

IOL Midlands Region - minutes

Friday 28th April 2006, Bell Heath Study Centre, 6.00pm

Present: Dan Whittaker DW (Chair) i Mike Smart MS (Treasurer) i Sonia Wright SW (Secretary), Alison Broome AB (arrived late)

Meeting opened late at 6.20pm

1. Apologies - Chris Jones, FCC, Sue Keen, Malvern, Alison Park, Hartpury College, Giles Smith, Hereford
2. Minutes of Last Meeting, Committee approved minutes of last meeting.
3. Matters Arising. All matters arising would be covered under agenda items.
4. APIOL Regional Moderator, Chris Millett has been appointed the Regional Moderator and it is hoped that he can attend meetings in the future, so that there is a closer liaison between the two sections of IOL. SW will place Chris on the minutes list.
5. National AGM & Conference. As the three officers had attended the AGM & conference there was nothing to report. They all agreed that it was a very informative day.
6. Update from National Management Committee. DW attended the National Management Committee on behalf of the Midland Region. As a new member he now has a feel for what is going on in the IOL and who people are on the National Committee. The Channel Islands are setting up a Region. Kaz Brush has set and presented the business plan to the Nat Exec. including plans to influence government. She has stated that the Institute needs to be providing training from cradle to the grave. APIOLs are going to receive discounted minibus training and possible travel insurance. DW has been selected to sit on the Membership Strategy Group. Nat Exec. Talked about travelling expenses to National meetings. If it is a National meeting the National budget should pay and if Regional the Regional budget to pay. DW asked if the Region could afford to pay expenses for Regional meetings. MS to look into this.
7. Finance Update. The Region has £600 to use on bursaries before the end of May. On 1st January 2006 the Region was allocated £710 and there is £498 to be used by 30th September 2006..DW informed the committee that there was a CD in the post to help Regions with their budgets. An issue was raised as to where the extra income raised by the Region went. Could this money be claimed back by the National Committee at the end of the financial year? Does the Region need a separate account for this money? MS to look into this. DW believes the CD will help the Region handle its budget effectively next year.
8. APIOL/Bursaries. The committee is to make this decision. It was agreed that the Region has set down criteria. The committee does not believe that there will be monies available for bursaries next year or in the near future so the criteria does not need to mirror that of the Northern Region. The Region has only received one application so far. MS will compose some supplementary questions for any applicants. The Region will notify Head

- Office of our decision and if successful SW will write the applicants informing them that they should submit an invoice to Head Office for a bursary of £150. MS has finally got his date for his APIOL interview. This has been very long winded. AB is still awaiting forms so that she can begin the process. As she cannot receive e-mails, she has been promised hard copies from her mentor. SW reported that Mark Corps, from Oxford, has contacted her regarding his APIOL. He and his mentor, Phil Ascough, are sure that he is ready for interview and would appreciate one as soon as possible. SW to contact Chris Millett about all these matters.
9. .Summer Even. AB apologised for not getting on top of this event. The Family Fun Day will take place on 9th July at Upton Warren. It is the sailing weekend, but Phil Ascough has assured DW that we will be able to use part of the lake for 'Bell boating' as long as we have people with the correct qualifications to lead this event. Nathan from FCC is available and SW is to ask Peter Wright if he can assist. SW also to contact Jacqui Dutton to enquire about archery and Nic Whale for Forest Schools. DW to liase with Malt House concerning their portable climbing wall. Jez Britten at Bell Heath and Jo Murphy at BOEC will be asked if they can supervise this activity. MS informed committee that Upton Warren also had a tower. This could be used again if the people with qualifications are running the activity. DW to ask Chris Jones to organise the bouncy castle and ice cream van for the day. The Region will pay expenses for items such as bouncy castle. The day will run from 10.30am to 2.30pm and members will bring their own picnic lunch. DW to produce promotional flier. John Wright to be asked to take photographs of the day for promotion. DW will send flier to SW so that it can be added to the web site. SW to arrange gift for Upton Warren and MS to create certificate.
 10. Autumn Event. Roger Orgill and Barrie Oxtoby are possible speakers. DfES strategy for Education for Sustainable Development and the new Outdoor Manifesto are possible workshops. John Rhymer or Jon Cree are possible candidates for these workshops. SW to approach Ryland at Pioneer as a possible venue for 8th October 2006. What facilities have the Pioneer for workshops? Can they offer catering? Event 10.00am ñ 3.00pm, one major speaker and 2-3 45mins 2workshops.
 11. Midlands Membership, Youth Membership etc. Jo Murphy given credit for work undertaken in her absence. Jo has researched colleges in the region for contacts to promote the Institute. Region needs to hit colleges. SW told the committee that Jo Murphy was very busy at the present time with work related items. APIOL and her masters. She is willing to help with the autumn event. SW to contact Jo and ask if she is willing to go ahead with this
 12. Children's Trust Liaison Appeal. Bertie Everard has stated that this appeal is linked to Every Child Matters. There is some funding through this appeal. DW would like to know if any Midlands Members have links already and could they contact the committee so that we can benefit from this. SW will contact Richard Batty from BOEC for information.

13. Media Links Appeal. If members of the Region know of any media links, which the committee can use to promote the Institute, they should contact the secretary of the Midlands Region, Sonia Wright, at sonia.wright@bellheath.bham.org.uk
14. President and Vice President. IOL are looking for a figurehead for the Institute. Ideally the President would be a Royal with the Vice Presidents being people with influence in Government with an outdoor background. There is an appeal out to members for nominations.
15. AOB. Alison Went from Portsmouth has asked for members interested in joining an environmental group. SW has replied in favour.
16. Date of Next Meeting. 23rd June 2006 at 6.00pm at Blackwell Court. SW to contact Ben Keen for availability. If Blackwell Court unavailable Bell Heath can be used. Members should notify SW if time is too early. This can be altered we need your support!

Meeting finished at 7.40pm DW thanked all for attending.