

Minutes of the COBOC AGM held 17th October 2012 Birmingham Outdoor Education Centre

Present Dave Ellis (Chair), Ian Gamlen (Secretary), Mick Sadler (Treasurer), Bob Scott , Mary Rochford, Clive Coleman, Jenny Hunter

Apologies Barry McGowan, Adrian Bailey

Minutes of the last AGM held 19/10/11 – as read

Matters arising – none

Chairmans Report

Dave felt that the last year has been a good one for COBOC. The COBOC Club nights have proved to be successful and holding small events on the last Wednesday of the month have attracted more people. Some people have come along once or twice and then not returned. Dave suggested that we need to follow these people up and try and encourage them back. We are fortunate that British Orienteering (BO) has agreed to continue to fund these for the time being, as the funding for Community Orienteering in other areas nearby has been withdrawn. Bob Scott queried whether the Club nights could continue if BO withdrew funding. Dave felt that it could providing the cost of hiring the BOEC (currently £10 per session) was covered.

A number of COBOC events have taken place in the last 12 months. Dave felt that the highlight was the Peter Palmer Junior Night Relays held on 8-9th September in Sutton Park. COBOC was assisted by other local clubs in particular HOC and OD. This event was very successful and attracted 28 teams of 6-8 juniors plus their coaches from all over the UK. We were lucky to hold it that weekend as shortly afterwards concern about E.Coli in Sutton Park resulted in a number of events due to be held in the weeks that followed being cancelled. Dave wished to thank Ruth Lockley for alerting us to the problem before the event took place so that we could put suitable precautions in place to prevent anyone from becoming unwell.

Other successful events that deserve a mention include the West Midlands Schools Champs held on Newhall Country Park in May and Sutton Schools Champs held in Rectory Park in May. Dave is hoping to organise another Sutton Schools Champs in May 2013.

He highlighted the fact that we have a programme of events through to April 2013 including a Long O event linking up Pype Hayes, Newhall Country Valley and Rectory Parks as proposed by Bob Scott. For details of the forthcoming events go to www.coboc.org.uk and click on Future Events.

Dave wished to thank everyone for their help and support in putting on and participating in COBOC events and a special thanks to Ian and Mick for all their help in keeping COBOC going. He also thanked Bob Scott for resurveying the maps for Rectory Park, Newhall Valley and Pype Hayes Parks.

Treasurers Report

Mick Sadler presented the COBOC 2011-12 accounts. These can be summarised as follows:

COBOC General Accounts from 1/10/11 – 30/9/12

Income £ 703.69

Expenditure	£ 728.22
Loss	£ 24.53
Balance in COBOC Current Account on 30/9/12	£ 697.93
Balance in COBOC Deposit Account on 30/9/12	£2193.85
COBOC Peter Palmer Event 2012	
Income	£ 2328.00
Expenditure	£ 1779.85*
Profit	£ 548.15*

(*estimated as some invoices have not yet been submitted)

Balance in COBOC Peter Palmer Current Account on 30/9/12 £ 2581.71

For details of income and expenditure and bank reconciliation please see attached documents.

Appointment of an Auditor

It was agreed that we would approach Barry Mc Gowan and ask him to if he would audit the COBOC 2011-2012 accounts.

Membership Secretary's report

Ian reported that COBOC currently has 36 members of which 27 have also joined BOF.

Election of Honorary Officers

No nominations for the post of Chair, Treasurer or Secretary had been received prior to the AGM taking place. Nominations were invited from those present at the AGM. Dave agreed to stand again as Chairperson, Ian agreed to stand again as Secretary and Mick agreed to stand again as Treasurer. They were all unanimously elected unopposed by those present.

Election of Ordinary Committee Members

Bob Scott offered to stand as COBOC Fixtures Secretary and will represent the club at WMOA Fixtures Meetings. Dave and Bob will both be able to register COBOC events onto the BOF website

Jenny Hunter agreed to stand as COBOC Membership Secretary once she has learnt more about what the job entails.

2012 BOF Annual Club Return

Ian has just received a copy of this from BOF. We are required to submit this by 31st October 2012. Information required includes:

- a) The annual affiliation fee payable to British Orienteering – currently £46
- b) The contact details of the club's Officers

- c) The annual membership fees for the club (ie for 2013)
- d) The club constitution
- e) Minutes of the last AGM

The Club Contact report includes a number of positions such as Publicity Officer and Club Welfare Officer in addition to Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer which are currently held by existing committee members. Ian suggested that we should have a nominated person as Club Welfare Officer which was agreed by all present. Currently only Ian and Dave have enhanced CRB Clearance initiated by BOF. In view of this Ian agreed to put his name down as the Club Welfare Officer for the time being although Jenny Hunter is happy to take on this role from Ian once she has learnt more about it. Bob suggested that we approach Penny Hemsted who is HOC's Welfare Officer to find out more about what the role and responsibilities of the position include.

Awards

The John Mansfield Most Improved Junior Trophy was awarded to Jacob Ellis for winning his course in the Sutton Schools Champs.

The John Mansfield Most Improved Senior Trophy was awarded to Jennie Hunter for her efforts in COBOC Training and at local events.

COBOC Membership Fees for 2013

Ian requested that we reconsider the COBOC membership fees agreed for 2013 at last year's AGM as he felt that the increases we had agreed last year were inconsistent and had for example resulted in Senior and Family fees being the same which he felt was inappropriate. It was agreed that we would look at these again. Ian proposed that we should simply double the existing fees which have remained the same for many years.

Membership category	2012 fee	Proposed 2013 fee
Junior/Student	£1	£2
Senior (21 or above in 2013)	£2	£4
Family	£4	£8
Group	£5	£10

This was agreed. The changes in BOF 2013 membership fees were also discussed. These have been simplified and are now as follows: Senior (21 years old or over in 2013)= £5 Junior = £2. BOF no longer has a Family membership fee - members of the same family will be charged on the same basis as everyone else.

Bob Scott pointed out that in order to maintain its finances BOF will be increasing the amount of BOF levies charged at events and charging levies on activities not previously levied. It was agreed that we need to familiarise ourselves with these changes to ensure that we charge appropriate event fees to cover this additional cost.

AOB – none

Date of Next AGM Wed 16th October 2013 at 8pm Birmingham Outdoor Education Centre