

Summary Notes of the LVO committee meeting on 1st March 2010

Present: Wilson McAlister – WMcA (chair & notes), Ivan Millar - IM, Harold White - HW, Gordon Stephens - GS, Bill Simpson - BS, Helen Baxter - HB, Lyle Fleming - LF

Apologies: Greg McCann - GMcC, Igor Stefko - IS, Harry Bell - HBE, Wilbert Hollinger - WH

Events and Resources– update

NI Colour 2 to be run by HB and family. Despite concern that recent tree felling would affect the event the current decision is to go with the location.

HW to clarify on the Website that the Irish Sprint Champs are at Coleraine University.

It was agreed that efforts be made to ensure that LVO Events in 2010 would include a string course.

At the request of IM the Spring Cup 3 will be relocated to Slievenagore (Silent Valley) where he plans to have another string course. Igor to provide a Micro-O event that evening also.

The WEE Series volunteer sheet was discussed and agreed that all efforts should be made to resources this asap. On option of on-line volunteering will be looked at.

Club Championship Classes

Following a review of the proposed Club Championship classes, it was agreed to move M70+ and W70+ classes to Lt Green.

Junior Funding

It was agreed that the club would continue its funding program for Juniors to the same level as in 2009 (Circa £5.5k).

Tollymore Remap

Now that it is no longer a JK venue, it was agreed that the LVO would take up the option of a 1:15,000 remap of Tollymore (inc Meelmore connection) from Stirling Surveys. This initiative will cost the club £4.5k.

Trailer Grant

GS confirmed that the club was successful in securing a £8,900 grant from 'Sport for All' for a Club Trailer. GS to now lead a small working party (IM and MS to provide input) in finalising the build and delivery for end-March

Congratulations to Gordon on this success!

Feedback from the AGM

A number of issues and suggested improvements raised at the AGM were tackled in an ideas workshop. Details recorded from the session are;

- More Prizes & Spot Prizes on the Day (esp. for Juniors)
 - Have a stock of simple prizes available – beanies/ shoe bags
Chocolates / Medallions
 - Publicize the fact that LVO now has prizes for juniors
 - Make prizes available on the day – before people leave the event
 - Publicize future Trophy, Spring Cup, NI Champs standings more to the membership, with comment on the Club Website to make a more big deal about them.
- More IT Training
 - Redo the courses offered last year
 - On the job (practical) training.
 - Provide more IT Equipment/Support
 - Have Manual which leads through process so self training is possible
- Ticklist for Organizers
 - Slimline the RedBook for Officials
 - Make sure this list is readily available
 - Make it downloadable A4 page
 - Check that the List is complete and accurate
- More Event Officials needed
 - Ask people to do minor roles initially, or shadow + hope they then volunteer.
 - Provide Training Courses (part of Wed /Thur Sessions)
 - Stage a Course /Planning Competition.
 - Arrange it so that you have to opt out rather than opt in to plan etc.
- Adult Coaching
 - Have Training Courses
 - Train more Coaches
 - Have alternate times/places – or attached to events
 - Build coaching into Club events programme
 - Have a Club w/end (somewhere like Sligo?) with coach & social
- New Competition areas needed.
 - Encourage Members to actively seek and evaluate new areas
 - Train more planners to make optimum use of existing areas.

- Consider different event formats, middle distance and sprint where smaller and different areas could be useable.
- Head hunt club members who can procure access to new & potential areas

Development (RDO) Update

HB introduced the new NIOA brochure which was welcomed as a really brilliant flyer for the sport.

Those present agreed to distribute where they can.

WMcA and HB to review the 'Joiners' pack and also to create a new info pack for give out to interested people at registration time. To be ready for the WEE.

Compass Sport Cup

It was agreed in principle that this event would be aimed for as a Club outing in 2010. It was also agreed that although subsidising Adults may be a non-starter the Junior fund mentioned earlier could be used to fund Juniors accompanying Adults.

Investigation will be undertaken with regard to reclassification of LVO in light of our travel distance, and other basic info on event. On organiser will be sought asap.

Equipment – Update?

IM will host an Inventory day on Wed 7th April. It is hoped the new trailer will be available to be part of the process. Laptop "Clyde" now with GS for keyboard repair.

Club Training – update

Thursday Evenings continue in Bryansford. There will be a message placed on the Clubs website to reemphasize that Queens club are hosting training on LVO's behalf.

AOB

It was agreed that we would put the Constitution on the Website.and continue to put committee meeting notes on the Website.

It was agreed to support a suggestion from Susan Bell to create a Facebook presence for the club.