

## **COBOC Committee Meeting held 7/5/14 7.30pm Bham Outdoor Education Centre Clifton Road**

**Present** – Dave Ellis, Ian Gamlen, Mick Sadler, Adrian Bailey, Bob Scott, Barry McGowan, Ruth Lockley

**Apologies** – Jenny Hunter

**Minutes of the last meeting held 12/2/14** – as read

### **Matters arising**

Map scales at level A and B events

A motion was presented at the recent BOF AGM regarding the above. LOC proposed that BOF should delegate to planners and controllers of Level A and B events the responsibility for deciding whether specified map enlargements are provided to competitors at events on particularly complex, intricately contoured terrain. The motion was carried.

### **Chairmans Report**

#### **Xplorer**

Xplorer is a BOF initiative aimed at attracting newcomers into orienteering. It is a navigational exercise aimed at young children and their families.

Dave has met with Natalie Shaw from BOF and Bham City Council to develop Xplorer events in a number of Bham parks between now and October 2014. 12 parks in 3 clusters have been identified as follows:

- A. Holders Lane, Walkers Heath, Kings Heath and Balsall Heath
- B. Cofton Park, Kings Norton, Manor Farm Park and Lickey Hills
- C. Edgbaston Reservoir, Handsworth, Summerfield Park and Perry Hall Park

They are planning to hold a number of events in these areas on a Saturday morning. Dave has been asked to draw the base maps for these parks. They are simpler than a standard orienteering map and do not use the IOF colours and symbols.

It was generally felt that COBOC should support the initiative and take along flyers about forthcoming COBOC and WMOA events to the Xplorer events in the hope that this would encourage newcomers into orienteering. At present no dates appear to have been set. Dave agreed to keep the committee notified of these developments so that Committee members can go along to these events, offer support and help promote COBOC.

#### **Bham Outdoor Learning Service**

Dave informed us that the Outdoor Learning Service based at Clifton Road is due to finish at end July 2014. He is trying to ensure that COBOC continues to be able to use the building for our weekly training sessions, committee meetings and storing O equipment.

#### **Treasurers Report**

Balance of COBOC Accounts as of 4/5/14 as follows:

Peter Palmer Relay Account   £2495.07

COBOC Current Account       £853.96

COBOC Deposit Account      £1196.53

Membership Secretary Report – none available as Jenny unable to attend

### **Clubmark**

Dave to finalise the Club Development Plan. Ian to contact BOF to find out who we need to present our application for Clubmark to now that Ed Nicholas is no longer working for BOF.

### **Forthcoming Events**

17/5/14 COBOC event Bham Schools Champs and Master Blaster Perry Hall Park – **has been cancelled**

28/5/14 COBOC Sutton Park Event – **cancelled** – OD are holding an evening event at Kingsbury Water Park that evening if anyone is interested.

22/6/14 WMOA Relays Parkhall Country Park – Entries via COBOC Captain – Ian Gamlen – **Closing date for entries 25/5/14.**

24/6/14 – COBOC - Sutton and Erdington Schools Event – Pype Hayes Park from 4pm-5:515pm – Org/Plan Dave Ellis . Dave agreed that the courses will remain open until 7.30pm so that COBOC Club Night will take place that evening at Pype Hayes from 5.15 pm -7.30pm

25/6/14 – OD - Sutton Gates Run – organised by OD

6/7/14 – COBOC Woodgate Valley Country Park Colour Coded Event – Planners Adrian Bailey and Ruth Lockley Organiser Ian Gamlen

9/7/14 – Last COBOC Club Night before summer break. To restart in September.

10/7/14 – HOC - Hayheed Wood and the Dingle – Org Barry McGowan for more details go to HOC website

13/7/14 – West Midlands Park Championships Brueton Park – for more details go to OD website.

24/7/14 – HOC - Cannon Hill Park – Org Adrian Bailey – for more details go to HOC website

14/9/14 – COBOC - Kingfisher Country Park Colour Coded Event – Planner Dave Ellis Organiser Mick Sadler

### **AOB**

Dave asked whether anyone was planning on going to the Scottish 6 Days in 2015 and whether anyone is able to help at the World Champs which are also taking place.

**Date of Next Meeting** 9/7/14 at 7:30pm