

Event Coordinators Report LEI AGM 2013

1. Report on the past Year

We have, during the last twelve months have had a very full and successful events programme. One of the problems with being a successful club is repeating our success year on year and keeping up the high standards that we have set ourselves. This requires a lot of effort from the whole membership and I would like to thank all those members who have contributed to the running of our event programme over the last year. It makes Steve's and my life so much easier when people readily volunteer.

To keep the programme running at its present level we need a significant number of major event officials. We have over the last couple of years lost a number of experienced event officials; moves for jobs or retirement, old age or illness have all taken their toll. We do need some more volunteers to take on roles at Levels C and B. In conjunction with the EMOA we will be running courses for organisers, planners and controllers early in 2014, probably at Groby. I guess that I am preaching to the converted tonight but if you are one of the few people here that have not signed up to be an Level C event official, then please have a chat after the meeting.

Earlier in 2013, at our request EMOA ran a course for new mappers. The course was significantly oversubscribed and it is hoped that the course will be repeated during 2014. Our group of 6 new keen mappers will be turning their attention and newly minted skills to some of our smaller area, with a view to us being able to use them for Level D events during 2014.

There has been some pressure from EMOA to increase the number of events that we host in the East Midlands Urban League. Your Events Sub Committee feels that our present contribution of one event per year is the maximum we can manage without diluting the overall content of our events programme. Conversely there was some debate at the last EMOA Committee meeting about reducing the number of events in the East Midlands League. Something your committee will resist!

2. Future Plans

The 2014 event programme will replicate the very successful programme of the last few years with both Summer and Winter Leagues operating plus a programme of Level C, B and A events. One change will be moving the Club Championships to a Sunday. The provisional date is Sunday 5th October 2014.

Our next major event is the East Midlands Championships on 24th November at Spring Cottage. Entries are now open on Fabian4. If you would like to help please don't enter online, speak to me a later and we can do a deal on entry fees.

The major event of 2104 is of course LEI's hosting JK Day 3 at Llangynidr. We are only 172 days away. Yes it is big, yes it is difficult, yes it is a challenge and that why it needs a club with the range of skills and experience that we have, and it also why it is worth doing.

All of the major components are in place in relation to the organising of the event. We are now into the detail. The Day 3 Team Leaders will be receiving their first briefing

next month and Ernie, Bob, Ursula and myself will be paying, what will probably be the final site visit before the winter closes in on Llangynidr, next Tuesday.

An event the size of the JK has a major impact on the area and population were it is held. We have already instigated a publicity campaign in South Wales with a several articles in local papers and interviews on the local radio stations.

One of my current tasks is the recruiting of helpers. So far 37 of you have stepped forward to volunteer but we need a few more! There will be a number of “volunteer incentives” including a discounted run on the Sunday and an item of JK clothing. If you are thinking of going to the JK can I suggested that you book your accommodation fairly quickly as it seems to going fast. Entries should be opening in the next week.

The Planning Team, Roger, Peter and Steve have been working away over the last few months. The area present a number of difficulties, not the least of which is the sheer physical challenges of working on a very large high exposed moor land area. This is not your typical LEI forest; in fact I don't think there is any green on the map! Actually I think the biggest challenge for the planners is dealing with the huge amount of data relating to sites of archaeological importance and Sites of Special Scientific Interest. There can be very few event areas in the UK that have bronze age burial site, monuments that are Grade 1 listed and some of the rarest flora in the country all within 5 sq Km.

Looking ahead we are hosting the British Night Championships in 2016, The Midlands Championships in either 2016 or 2018 and the Junior Inter Regional Championships in 2018. Plenty to keep us busy.