

Minutes of WMOA Committee Meeting 11 March 2019

Great Barr Hotel

1. **Present:** R.Brandon, R. Collins, B. Elkington, R. Lewis, P. Langmaid, B. Morgan, H. Morgan, S.Parker, R. Postlethwaite, A. Williams.

2. **Apologies:** M. Elkington, I. Gamlen, J. Howell,.

3. **Declarations of Interest:** None.

4. **Acceptance of Previous Minutes:** These were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

5. **Matters Arising:**

‘Shadowing’ at the West Midlands ‘mini’ relay was discussed but no formal decision was made.

It was decided that points should not be awarded to Planners and Controllers in the West Midlands League as compensation for not being able to run in the competition when they were officiating.

6. **Correspondence:**

Kimberly Lunn (OD) requested funding on behalf of her daughters Florence and Tabitha who had been selected to take part in the 2019 World School Championships in Estonia. It was agreed to contribute the normal 15%.

Neil Cameron gave positive feedback about Coaching days.

Harriet Lawson (OD) requested funding for her UK CC Level 2 Coaching Course. It was agreed to contribute 50%. The award will help her with coaching the WMJS.

7. **Treasurer’s Report:**

The Treasurer was on holiday so there was no report.

8. **Fixtures:**

The fixtures schedule is getting crowded with high level events and there has been some discussion about whether Major Championships could be incorporated into existing fixtures.

The Southern Championships scheduled for 31 March have been postponed due to nesting goshawks. Suggested rescheduled dates may clash with events in the region.

9. **West Midlander:**

The newsletter has received an award in the CompassSport Newsletter Awards for 2018. Articles are always welcome.

10. **WMOA Website:**

The website is looking a little dated and a new design is being considered

ACTION: Consider what contact you would like to see on a redesigned WMOA web site.

11. **Development:**

- A successful Coaching Day was held by Andy Clough (WRE) on 10 March at Lizard Hill with attendees from all the region’s clubs. Andy is willing to hold further courses if suitable venues can be found.
- A Level C Planner’s course is to be held at the John O’Leary Centre, Marquis Drive, Cannock Chase on 30 March.
- An Organiser’s Course is to be held later in the year.
- Bob Brandon is to produce a list of Controllers which will be published in the ‘West Midlander’.

12. Events and Competitions Committee:

No report. The next meeting is to be held on 23 March.

13. West Midlands Junior Squad:

See report on page ??.

14. Club Round up:

HOC: An Event Safety Course has been held by Andy Hemsted. Preparations are in place for a weekend of orienteering in Redditch with a special wheelchair access course and contactless SI punching. A programme of Saturday and evening events is being prepared.

OD: Preparations for the CompassSport Cup/Trophy at Bentley Woods are going well. A full Wednesday Evening Event programme from May - August has been put together with a WOD event being held at Abbey Fields and Kenilworth. As the club's EMIT kit is now reaching the end of its life the club are assessing Emitag and SIAC kits with a view to replacing the current stock.

POTOC: are going to use three POC areas for WOD week on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. They are also holding three Urban Score training events during April

WCH: have held two successful League events so far with 300+ competitors. The club held its 50th Birthday Party which had attendees from all over the country. There is a full programme of Summer evening events with an event on a brand new area at Stafford Castle on 21 May. The WM Schools Championships are now being held on 11 May at Shoal Hill.

WRE: have held three successful Night Street events with two more planned. A League event at Boreatton Park has been held and a Saturday event at The Cockshutt is coming up. Permissions have been obtained for Day 3 of SinS on The Wrekin. Money received for the hiring of equipment at the Trig Point race has been donated to the WM Junior Squad. A full programme of Tuesday evening events from May - August is in place.

15. AOB:

The position of Secretary has not been filled yet. Are there any volunteers?

16. Next Meeting:

10 June 2019.