

COBOC Committee Meeting held 17/9/14 Clifton Road Outdoor Education Centre

Present – Dave Ellis, Mick Sadler, Ian Gamlen, Adrian Bailey, Jenny Hunter, Ruth Lockley, Barry McGowan

Apologies – Bob Scott

Minutes of the last Meeting held 9/7/14 – as read

Matters arising – see below

Chairmans Report

Xplorer events in and around Birmingham are not likely to take place until spring 2015 at the earliest

The Birmingham Outdoor Education Service moved out of the Clifton Road Outdoor Education Centre in July. The caretaker of Clifton Road Youth Centre is temporarily looking after the whole building whilst Bham City Council decide what they do with the Education Centre. He is kindly allowing certain groups such as COBOC who have historically used the facilities to continue to do so whilst a decision is made about the future use of the building. One possibility is that a consortium of Community Groups, including COBOC could lease it from Bham City Council.

Dave explained that Bham City Council have now put most Leisure Centres in Birmingham out to tender. There are 3 contracts – one which relates to North Birmingham (including Sutton Coldfield) however the Clifton Road Education Centre is not included in this process.

The Sutton Community Games held on 12-13th July proved to be a great success. Over 100 people took part. The short course around the race track was particularly popular. Dave thanked everyone who kindly helped organise and run this. This is likely to become an annual event.

The Kingfisher event held on 14/9/14 was also a great success – around 41 people took part. Dave thanked everyone who came and either took part or helped.

World Orienteering Championships in Scotland 31st July – 8th August 2015. Dave has been in touch with the organising committee. They have asked if we can help manage the arena for the sprint event. It was suggested that Dave discusses with the organising committee the possibility of COBOC working alongside other WM clubs in view of our limited number of helpers who are likely to be available.

Dave has applied on behalf of COBOC for some funding from Sportivate – a Lottery funded project aimed at attracting young people to take part in sporting activities. If successful the aim is to put on more events/coaching sessions for 11-25 year olds.

Treasurer's report

COBOC Peter Palmer Account £2495.07

COBOC Current Account £739

COBOC Deposit account £ 1197

Membership Secretaries Report

BOF membership of COBOC remains on 25 members

Local COBOC members 7 members

Equipment/software to be purchased

The 5 year licence for Autodownload – the Sportident software which is used to manage entries and downloads for events expired at the end of March 2014. In order to be able to use it at the Kingfisher Event on 14/9/14 Dave, Ian and Mick agreed to purchase a single event licence costing £36 (inc VAT). The committee discussed the 3 options available ie a single event licence costing £36 each time, a 1 year licence costing £111 + VAT or a 5 year licence costing £444 + VAT. In order to justify getting a 1 or 5 year licence it would need to be used at least 3 times a year. It was eventually agreed that Ian would explore the possibility of obtaining a 5 year licence providing they waive the £36 single licence fee and include other items such as Winsplits and Route Gadget within the package.

Back up Power bank charger external battery for laptop

These are available at a cost of around £70-100. Dave agreed to purchase one himself and loan it to COBOC as and when required.

Updating firmware on SI control Units

The current SI units need updating to be able to be used with the latest SI cards (dibbers). The software required to do this can be downloaded for free from the Sportident website. Ruth offered to do this. Dave agreed to bring along all the SI units next Wednesday to give them to Ruth to enable her to do this.

Future Events

24/9/14 – 6.30-7.30pm COBOC Sevens in Sutton Park – Long and Short Course – Dave planner

11/10/14 – 12-5pm Highbury Park Event – White and String course – Ian and Jenny - Planners

29/10/14 – 2-4pm and 6.30-7.30pm COBOC Event at Banners Gate Sutton Park – Adrian planner

13/11/14 – 4.30pm-7.30pm HOC Walmley Village Event – Bob – Planner

26/11/14 - 6.30-7.30pm COBOC Sevens in Sutton Park – Dave Planner

17/12/14 – Santa O Event – Sutton Park – Dave Planner

21/3/15 – Bham Met College – Sutton Campus (+ Bishop Vesey ?) – Mick Organiser

27/4/15 – Bham and Sutton School Champs – Dave planner

BOF Club Affiliation Fee for 2015 and Annual Club Return

The BOF Club Affiliation Fee for 2015 is £46 and this and the Annual Club return is due to be submitted to BOF by 24/10/14. It will therefore be possible to vote on the Club membership fees for 2015 at our AGM on 15/10/14 before this is submitted to BOF.

Proposed COBOC Membership Fees for 2015

A discussion regarding next years membership fees took place. It was felt that we should propose the following membership fees for 2015 at the AGM next month.

Senior – to increase from £4 to £5

Junior – to increase from £2 to £3

Family – to increase from £8 to £10

Group – to increase from £10 to £12

AOB

14/11/14 - Dave is running a Teaching Orienteering Course at Clifton Road Outdoor Education Centre. This costs £90 to attend. It was agreed that if any COBOC members wished to attend that COBOC would pay £45 towards their attendance.

Date of Next Meeting – 3/12/14 at 8pm