

Minutes of the COBOC AGM 2011 Held at Clifton Road Youth Centre Sutton Coldfield on 19 October 2011

Present: Dave Ellis (Chair), Ian Gamlen (Treasurer), Mick Sadler, Gerry Morrison, Adrian Bailey, Barry McGowan, Jacob Ellis, Catherine Bailey

Apologies: Toby Norris, Sally Ann Nortcliffe, Clare Morrison

Minutes of the 2010 AGM held on 14/1/11 : as read

Matters arising: none

Chairman's Report

Dave felt it had been an interesting year. COBOC has managed to put on a number of successful events since the last AGM. These include Newhall in January, Queslett in March, Sutton Park in April, Aston Park in June, Birmingham Parks O Ringen in July. He is currently running COBOC Club nights every Wednesday which started in September and will continue into November- December 2011.

The £3000 grant we received from BOF in 2009 has been awarded to Dave's company Big Strides Consulting which has enabled him to put on develop and run training sessions.

He thanked everyone for their hard work, with special thanks to Ian for his contribution to the smooth running of the club.

Treasurers Report

Ian presented the COBOC Accounts from 1/10/10-30/9/11. These showed that we had an income of £469.92 (mainly from events) and had spent £3789 (£3000 being awarded to Big Strides Consulting). This leaves us with £2854.35 in our current and deposit account. There also remains £1674.90 in the Peter Palmer account. Ian explained that in 2008-09 the previous treasurer had underestimated our final balance by approx £143 which Ian had overlooked when he presented the COBOC accounts at the last AGM. Ian also underestimated COBOC's income in 2009-10 by £30. The balance sheet has therefore been updated to reflect this. For further details see the COBOC Accounts from 2007-11. Copies of this were handed out at the meeting.

Appointment of an Auditor

As a club affiliated to BOF we are required to have our accounts inspected annually. Dave Ellis agreed to ask his accountant Donna Wade if she would be prepared to inspect our 2010-11 accounts.

Membership Secretary's Report

Ian informed the AGM that we currently have 33 COBOC members of which 28 are also member's of BOF. He has emailed all lapsed members encouraging them to renew their membership but so far only one person has done so.

Election of Honorary Members

Dave has been re-elected as Chairman

Ian has been elected as Secretary

Mick has kindly agreed to take over from Ian as Treasurer and was elected.

Election of Ordinary Members

No-one at the meeting volunteered to stand as an Ordinary member of the committee. Dave invited everyone present at the AGM and any other club members to become Committee Members if they so wished.

John Mansfield Most improved Junior and Senior Orienteer

Ian was awarded the Senior Trophy as his team came 1st in the Relay A (mixed) at the White Rose as well as doing well at the Spring time in Shropshire and Scottish 6 days.

Catherine Bailey was awarded the Junior Trophy for taking part and doing well in at a number of events this year.

COBOC Membership Fees for 2013

The current COBOC membership fees have not been increased for a great many years. After some discussion it was agreed that we would increase some of the membership fees for 2013 as follows:

Junior/Student – to remain at £1

Senior – to be increased from £2 to £5

Family – to be increased from £4 to £5

Group – to be increased from £5 to £10

It was pointed out that these are still considerably cheaper fees than any of the other West Midlands Orienteering Clubs.

Changes to the COBOC Constitution

Prior to the AGM Ian had circulated a revised COBOC Constitution as Section 12 and 13 in the current constitution lacks clarity regarding what steps would be required if the club

were to be dissolved. These changes were agreed. Concerns were also expressed regarding what should constitute a quorum at a general meeting. It was agreed to amend this to say that "One sixth of the total votes available shall form a quorum at General Meetings of the club".

AOB

Ian has been contacted by Paul Buckle from Nestle asking if COBOC would like to take part in their scheme called Get Set Go Free. Essentially they will provide on their packaging details of a website which lists various sporting activities including orienteering available to the local population and to encourage people to take part. Those who do so will be entitled to a free training session. Ian has checked with BOF who have confirmed that they do support the scheme. It was agreed that our club would take part.

Date of Next AGM – 17/10/12 at 7.30pm at Clifton Road Youth Centre

Date of Next Committee Meeting – 30/11/11 at 7.30pm at Clifton Road Youth Centre