their agreed share of the surplus generated by JK2018. In addition to this the WMOA Committee agreed to donate £500 to the English Orienteering Council and £800 to the Orienteering Federation. For details of this see the attached information. This leaves £5061.66 of the JK 2018 surplus remaining in the WMOA account.

The total income from the WMOA levy for 2018-19 was £5052.50, boosted by a number of successful events such as SINS 2019 – organised by WRE and HOC, Compass Sport Final hosted by WCH and OD's Coventry weekend.

The total WM expenditure for 2018-19 (excluding the WM clubs share of the JK 2018 surplus and donation to the Orienteering Foundation) was £3517.42.

The West Midlands Junior Squad in 2018-19 had an income of £3825.92 and expenditure of £4532.80.

On 1/9/19 the balance of the WMOA Account was £9618.66 and the WMJS account was £2907.84

The accounts have been independently audited by Brian Laycock of HOC who has confirmed that they are an accurate and true record. Thanks to Brian for doing this.

In view of the healthy state of the WMOA finances I feel that there is no need to increase the current WMOA event levy so I propose that it remains the same as 2018-19 , that is

Under 21 year olds – no levy

Adult (21 years and older) – first 40 competitors free, £1 per adult thereafter

Ian Gamlen

WMOA Treasurer

#### **Motion 1 ; Levy;**

0 - 40 adult participants : Free

Over 40 adult participants : £1 each Proposed by Brenda Morgan Seconded by Barry Elkington

#### **Motion 2 ; WMOA membership fee ( currently free ) for the forthcoming year is unchanged,**

Proposed by Brenda Morgan Seconded by Barry Elkington

## 8. Fixtures Report - Allan Williams

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

Any event that needs upgrading to Regional or National, only AW can do this.

## 9. West Midlands Junior Squad- September 2018 to August 2019

On the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> /27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 the Junior Inter Regional Championships took place at Chatsworth and Carsington Pastures. The West Midlands team consisted of:

M18 (Brown) Sam Leadley, Alfie Bullus, Ollie Lunn,  
M16 (Blue) Felix Lunn, Oliver Flippance, Alfie Spencer, Nathan Chapple  
M14 (Light Green) Alex Evans, Matt Bambrook, David Knott  
W18 (Blue) Ellie Bales  
W16 (Green) Holly Craig, Pippa Smart, Holly Stodgell  
W14 (Light Green) Josie Smart, Florence Lunn, Tabitha Lunn

Kirsten Strain, Harriet Lawson, Tracy Craig and Rob Smart accompanied the team. The boys were 9<sup>th</sup> in the Individual and 8<sup>th</sup> in the Relay so 9<sup>th</sup> overall boys team. The girls were 7<sup>th</sup> in the individual and an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> in the Relay and so were the 5<sup>th</sup> overall girls team, putting the whole squad into 7<sup>th</sup> position.

In October the squad trained on Kinver Edge, then the following weekend a post West Midlands Relays fun session took place at Sutton Park to which all the West Midlands juniors were invited.

In November, after the West Midlands Championships in Telford Town Park, Will Gardner planned a challenging training session for the Squad. Then late November/December saw some of our M/W 16's heading up to Hawkshead in the Lake District to take part in a weekend of training with all the other regional squads. We were joined by Iain Embrey for the weekend which was a great help. We then joined up with the South Central Squad for a weekend of training near Woking a few weeks later.

In January ten juniors trained on Elmdon Park with an emphasis on sprint orienteering and physical training, then February saw five members of the squad join the East Midlands squad in Buxton for a training session with an emphasis on contours. Most stayed on to do a night event that evening, which they all enjoyed.

In March, after the Badgerslade League event, eleven WMJS juniors took part in another general session, and others have been held since then although some have had to be cancelled due to lack of participants.

Other highlights of the year:

- Kirsten Strain attended the British Orienteering Coaching Conference, and had opportunities to learn about coaching sprint orienteering and physical training for developing athletes.
- Harriet Lawson has almost completed her UKCC L2 coaching course with her assessment coming up this weekend, and she has already planned and helped deliver a number of WMJS sessions.
- Henry Webb has rejoined the squad after a break and Oscar Barnby has recently joined having attained his Orange Standard badge and begun to run Light Green.
- Junior Regional Orienteering Squad Tours: Felix Lunn was selected for Stockholm and Holly Stodgell for Deeside.

Thank you to all clubs that have helped us with permissions and maps so that we can put on training sessions, and thank you to the WMOA for again donating £1,000 towards the running of the squad.

Mel, Kirsten & Harriet

The Chair thanked the Coaching team for all of their hard work.

**Website** : 2 people came forward; Marian White (HOC) and Richard Rogers (WRE). It has been agreed that RR will revamp the site and MW will keep it up to date.

Mike Farrington will continue to host the site.

There was some discussion on site content.

**Controllers : Bob Brandon**

He has a list of controllers, who he has contacted to check details. He will bring the list to the next committee meeting.

## 10.Election of Officers

Position	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Richard Lewis	Barry Elkington	Marian White
Vice Chair	Ray Collins	Rod Postlethwaite	Ian Gamlen
Secretary			
Treasurer	Ian Gamlen	Bob Brandon	Richard Lewis
Fixtures Secretary	Allan Williams	Jonathan Howell	Henry Morgan
Magazine Editor	Rod Postlethwaite	Brenda Morgan	Steve Parker

The position of secretary was discussed and Ray Collins reported that Carol Dredge (WCH) had shown some interest. The chairman was going to contact Carol to try and clarify. Brenda reported that Henry and her were prepared to take the minutes at meetings, if no one came forward.

## 11. Review of Data Policy :

Will be put on the website.

No alterations necessary at this time.

## 12. AOB

HM reminded everyone that there is a Planner Level C Training Course on 30th November.

A letter from a member re committee meeting venue and AGM venue to be discussed at next meeting to give club reps. chance to circulate the info to club members.

Discussion re WMOA League, Relays and Champs. to be discussed at future committee meetings.

## 13a. Next WMOA AGM 12th October 2020, Venue : TBC

## 13b, Next WMOA Committee meeting 9th December at The Great Barr Hotel, Birmingham.

**The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.55.**