

COBOC Committee Meeting 14th September 2011 at 7.30pm Clifton Road Youth Centre

Present : Dave Ellis, Ian Gamlen, Adrian and Catherine Bailey, Gerry Morrison, Caroline Gay (BOF)

Apologies : Mick Sadler, Tim Bate, Ruth Lockley

Minutes of last meeting held 15/6/11- as read

Matters arising from last meeting – see below

Chairman's Update

Dave and Gerry went to the Peter Palmer Night Relay 2011 held last week at MOD Stafford. They helped them set up and observed how it was being run to see if we can pick up any useful ideas when we hold the event in Sutton Park next year.

Dave gave a financial break down of how the BOF grant of £3000 to COBOC + £500 of COBOC funds which has been paid over to Big Strides Consulting has been spent. For details see attached sheet.

Big Strides Consulting is due to receive £4000 from BOF and £4390 from Sutton Municipal Charities to develop Community Orienteering , after schools clubs in Sutton Schools, a Sutton Schools Champs to be held on 9/5/12 in Rectory Park (to be remapped) , revise the permanent O course in Sutton Park and run an Outdoor Learning Cards Course for teachers.

Dave has obtained a place on level 2 coaching course. He asked whether COBOC would be prepared to pay the £300 cost of this course. In view of COBOC's large excess of expenditure over income over the last year Ian expressed some concern about this, and queried whether in view of the success Dave has had in obtaining grants which are going directly into his company Big Strides Consulting whether he would consider using some of the money he has already received to finance this himself. It was agreed that COBOC would perhaps pay some money towards the cost rather than the full £300.

Dave is the planner for the West Midlands Schools Orienteering Champs to be held on 12th May 2011 in Newhall Valley Country Park. Bob Scott is currently re-surveying the area.

Events

Adrian apologised to the committee regarding the financial loss that occurred as a result of the Aston Park Event in June which was compounded by the loss of some SI units due to theft/vandalism. It was agreed that better ways of securing the SI units and using areas less prone to vandalism needs to be considered.

Club training sessions are being held every Wed from 6pm-7.30pm at Clifton Road Youth Centre organised by Dave Ellis. All are welcome.

Adrian is organising a CATI event at Queslett on 25/9/11 from 4.30pm-5.30pm. Parking will be in Asda Car Park. It is a charity event raising money for the BBC Children in Need. Any help gratefully received.

COBOC is planning to hold an event in Sutton Park on 13th November. Dave is planner, Ian offered to organise. Discussion took place regarding whether we should hold a COBOC Sevens event or a colour coded event. It was decided to run it as a limited colour coded event with yellow, orange, green and blue courses. Adrian offered to assist Dave in putting out controls.

There is a BOF Clubs and Associations meeting to be held on 15/10/11 to which a couple of members of each club are invited. They are due to be considering the future of orienteering over the next few years. Adrian expressed some interest in attending and agreed to report back to the committee on it.

Treasurer's Update

Ian provided a spreadsheet detailing the current funds available in the various COBOC Accounts. As of 13/9/11 we have the following funds available:

Current Account £882.88

Deposit Account £2191.26

Peter Palmer Account £1764.90

Membership Update

COBOC currently has 28 members who are either national or local members of BOF and 5 COBOC only club members. Ian has emailed all lapsed COBOC members inviting them to rejoin, however unfortunately there has been no response so far.

2012 Annual Club Return

Ian has recently submitted the above to BOF along with our club affiliation fee of £46. He has left the 2012 club membership fees the same as at present, but suggested that the membership fee should ideally be discussed and agreed at each AGM for the following year.

COBOC AGM 14/10/11 7pm Clifton Road Youth Centre

Ian suggested that we have a quiz evening following the AGM in the hope that it might attract more of the membership to attend. However it was pointed out that since the number of active COBOC members is so low at present it is unlikely that we will attract many more people than those that normally attend a Committee meeting. Gerry suggested that we bring some games along to play (how about Pictionary ?)

AOB

Dave has ordered some new masts for the feather banners at a cost of £64. Ian agreed to provide a cheque to Dave to reimburse him once the goods have been received.

Date of next COBOC Committee meeting – 30th November 2011 7.30pm