

COBOC Committee Meeting held 3/12/14 Clifton Road Youth Centre

Present – Dave Ellis, Mick Sadler, Ian Gamlen, Jenny Hunter, Ruth Lockley, Bob Scott

Apologies Adrian Bailey and Barry McGowan

Minutes of the last meeting held 17/9/14 – as read

Matters arising from previous minutes

Back up power bank charger external battery for laptop – Dave has purchased one of these but is yet to test it

The SI control Units firmware has now been updated by Ian

Chairman's Report

Dave informed the committee that as far as he is aware no decision has been made regarding the future use/ownership of the Clifton Road Outdoor Education Centre.

World Orienteering Championships August 2015

If anyone is going to the Scottish 6 days Orienteering Event please can they consider helping at the World Orienteering Championships which are taking place around the same time.

Please sign up to the organisers mailing list using the link below so that they have direct contact details for you. http://www.woc2015.org/volunteers/join-the-event-team#mc_embed_signup

Dave has been appointed as arena co-ordinator on Sun 2 Aug Sprint Day at Forres. COBOC are due to be helping along with SLOW (South London Orienteers and Wayfarers) and others.

Any COBOC members volunteering to help at the World Champs on Sunday 2nd August can have their entry fees to the Scottish 6 days paid for as part of a sponsorship package with Big Strides Consulting Ltd. Members must be competing for COBOC. Contact Dave Ellis at dave@birminghamadventure.co.uk if you want to take advantage of this.

Sportivate grant

COBOC has received £875 which is the 1st of 2 payments made. Dave will be invoicing COBOC for coaching and equipment which is bought to deliver the agreed programme. Dave has already purchased a number of batteries for head torches using the Sportivate grant. It was agreed that we would purchase a copy of OCAD 11 for the COBOC laptop using the Sportivate grant which can then be loaned out to any club member who wishes to do any mapping or course planning. In addition to the Wednesday COBOC evening training sessions Dave will be running Duke of Edinburgh Training Sessions on a Tuesday evening from the Clifton Road Outdoor Education Centre

Dave also mentioned that Boldmere Bullets will be providing running training sessions every Tuesday evening starting at 7pm outside the Dubella bar on Boldmere Road Sutton Coldfield.

Treasurer's report

Bank balances as of 3/12/14 are as follows:

COBOC Peter Palmer Account £2495.07

COBOC Deposit Account £1531.86

COBOC Current Account £1197.55

Barry McGowan was appointed as auditor of the COBOC Accounts 2013-2014 at the AGM in October 2014 but unfortunately he was not able to attend today's meeting. He hopefully will be able to present his findings at the next Committee Meeting.

Membership Secretary's Report

There are currently 24 BOF COBOC members – our membership is down by 1 member since our last meeting following the passing away of Toby Norris in October.

There are still 5 COBOC only members. Jenny is planning on sending them Christmas Cards and enclosing a COBOC membership form encouraging them to rejoin for 2015. Following the meeting Ian has updated the COBOC membership form which is available via www.coboc.org.uk with the 2015 membership fees.

Autodownload software licence

Ian, Dave and Mick agreed to purchase a 1 year licence costing £111 + VAT so that it can be used for the Forge Farm Event on 2/11/14 and future events in the coming year.

Purchase of OCAD software for COBOC laptop

See Chairmans report above

Memorials for Toby Norris and John Bennison

It is with sadness that we record that COBOC member Toby Norris passed away in October 2014 and former COBOC member John Bennison passed away in November 2014. Both had contributed much to the club and to orienteering at a regional and national level. It was agreed that as a club we should consider some ways in which both could be remembered.

It was suggested that the Club Champion Trophy, which is awarded each year to the person who wins or gets closest to the winners time when running an appropriate age class/colour coded course at an event designated by the Committee as "The Club Championship" should be renamed the "The Toby Norris Club Champion Trophy". Ian to seek approval for this from Joan Norris. It was later suggested that the Club Championship could be held at Highgate Common on 8/3/15 – providing HOC agree.

It was suggested that we hold a memorial event at Hilltop in March 2015 in memory of John Bennison as he mapped this area for COBOC and planned an event there in March 2013. This could

become an annual event if this proves successful. Ruth agreed to put out the controls and Ian agreed to organise the event to take place on 7/3/15.

Future Events

17/12/14 Santa O Sutton Park 6.30pm -7.30pm Planner Dave, followed by COBOC Xmas meal. It was agreed that we would go to the Shaban Indian Restaurant Boldmere Road Sutton Coldfield at 8.30pm

28/1/15 COBOC Night Street Event (to be used by HOC for their Night Street League) Planner Dave

25/2/15 COBOC Night Sevens Event Sutton Park Planner Dave

7/3/15 John Bennison Memorial Event – Hilltop Planner Ruth Org Ian

21/3/15 Sprint O Event Sutton College/Bishop Vesey School Planner Bob Org Mick

25/3/15 COBOC Twilight Sevens Event Sutton Park Planner Dave

27/4/15 Sutton and Erdington Schools Champs Pype Hayes Park Planner Dave

29/4/15 Sevens Event Sutton Park – Planner Dave

27/5/15 Sevens Event Sutton Park – Planner Dave

At the last WM Fixtures meeting a discussion took place regarding COBOC's offer to hold the Peter Palmer Junior Night Relays at Sutton Park in 2016. It was decided that they wished to use Sutton Park for the British Schools Champs in 2016 and that it therefore not desirable for Sutton Park to be used for the PPJTR that year. Barry Elkington has suggested that COBOC might like to plan/organise the training day of the British Schools Champs in Sutton Park. Ian agreed to discuss this possibility further with Barry Elkington. It was suggested that we consider using Sutton Park for the PPJTR in a later year – perhaps 2017.

Date of Next Meeting – 4/2/2015

AOB –

1. Dave has moved all the club equipment into Clifton Road Outdoor Education Centre
2. Equipment – need to purchase new gripples and replace the SI units that were vandalised at Kingfisher Park Event