

IOL Bushcraft PPG AGM

Tuesday 10th December 2024 20.00 Via Zoom

Attendees: Luschka van Onselen (chair), Kevan Palmer (secretary), Mel Grenfell, Chris Lundregan, Adam Logan, Jamie Dakota, Paul Shaw, Peter Codd, Jaqueline Codd, Nige Curnow, Graham Couling, Geoff Mason, Lizzie Newman, Tara Crank, Mark Moore (from ITC first)

Apologies: Barry Hammick, Nick Winder, Dave Watson, Peter Morton, Jason Ingamells

Minutes of previous meeting: 5th December 2023. Proposed GM

Matters Arising:

- GM asked if there was any developments on the work being done regarding bushcraft and mental health by Chris Grice. The exec were uncertain as Chris had now left the exec

Chairs Report

To start with the committee would like to thank Gary for his service to the exec over the last few years, and I'd like to thank him for his help in transitioning over the chairship to me. Over the last 7 months the committee and PPG have been looking at how we can take the PPG and the art of bushcraft forward, not only within the PPG but within the country.

To that end, the process for accrediting level 2 and 3 bushcraft awards is in the process of being streamlined. One of the major problems that the team have come up against has been that applications are not submitted in the format clearly specified on the IOL website which means the evaluation take much longer than it should. By adding Kev to the team application times have been reduced to as little as one week and applications are 'blind', so that Terry Longhurst and Kev Palmer don't know who they're assessing and are able to assess competency purely on merit.

We'll be meeting Mark Moore from ITC First later in the meeting, but in brief, one of the things we've been working on this year has been moving the awards to ITC so that they have national accreditation.

Mark will be able to answer more specific questions later but that the PPG is working closely with ITC in transitioning all the awards.

We are also working on putting together a map of where assessments are being delivered across the country to make the information easily accessible to everyone.

Assessments: This year our assessors have overseen 14 BCA assessments, with 10 passes and 4 pending. This is an increase from last year's 7.

The BCC has seen 11 assessments completed, with 8 passes, 1 referred, 1 fail and 1 pending. This is a significant decrease from last year's 29 but that's to be expected with the changes in processes.

We have also had our first Diploma assessment with 1 person passing

Events: In addition to our two fabulous conferences the PPG has also been represented at the Bushcraft Show, the Wilderness Gathering and the FSA Conference. Our ties with the FSA have been strengthened by conference attendees being offered reciprocal discounted places at each other's conferences.

Treasurers Report

In the absence of Treasurer, Nick Winder, the PPG finances were presented by Richard Retallick, IOL Business and Operations Manager.

Bushcraft Financial Year Oct 23 - Sept 24				Summary Bushcraft Financial Year Oct 23 - Sept 24	
Balance as at 30/9/23	£4,812.32			Balance as at 30/9/23	£4,812.32
Money in:.				Total income	£7,489.00
Bushcraft Conference income Nov 2023	£3,100.00			Total expenditure	£8,989.39
Bushcraft Conference income March 2024	£4,389.00			Profit/Loss for the year	-£1,500.39
Total income	£7,489.00			Balance as at 30/9/24	£3,311.93
Money out:					
<u>November 2023 Conference - Robin Wood</u>					
Robin Hood Activity Centre - Whole Building - 24 Hrs F	£588.00				
Robin Hood Activity Centre - Camping - Allen-a-Dale F	£324.00				
Robin Hood Activity Centre - Exclusive Use 10/11/2023	£260.00				
CM Lundregan - presenter - Conference	£200.00				
Bushscout UK - Presenter - Conference	£262.00				
Howl Bushcraft - Presenter - Conference	£200.00				
Julie Bristow - Presenter - Conference	£200.00				
Wildy Curious	£137.00				
Mel Grenfell - Presenter - Conference	£60.33				
Red oaks Bushcraft	£117.00				
Bracken Van Ryssen - Presenter - Conference	£87.00				
Bracken Van Ryssen - Food and Firewood - Conferenc	£246.16				
Feral Science Limited - Presenter - Conference	£347.00				
Wild Therapy - Presenter - Conference	£100.00				
Wilderness Tribe - Presenter - Conference	£276.00				
Woodland Classroom - Presenter - Conference	£126.00				
IOL Admin Conference Nov 23	£216.00	£3,746.49	Delegates	36	
			Workshop costs	£2,011.49	
<u>March 2024 Conference - Danemead Scout Camp</u>					
Danemead Scout Camp Site - Camping at Bushcraft P	£1,260.00				
Nick Winder - instructing workshop	£50.00				
Naomi Allswoth - workshop	£275.00				
Wood Learn Forest School	£50.00				
Jacquie Hall - Knotted Basket	£162.00				
Feral Science Limited - Bushcraft Atlati	£122.00				
Peter Morton - Workshop	£127.00				
Bracken Van Ryssen -Workshop	£315.00				
A Little bit wider - Workshop	£52.00				
Jack Raven Bushcraft - Workshop	£150.00				
Tangled Bank Foraging and Natural History - Oak gall	£76.00				
Mel Grenfell - Refreshments - Stationary	£51.88				
Primitive Living	£216.00				
Bushscout UK - Presenter - Conference	£227.00				
Kev Palmer - Workshop	£350.00				
Kev Palmer - Cost of catering, materials, sundries	£801.04				
Ethical Living Group	£171.00				
Wild Therapy - Presenter - Conference	£115.00				
IOL Admin Conference March 24	£234.00	£4,804.92	Delegates	39	
			Workshop costs	£2,394.88	
Robin Wood - Deposit	£364.95				
Bushcraft Flyers	£73.03				
Total Expenditure @ 30/09/2024	£8,989.39				
Profit/ Loss for year	-£1,500.39				
Balance @ 30/09/2024	£3,311.93				

Below is an addendum with the latest position relating to the conference which are not yet definitive

Balance as at 30/09/2024	£3,311.93			
Money In				
Bushcraft Conference income Nov 2024	£5,418.00	✓ (£4,981)		
Total	<u>£5,418.00</u>			
Money Out				
Luschka van Onselen - PPG Expenses	£85.03			
Bracken Van Ryssen advance to cover ingredients	£450.00			
Bracken Van Ryssen	£720.00			
Bracken Van Ryssen	£30.00			
Heddfan From Narberth	£270.00			
Robin Hood Activity Centre	£619.50			
Robin Hood Activity Centre	£324.00			
Robin Hood Activity Centre	£273.00			
Robin Hood Activity Centre - Deposit	-£364.95	Deposit	paid in last financial year	
Bushscout.UK	£200.00			
Wood Learn Forest School	£50.00			
Primitive Living	£150.00			
Woodland Survival Crafts Ltd	£150.00			
		Estimated		
To Pay				
Lee John Phillips		£ 250		
Rich Harpham		£ 200		
Nick Exley		£ 100		
Kevan Palmer		£ 300		
Bracken Van Ryssen		£ 300		
Total expenditure	<u>£2,956.58</u>	£ 1,150		
Profit/ Loss for period	<u>£2,461.42</u>	<u>£1,311.42</u>		
Balance as at 28/11/2024	<u>£5,773.35</u>	<u>£4,623.35</u>		

RR also said that monies from assessments go into a separate account and are not included in the above accounts.

Events

The Spring conference at Danemead had 60 delegates and presenters in attendance. There were 16 workshops and 5 express workshops. Naomi Aldwyn from the UK series of Alone was the keynote speaker.

We had a stall at the Bushcraft Show in May.

We had a stall at the Wilderness Gathering in August

The Autumn Conference at the Robin Hood Activity Centre had 44 delegates and presenters in attendance. There were 11 workshops, 5 drop-in workshops and 6 express workshops. Richard Harpham of Canoe Trails was the keynote speaker.

We also attended the FSA conference.

Proposal to Bring Executive Nominations back in-line with the AGM.

LO proposed a motion to bring the nominations for exec members back in line with the AGM.

Historically the nominations for the executive committee have always taken place just prior to the AGM which has always been towards the end of the year, however as a result of the pandemic and members leaving mid-term things have now got out of sync with there now being 3 times throughout the two-year cycle where members have to stand down.

It is proposed to bring things back in line and to have one single period just prior to the AGM where committee members have to step down. This would results in 3 current members having to extend their term by 4 months and one by 7 months this year and 3 people by 4 months the following year.

GM asked if the motion could be distributed to those in attendance in writing. LO sent those in attendance the motion in writing using the message function on Zoom.

The motion was unanimously approved.

AOB

KP briefly described the process in which the PPG are working with ITC First to make all the current Bushcraft Awards qualifications. He then introduced Mark Moore and opened up the floor for questions.

MM gave a brief summary of how things have developed

Time scale - the Level 2 is almost ready to go, the level 3 awards should be ready by Easter.

TC asked what is the thinking around requirements for trainers and assessors. MM said the experience in the sector and assessors will need an assessing qualification. Guided by PPG in terms of what experience is required.

MG asked if she is OK to commence with running the Level 2 in March. MM said she would need to register to become a centre with ITC.

LN asked if she should wait until the BCC became a qualification before doing her assessment. The answer was probably.

ITC support training providers still remaining accredited with the IOL to make it as robust as possible.

TC asked if people booking assessments are being informed that things are being changed. KP suggested that we register the IOL as an ITC centre and the current assessors register with ITC and we still run assessment dates.

TC asked what people who already possess the BCC how would they transfer over. Within the IOL we would need to facilitate an easy and cost effective way to existing BCC/BCA/BCD holders to transfer to the new awards.

TC asked if there would be any changes to the contend. MM said not.

Meeting finished at 21.00