



AGM for the Institute for Outdoor Learning

7pm 19th May 2025 MINUTES

- Present:** Brian Kitson (BK), Jo Barnett (JB), Richard Retallick (RR), Dave Harvey (DH), Heather Crawford (HC), Steve Randles (SR), Nick O'Loughlin (NO), Geoff Mason (GM), Luschka van Onselen (LO), Dan Cook (DC), Di Collins (DC), Roger Hiley (RH), Andy Robinson (AR), David Watts (DW), Elyot Hoy (EH), Chris Lundregan, David Armstrong (DA), Mark Allen (MA), Richard Evans (RE), Eleanor Roddick (ER), Richard Smith (RS), Des Barnett (DB), Christopher Sweetman (CS), Glen Probert (GP), Nick Stubbs (NS), Louise Edwards (LE),
1. **Apologies:** Mike King, Barbara Humberstone.
 2. **Approval of 2024 Minutes**
Proposed: HC Seconded: GM
Minutes approved
 3. **Matters arising from previous minutes**
No matters arising.
 4. **Chair of Trustee's Report**
BK talked through the work of the IOL over the last 12 months.
 - The aims of the charity, its governance and the four Pillars of the IOL's work
 - Work happening flat out behind the scenes by the staff team, the trustees and all the many, many volunteers who combine to make up the IOL.
 - Development Plan – 3-year plan and 3 years since JB joined and has done an amazing job.
 - Highlights
 - HQOL25
 - ReadyMembership
 - Membership, membership trends and Member events
 - Journal, Horizons, Newsletters, Good Practice guides, etc.
 - Professional Development – IOL Awards: RPIOL, APIOL & LPIOL
 - IOL Impact Report 2025
 - Presentations to share the voluntary work by members who are using the IOL to contribute to outdoor learning and illustrate the IOL 'pillars' - Voice, Community, Workforce and Standards.
 - Voice:
 - Dr Sara Collins gave an overview of the Nature Premium campaign and where things are now, including significant meetings with MP's and funders.
 - Community:
 - David Watts gave an overview of the Outdoor Learning Youth Work Specialist Group and the work it has been doing. Including the Adventures Away from Home, which has just funded 69 grassroot organisations, reaching 9,000 young people.

- DCMS have just announced £4.7million new funding for OL within Youth Work.
- Workforce:
 - Luschka van Onselen gave an overview of the Bushcraft PPG and its work; 2 x conferences, the awards, representation at significant bushcraft events, newsletter.
 - LvO also gave her personal opinion of why she valued the CoP and why she was proud to be a part of it.
- Standards:
 - Glen Probert gave an overview of the Leading Practitioners Community of Practice and what they have been up to, including the direct LP and the soon to be announced Fellowship of the IOL.
 - GP also gave a brief overview of his journey to becoming an LPIOL.
- Across all four
 - Dave Harvey gave a brief overview of the launch of HQOL25 & where the work has been presented and shared, and where it is going.
 - DH also spoke about the Knowledge and Skills Hub.

5. **Treasurers Report**

AR talked through the attached slides and the IOL's finances. He also gave an insight into the investments that have been made with regards to the Ready Membership software package and HQOL25.

6. **Election of Trustees**

BK Wanted to record huge thanks to the three retiring Trustees.

- Mike King
- Asa Gurden
- Mark Lavington

Re-election:

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| • Heather Crawford: | Proposed: | DH | Seconded: | AR 19 For, 1 Abstention |
| • Steve Randles: | Proposed: | NOL | Seconded: | DC 19 For, 1 Abstention |
| • Andy Robinson: | Proposed: | HC | Seconded: | RH 20 For |

Voting was anonymous via Zoom Polls.

BK then spoke about the forthcoming trustee recruitment.

BK and the trustees thanked the IOL team

Any Other Business

JB introduced the forthcoming GOLD International Conference on pm 21st November and am 22nd November 2025

Next Meeting 7pm – 8pm May 2026

AGM PowerPoint slide presentation also available.