

COBOC Committee Meeting held 19/9/12 Birmingham Outdoor Education Centre Clifton Rd

Present - Dave Ellis, Ian Gamlen, Mick Sadler, Bob Scott and Jenny Hunter

Apologies – none

Minutes of last meeting held 4/7/12 – as read

Matters arising – see below

Chairmans report

Dave thanked everyone who had helped at the Peter Palmer Junior Team Relay 2012 held in Sutton Park on 8-9/9/12. Dave to email Ian with his organisers comments including a list of lost property so Ian can put it on the COBOC website. **ACTION – Dave.** The need for a debrief session followed by a meal was discussed. It was felt that as the comments about the event had been very positive and only minor criticisms made that a debrief session wasn't really necessary. It was agreed that putting together a file of information about the event that could be passed on to a) next years organising committee and b) kept by COBOC should we be asked to stage the event again in Sutton Park.

Dave mentioned the changes that were taking place within British Orienteering such as Carolyn Gay leaving. They are cutting back on some of the Community O schemes however the COBOC sessions in Sutton Park are to continue to be funded until at least March 2013. A discussion took place regarding how we can attract new COBOC members and retain them and get them more involved in the running of the club. It was agreed that we need to find new ways of marketing the Club nights and once newcomers come along find ways to maintain their interest.

Dave also mentioned that there are changes in BO membership categories, particularly around family membership. Further to the meeting I have just received 2 emails from BO on this matter. It reads as follows:

Sent to all club and Association Chairs and Secretaries

As previously stated Clubs and Associations can continue to offer a Family Membership Fee when the new British Orienteering membership scheme commences. Unfortunately the British Orienteering membership scheme will only be able to validate family memberships based on the British Orienteering Senior and Junior grades:

- Senior – any member aged 21 or older on 31 December of the membership year
- Junior – any member aged 20 or younger on 31 December of the membership year

Therefore Family memberships can contain:

- A minimum of one senior member
- A maximum of two senior members
- Any number of junior members

All members of a family membership must live at the same address.

And: Please note that Families can continue to join/renew British Orienteering as a 'Family' but the membership fee will be made up of the sum parts. E.g. A Family containing two senior and one junior members will be charged a British Orienteering Membership Fee of £12 (2 Senior members at £5 + 1 Junior member at £2). If the Club or Association offers a Family fee, the family will be charged the Club/Ass family fee on joining/renewing. Otherwise the Club and Association membership fee will be calculated in the same way as the British Orienteering Fee e.g. the sum parts.

From Membership Team British Orienteering

It was agreed that we would discuss the implications of these changes on COBOC Family membership at the COBOC AGM.

WMOA AGM is to be held 8th October 2012 at 7.30pm Ian has circulated notification about this to all COBOC members.

Treasurers Report

Peter Palmer Junior Team Relay 2012

Income £2328

Expenditure – not yet finalised as still awaiting invoice from Mike Farrington regarding use of HOC SI and Mikes travelling expenses etc however it is estimated that we will hopefully make a modest profit from the event. Full details of income and expenditure will be presented at the COBOC AGM.

ACTION - Mick

COBOC Current Account £747 Deposit Acc £2193

Paying for COBOC website

Tim Bate who was the previous webmaster is currently paying approximately £100 per year to Strato –AG to provide us with a host website. He in turn gets reimbursed by COBOC. As he is no longer the webmaster or involved in COBOC it was agreed that we should transfer responsibility for paying for this directly to COBOC. Ian will contact Strato AG to set up either a direct debit or standing order with the COBOC Current Account.

Earlier this year Ian looked into the possibility of transferring to the same host website used by WMOA and HOC with the help of Mike Farrington. Whilst this would result in a modest saving it will involve some work in terms of transferring to a new web host and learning how to update the website. It was agreed that for the time being we would stick with the current arrangement which seems to be working well.

Membership Secretary Report

Current membership of BOF and COBOC – 27 people

COBOC only members – 7

Future Events

COBOC Events planned for the remainder of 2012 are as follows:

Wednesday 26th September **Sevens Event, Sutton Park**

18:30 to 19:30 **(2.5Km and 5Km courses)**

Clifton Road Outdoor Education Centre, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6EB

Org/Planner Dave Ellis

Wednesday 31st October **Spook O Night Event, Sutton Park**

18:30 to 19:30 Clifton Road Outdoor Education Centre, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6EB

Org/Planner Dave Ellis

Saturday 17th November Local **Event, Lickey Hills**

10:30 to 12:00 Yellow, Orange, Lt Green, Blue courses available

Planner – John Bennison Org Ian Gamlen

Wednesday 28th November **Night Event, Sutton Park**

18:30 to 19:30 Clifton Road Outdoor Education Centre, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6EB

Org/Planner Dave Ellis

Wednesday 19th December **Santa O Night Event, Sutton Park – to be followed by Club Xmas meal !**

18:30 to 19:30 Clifton Road Outdoor Education Centre, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6EB

Org/Planner Dave Ellis

ACTION - Dave to check that Lickey Hills Event on 17/11/12 is properly registered with Lickey Hills/Birmingham City Council and to update BOF Fixtures with postcode and grid reference (SO 997754) for the event.

COBOC Events next year

Bob Scott has proposed that we should hold a Long O Event which includes Rectory, Newhall Valley and Pype Hayes Park. Bob Scott is happy to plan this. Ian has agreed to organise this. Bob would like a Controller to oversee the event. **ACTION – Bob**. Suggested Date March/April 2013. Consider combining it with a Mountain Bike Orienteering Event. Need to find out from WM Fixtures what dates are available – preferably a Sunday or if not possible – Saturday. **ACTION – Dave**

John Bennison has proposed holding a local event at Hill Top in March 2013. It was agreed that we are happy for him to plan some courses for this if he wishes. He has also suggested using Hilltop for holding the New Year Score event possibly in 2014. It was suggested that he should ask the WMOA regarding this.

COBOC AGM 8pm 17/10/12

To take place after COBOC Club Night (6.30pm -8pm). Ian to notify all club members shortly and circulate agenda and minutes of last years AGM. Dave to provide Ian with an updated list of events to be circulated.

Date of Next Committee Meeting 8pm 12/12/12