

COBOC Committee Meeting held 4/2/15 Clifton Road Youth Centre

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

Apologies – none

Minutes of the previous meeting – as read

Matters arising from previous minutes

Dave to check whether power bank charger for laptop works effectively

Bob to ask HOC if we can use their Highgate Common Event on 8/3/15 as our Club Championships

At the time of the meeting Ian had not yet heard back from Joan Norris regarding the possible renaming of the COBOC Club Championship Trophy as the Toby Norris Club Champion Trophy, however following the meeting Joan has replied "I am quite happy for you to use Toby's name for the club championship . I think he would have been touched and pleased."

Chairmans Report

Dave reported that there have been no further developments regarding the future of the Clifton Road BOEC as far as he is aware. Bookings to use it continue to be dealt with by the caretaker of the Clifton Road Youth Centre. Dave is paying him £10 per week for the use of the facility. This led to a discussion regarding the financial viability of continuing to run weekly club nights. Dave felt that although we do not always cover our costs each week, having an event at the end of each month attracts more people and probably ensures we cover our costs on a month by month basis. Mick asked Dave to provide him with a monthly balance sheet which details the income and expenditure for weekly club nights and the monthly club events.

World O Champs August 2015

COBOC is due to be helping at the sprint day on Sunday 2nd August 2015 in Forres. Dave has offered to pay the entry fees for the Scottish 6 Days to COBOC members (including local members) who agree to help at the World O Champs. If any member has already paid to enter the Scottish 6 Days and is able to help please get in touch with Dave for any reimbursements.

Dave will be purchasing a few extra SI units to replace those damaged/lost following the Kingfisher event last September so that we should have a full set for the COBOC events coming up in March.

Treasurers Report

Mick confirmed after the meeting that as of 24/2/15 the COBOC bank balances are as follows:

COBOC Current Account : £673.96

COBOC Deposit Account £1198.47

COBOC Peter Palmer Account £2495.07

Barry apologised that he had been unable to attend the last COBOC committee meeting. He has audited the COBOC 2013/14 accounts. He stated that the overall income and expenditure appears to be correct however he noticed that a number of items appeared to be put under the wrong heading on the spreadsheet and some items of expenditure such as the O tops should be listed separately for greater clarity. Mick agreed to revise them as suggested.

Membership Secretary's Report

Jenny circulated the latest COBOC membership of those who have entered via BOF. This currently stands at 20 members. 3 former BOF COBOC members have not renewed their membership so far. Ian will email them and encourage them to renew. We still have at least 5 local members of COBOC which include Barry, Bob and Adrian all of whom have renewed this year. Jenny suggested that we consider not charging a local membership fee to them in view of the contribution they make to the club. Whilst the valuable contribution of local members such as Adrian, Bob and Barry was noted it was felt that, in keeping with other clubs, a local membership fee for those who join COBOC as a 2nd club should be continued.

Fixtures Secretary Report

Bob queried whether COBOC wished to put on any events which would count as part of the HOC Summer Evening Events (SEE events). Whilst there was support for this idea in general it was pointed out that OD tend to put on Summer evening events on Wednesdays which might clash with these if COBOC continues to have its events on the last Wednesday evening of the month. Bob agreed to look into this and report back which he has now done. Currently OD are putting on an event on 27/5/15 at Kingsbury Water Park and on 24/6/15 in Sutton Park. It was therefore agreed that COBOC events in Sutton Park would go ahead on Wed 29/4/15, Wed 20/5/15 and Wed 29/7/15 (the July event could be used by HOC as a SEE event if they wished).

Dave asked Bob to find out some possible dates for a COBOC autumn event on a Sunday. Following the meeting Bob has put a placeholder event on 11/10/15.

Dave will draw up an action plan regarding areas which need remapping to enable us to hold events there in future. Ruth suggested that it would be a good idea to update the Kings Norton map in order to hold a CATI type of event there which coincides with a parks event already taking place.

Barry asked Dave whether any Xplorer events are due to take place in the Bham area. Dave has not heard of any but agreed to contact the development team for an update.

Future Events

25/2/15 COBOC 7s Night event Sutton Park Dave – Planner

7/3/15 John Bennison Memorial Event –Hilltop and Manwood Ruth- Planner Ian- Organiser – (if anyone can help please let Ian know)

8/3/15 HOC Highgate Common Event – likely to be COBOC Club Championship Event

15/3/15 Compass Sport Cup and Trophy Eastnor and South Malverns – Adrian - Planner

21/3/15 Bham Met College and Bishop Vesey Event Bob – Planner Mick – Organiser (if anyone can help please let Mick know)

25/3/15 Twilight COBOC 7s event Sutton Park Dave – Planner

27/4/15 Sutton and Erdington Schools Champs – Rectory Park (note change of venue) Dave – Planner

29/4/15 COBOC 7s event Sutton Park – Dave -Planner

20/5/15 COBOC 7s event Sutton Park – Dave or Adrian – Planner

29/7/15 COBOC/HOC SEE – Dave or Adrian - Planner

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Draft criteria for Clubmark

Barry kindly forwarded the new draft criteria for Clubmark which Ian circulated to all committee members . We quickly went through these and it was generally felt that COBOC would be able to fulfil the new criteria. It was agreed that we would look at this in greater detail at the next committee meeting.

Coaching/Teaching

Ruth recently attended a recent BOF Coaching Conference. There are going to be changes to the syllabuses for Level 1 and 2 UKCC (UK Coaching Certificate) courses. They are looking at centralising the Level 3 UKCC courses as not many people apply resulting in them being cancelled.

Dave is running a teaching orienteering course on 9/3/15 and 8/5/15. Details of these are on the BOF website. COBOC members are welcome to attend and it may be possible for COBOC to pay up to half (£45) of the full attendance fee.

Date of Next Meeting – 15/4/15 at 8pm