

IOL Midlands Region - minutes

Friday 11th November 2005 Venue: Bell Heath Study Centre

Time: 18.00

The meeting was taken up with preparations for the Midlands Conference and AGM to take place on 22nd January 2006.

Summary as follows:

- Three venues have been offered free of charge for the AGM. Upton Warren, Blackwell Court and Bell Heath Study Centre.
- Alison Broome, Frank Chapman Centre, has taken on role as conference co-ordinator and will be looking at these possibilities.
- The AGM for the Midlands Region will be free this year and refreshments will also be provided.
- The three officers of the committee, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, need to be voted in either on or before the AGM. It was agreed that nominations would be sent to head office with a small resume and that voting would take place before the AGM so that the officers were in place on the day.
- Contacts are to be made with AALA, Forest Schools and a representative for APIOL for possible speakers and workshops.
- Jackie Dutton, Bear Creek, was surprised at the lack of support for IOL in the Midland Region. The North West is very well supported. Committee agreed that the Institute needs promoting throughout the Midlands Region and ways of reaching the far out areas were discussed. Committee members to take on responsibility of using known contacts for promotion of the Institute. Adverts in magazines suggested, i.e. BCU, RYA, NAEE etc.
- The committee members present were all willing to assist in pushing the Institute forward.
- Committee members needed APIOL leaflets so that the scheme could be promoted.
- Next meeting to be held at Blackwell Court, near Bromsgrove, on Friday 6th January, 6.00pm