

Present: Richard Lewis, Ian Gamlen, Jonathan Howell, Ray Collins, Steve Parker, Barbara Ford, Henry Morgan, Brenda Morgan, Barry Elkington, Rod Postlethwaite, Richard Rogers, Allan Williams, Carol Dredge

1. **Apologies:** Marion White, Bob Brandon, Mel Elkington
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None
3. **Acceptance of Previous Minutes:** These were agreed as a true record of the meeting
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4. **Matters Arising:** Date of development day had had to be changed.
5. **Correspondence:** Email from T. Callow was discussed. Each club fed back comments on this in two parts.

Part One- WMOA Meetings and AGM to be held after O events to cut back on costs. All clubs felt this was not a very viable option for committee meetings but felt that AGM could be more central and social occasion to attract more people. **IG** stated that cost of holding meetings at hotel not large from WMOA budget.

RL to respond to T. Callow email.

Part Two- changes to WM League to encourage wider participation.

Various ideas were suggested. **RP-** to review what other regions do. **RL-** to investigate WM producing a 2 sided postcard showing WM League events and Urban League events. (Similar to UKOL postcard)

6. **Chairman's Report:**

Wow Hope everyone else is the same but this year seems to have gone so quickly, we shall soon be starting the new year with the New year's day Laurie Bradley Trophy event this year organised by HOC at Baggeridge. This is closely followed by 2 WMOA league events in January organised by WCH and WRE.

Well done to HOC for Winning the Compass sport Trophy and to OD for just missing out on the Cup.

Yesterday was the last league event for 2019 and well done to all the organising clubs, competitors and of course the winners, and we must also thank Lesley for doing all the Admin and keeping it up to date.

The WMOA urban league also came to a close with POTOCs League event at Leek, again thanks to all those involved and to Alan Williams for doing the admin.

Sunday was also the last trading at an event for Ultrasport, who will be sorely missed at future events for his range of products, banter and excellent support. Thanks Ian and enjoy your retirement.

7. **Treasurer's Report:**

Ian circulated copies of the WMOA summary of accounts. On 28/11/19 there was £9780.26 in the WMOA account and £2063.75 in the WMJS account. He invited any questions regarding the summary presented. It was felt that the Budgeted income of

£2500 was possibly rather optimistic however it was accepted that income is difficult to predict as it relies on assumptions about events taking place as planned and estimated attendances at events. Nevertheless, Ian is confident that we have sufficient funds even if the budgeted income is not achieved in full.

8. **Fixtures:**

AW not able to attend last National Fixtures Meeting 19/10.

Allan reported a healthy programme of events for 2020 with 11/12 League and 4/5 Urban events also WM Relays and Laurie Bradley Score.

HOC's Compass Sport Cup heat has been rearranged

JK 2024- East Midlands struggling for suitable areas for some days. Maybe looking at using Cannock Chase for middle and long. Maybe access issues at this time.

Midland Champs 2020- DVO not able to hold so maybe not on. Implications of this were discussed.

9. **West Midlander:**

RP asked for any articles of interest for next copy.

ME asked for any good junior photos to use.

10. **West Midlands Website:**

RR demonstrated the new website that he has been working on with **MW**. Additions and feedback were both encouraged and suggested. Aim is for the site to go live on 1st February subject to agreement with Mike Farrington.

Vote of thanks proposed from **IG** to **RR** and **MW** for all their work on the new website.

11. **Development:**

1. **Committee Roles and Job Descriptions-**

RP- suggested other regions may have these already. **RL**- to investigate.

Roles to be submitted to webmaster for new WMOA site.

2. **Changes to email links**

Need to be checked with Mike Farrington as some committee members not receiving emails. **IG** to action this.

3. **BOF Rep:**

At moment we do not have one. **RL** to contact BOF.

4. **Dudley Community Directory**

CD to send details to **BF** so HOC events can be listed.

12. **Update from Events and Competitions Committee:** **BE** nothing to report.

13. **Junior Squad:**

West Midlands Junior Squad - September to December 2019

On the weekend of the 28th /29th September the Junior Inter Regional Championships took place at Cowms Rocks in Yorkshire, followed by the relays on Tankersley near Sheffield.

M18 (Brown) Ollie Lunn, Felix Lunn, Oliver Flippance, Henry Webb

M16 (Blue) Nathan Chapple, Matt Bambrook, David Knott, Jacob Oxtoby

M14 (Light Green) Lewis Oxtoby, Oscar Barnby
W18 (Blue) Holly Craig
W16 (Green) Pippa Smart, Holly Stodgell, Florence & Tabitha Lunn
W14 (Light Green) Josie Smart

Kirsten Strain, Harriet Lawson, Rob Smart and Mike Barnby accompanied the team. The boys were 11th in the Individual & 8th in the Relay so 9th overall boys team. The girls were 7th in the individual & 6th in the relays and so were the 6th girls team putting the whole squad into 7th position.

Several training sessions have taken place. After the West Midlands relays an informal session was held to which other younger juniors from within the West Midlands were invited. We would like to have this as an annual training event.

In October the squad trained on Burton Dassett, and in early November a training session was held on Shoal Hill. Then late November saw some of our M/W 16's heading up to Hawkhead to take part in a weekend of training with all the other Regional squads.

Thank you to everyone who has helped the squad with permission/maps/registering the training. It is greatly appreciated

If any club has children (second year 12's and above) that regularly run Orange in the West Midlands League and who would be interested in joining the squad please ask their parents to look at the WMJS website to check that they qualify then email us at wmjsquad@gmail.com

Kirsten, Harriet & Mel

14. Club Round Up:

POTOC: Have a new webmaster resulting in improved advertising of events. Begun to use MapRun for training events. Full set of events for 2020.

OD: Have a dozen POC's in parks now. Schools directed to these. Mapping town parks and schools. All local events child friendly.

COBOC: Series of beginners/ families/ schools events once a month. Variable numbers. Helping other clubs- CSC and Birmingham Urban.

WCH- devising new plan to get members. Many problems with Chase access for events- ongoing concern.

HOC- Successful event at Titterstone Clee. Full programme of evening events- urban and terrain. CSC Postenplain date changed. Now a big club again in CSC.

WRE- Long O and Long Mynd both successful. Tuesday evening street score events are popular. Preparations well ahead for Wrockwardine Woods.

15. AOB:

1. **RL-** WM Champs organised by Chasers had been a very well organised event on the day. However he stressed need for WM champs organisers in future to be well briefed- certificates, return of trophies, publicity of courses to run. WMOA to pay for engraving of trophies at WM Champs. List of winners to be put on website.

2. **HM** -Planners Course went well but poorly attended and issues with room. **RL** thanked **HM** and **BM** for organising.

WRE discussing Coaching weekend in Lakes. Possibly open to all in WM. Need a lead person / administrator - not to coach on day.

3. **BM**- John O'Leary centre not sent out bills after last courses held there.

16. **Next Meeting**

9th March 2020

Meeting closed at 22:00