

Minutes of IOL Midland Region

Date: Thursday 20th March 2008

Venue: Bell Heath Study Centre

Time: 17.00p.m.

In Attendance:

Dan Whittaker **DW**
Sonia Wright **SW**
Chris Millet **CM**
Richard Batty **RM**

1. Apologies

Mike Smart
Phil Hadley
Phil Ascough
Jacqui Dutton

2. Minutes of last meeting

Taken as read

3. Matters Arising

7. There has been no response from the Head of Birmingham Outdoor Learning Service in connection with the Summer Festival.

A discussion took place with RB on the feasibility of a festival taking place in the summer. It was decided that it was too close to look at June/July for the festival but this could now be swapped with the September family day. DW to contact Steph at Adventure ropes to organise this. RB thought the idea of an outdoor festival was good idea. He suggested Sutton Park as a location.

AOB.

- SW apologise for not asking Phil Ascough for a report. Fortunately Chris Millet could give this report. The four centres within the outdoor service in Worcestershire has been given a 3yr reprieve. John Rhymer, Bishops Wood, has been promoted to Head of the service. A business plan is being produced, as after this time there will be a zero budget.
- SW reported that Ryland Robertshaw, at the Pioneer centre, was still at the centre as he had opened up his mail.
- APIOL assessor training took place in Cheshire during March.

4. Treasurers Report

No treasurer attending. However Mike Smart had spoken to SW and the Midland account is healthy.

5. Chairman's Update

The national steering group met in Northampton at the AGM. DW wanted to know if SW or Mike Smart wanted to attend the next meeting. He has been to quite a few. SW said she did go to a couple last year and she wondered if Mike Smart might like to attend the next one. SW to contact Mike about this.

Andy Simms (IOL chairman) asked the regional chairs if they wanted to meet three times per year. DW believes that 2 meetings are sufficient especially as the AGM and

conference are now two events. DW also believes that some training needs to be added to the AGM to encourage members.

DW is to ask Kaz Brush if we can have a step-by-step guide to the Manifesto when it is launched. How can we promote this, within the regions? Date for launch not yet known.

Chris Millet informed the committee that Kaz Brush has produced a disc about promotion and DW is to contact her about this. DW to ask Jacqui Dutton to look at media contacts. DW to contact Sandwell promotion office and RB to contact Birmingham promotion officer.

DW informed the committee that Head Office is looking for nominations for Fellowships. He asked if members could think of anyone who has not been rewarded through other means.

6. CPD

Each region is to have a minimum of one person who can deliver CPD. Giles Smith has been trained to deliver facilitation skills in the Midland Region. Level 1 training for Challenging Behaviour Skills is to take place at the Frank Chapman centre on 25th June 08. This course is aimed at those who wish to go onto Training the Trainers. CM has suggested that Giles Smith be asked to deliver Facilitation Skills in the Midlands.

7. AGM

AGM is ready to role. DW to contact Mike Smart to produce fliers. Jacqui Dutton is producing a database of the outdoor education deliverers. The fliers will be sent to all on the list. DW is to enquire if the art explorer, Conran Dickinson, who is our new Vice President, would be charging for his services, as he would be a good speaker. DW also thought Steve Backshall would make a very good Vice President and also a good crowd pull for the AGM

8. APIOL

CM delivered the report

There are now going to be Professional Development Officers in each region. They will take responsibility for APIOL Moderator and Co-ordinator for 1day/week. In the short term this post may be shared with another region, i.e. 1/2day/week. CM believes that this will be in place for all regions within the year. Each region will still have a support officer.

An AP induction is now due. There are 8 prospective candidates. It is planned to hold two of these meetings in the Midlands per year, Summer and Autumn. CM informed that whilst AP lost money, the two new levels RP and LP generate money.

CM is now Professional Development Manager for IOL

APIOL mentor training in the Midlands is to take place on June 3rd.

AP assessor assessment to take place on 17th April, 2.00pm at Upton Warren. Two new assessors hopefully to come on board to work alongside the 6 active assessors in the region.

9. Manifesto

As previously mentioned, there is to be a re-launch of the Manifesto. EVAC Badging is not going through AALA, but through OEAP. This could be holding up the launch.

Teacher placements into outdoor settings on secondments are to take place.

There is to be a re-write of 'Out and About'. This will be a hands on booklet for schools to encourage teachers to take pupils out. It is assumed that every school will be sent a copy. This handbook could be useful for Visit Leader Training.

The manifesto will not be launched till this is ready, so there is no date set.

10. Keele conference

IOL conference to take place at Keele, 17th & 18th October 2009. The Friday will be a discussion day and on Saturday there will be workshops. The cost is £55/day with accommodation extra

11. AOB

- CM informed the committee that HASPEV is to have an electronic format with a 'mind map' approach
- SW has been talking to a regional member, who wanted to know what the Institute was doing for him. CM has offered to go and talk to organisations and members. Members wishing to take up this offer please contact Chris Millett direct on:
chrismillett2@gmail.com

Date of next Meeting

May/June tbc at Bell Heath at 5.00pm

Meeting finished at 6.50pm. DW thanked everyone for coming and Bell Heath for hosting the meeting