

Summary of the Minutes of the LVO committee meeting on 8-2-2010.

Present: Gordon Stephens, Wilson McAlister, Ivan Millar, Bill Simpson (notes), Helen Baxter (RDO liaison)

Apologies: Wilbert Hollinger, Harold White, Greg McCann, Lyle Fleming

Events and Officials

There will be an additional WENT training session on 17th Feb @ Tollymore. It will be registered with BOF as a night activity.

The officials for the Hillsborough event on 13th Feb will be: Planner - Geoffrey Collins; Organiser – Ivan Millar; Controller – Lyle Fleming. The event will include a string course

Provisionally, the Parkanaur event on 28th March (a NI Series event) will be run by the following officials: Planner – Helen Baxter; Organiser – Olivia Baxter; Controller – Philip Baxter.

WEE Series: Coordinators are still needed. It was agreed that the August WEE Series events should be run again. A differential entry fee would be introduced as follows: Members - £2.00 and non-members £4.00. 3 WEE coordinators are needed to be appointed, one for each month. The August events are preferably to run in the M1 corridor with potential venues being: Moira, Lurgan Park, Dungannon Park, and Craigavon City Park. It was agreed that if a coordinator for August is found, that Belfast venues might be used, depending on the coordinator's choice. A new venue is to be sought to replace the proposed Greenmount College event.

Ivan offered to plan the Slieve Gullion event

The first Belfast WEE in June, falls into the National Family Week (NFW), which runs from 30th May to 6 June. All events associated with NFW will be free of charge. It would include the 2nd Jun WEE in Barnetts Demesne. Orienteering in NFW will be coordinated by the RDO.

The NI Champs will be staged at Tollymore, with a family weekend and BBQ in the forest on 19th June.

All offers to help with the staging of LVO events will be welcome. Please step forward and do your bit. Help and guidance will be readily available.

Finances

It was agreed to pay outstanding out of pocket claims for the CompassSport Cup event, to a ceiling of £50 per person.

The committee will consider an option to update the Tollymore and Meelmore maps to produce a single 1:15,000 scale map, once the costs have been established

The sum of £342.50 was raised by competitors at the Botanic/QUB event for the Marie Curie charity. The final sum will be enhanced by a Gift Aid contribution.

The proposal to participate in the Nestle Voucher Scheme, which will provide free entry to some LVO events was agreed.

AGM

The feedback from the attendees at the club AGM is summarized below:

Coaching for adults is lacking

Press coverage is not good

More maps and grants are needed to help develop the club.

Spring Cup and Autumn Trophy events should have more courses on offer, e.g. include a Blue course.

Collect and re-cycle plastic map bags or use waterproof paper.

Training needs to be provided for SportIdent, CONDES and OCAD course planning.

We need more Prizes and Spot prizes on the day especially for juniors.

More event officials are needed.

Info line needs to be consistently used as not all organizers provide information.

A downloadable, single page tick list for Organisers of an event.

There should be a forum section on the club web site.

New competition areas are needed.

Committee minutes should be summarised on the club web site.

The feedback will be addressed by the committee over the coming few months.

RDO

18 runners took part in a successful training event for fell runners and there were a number of follow-up runs at LVO club events.

Helen agreed to provide a list of active LVO coaches.

There will be a GCSE event at Tollymore on March 25th Offers of assistance to the RDO, please.

The sport monitoring scheme survey issued by SportNI includes DOB, ethnicity, post code etc. Members are asked to return the survey forms, if they have not already done so.

Antrim and Armagh Councils are both running a schools 2 day participation event on 5th and 6th May.

Juniors

The new Junior Squad leader will be asked to coordinate 3 junior fun days for the LVO junior squad.

Terrain

We need to check out the Rostrevor map for revision needs and suitability of the Cassey Water Valley section for a colour coded or Championship event.

Grants

SportNI grant budgets have been cut and oversubscribed by £4 million. LVO will be making representation to Sammy Wilson, MLA, but it seems unlikely that an Awards for All grant application for an equipment trailer will be successful.

Training

Training at QUB is open to LVO members on every other Wednesday between WENTS.

Thursday night training at Bryansford had a low turnout on the first evening. Members are encouraged to support the opportunity to improve fitness and navigation skills. Information from Greg McCann.

Awards

The Down Awards evening will be held on Wed 14th April and 5 tickets will be available. LVO will buy tickets and ask Greg to coordinate and nominate club members and attendees.