

## **Notes of the COBOC Committee Meeting held 1/5/13**

**Present** Dave Ellis, Mick Sadler, Ian Gamlen, Ruth Lockley, Barry Mc Gowan, Jenny Hunter

**Apologies** Adrian Bailey, Bob Scott, Seraina Ummel, Lovisa Berglund

**Minutes of the last meeting** – as read

### **Matters arising** –

In order to continue to hold COBOC Club Training nights and cover our costs it has been necessary to increase the cost of participation to £3 per person. Dave will provide the Treasurer with a quarterly report which includes how many people have taken part each week and how much money has been taken. After the use of the Outdoor Education Centre has been paid for (£10 per week) Dave will pass on any surplus which Mick will pay into the COBOC Account.

As previously minuted Ian will write to HOC asking them to pay a copyright fee of 20p for every map sold at the Lickey Hills event held in February 2013 and advise them that we are intending to increase this to 25p per map in future.

An additional 5 SI units have been ordered for the Plantsbrook Long O which is due to take place on 19/5/13.

### **Chairmans Report**

Dave commented that there had been a good turnout for the COBOC Sevens last week. The next COBOC Sevens event has been moved to May 29<sup>th</sup> will avoid a clash with the BAOC event at Sandwell Valley on 22/5/13. Adrian is the planner.

On 15/5/13 it will be the Sutton Schools Championships in Rectory Park at 4pm. If anyone is able to help Dave who is organising the event at about 1-2pm please get in touch with him. The same courses will be available for COBOC Club Night Training that evening. The Birmingham Schools Orienteering Championships are due to be held on 28/9/13. If anyone is able to help at this event please get in touch with Dave.

Dave is providing a Teaching Orienteering Part 1 Course on 24/6/13 at Clifton Road Outdoor Education centre. Cost £50. The training is aimed at teachers, youth sector workers and people working in schools and outdoor centres. Further details are on the BOF website under Training Courses. It was agreed at the meeting that COBOC would pay for Mick Sadler to attend this course as it was felt that the club will benefit from this. If anyone else is interested in attending please let Dave know.

### **Treasurers Report**

Mick reported that the current balance in the COBOC accounts are as follows:

COBOC Deposit Account £2191.63

COBOC Current Account £250 approx

COBOC Peter Palmer account £2495.07

Having inspected the COBOC Accounts from 1/10/11 -30/9/12 Barry Mc Gowan made the following comment:

I can confirm from my (fairly) independent examination that the figures are in accordance with the books and records supplied to me for the year ended 30th September 2012.

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

Jenny commented that she has not received notification of any new members since the last committee meeting. We currently have 29 BOF registered COBOC members and 7 local COBOC members.

### **Update on Clubmark**

Ian reported that as a result of organising events such as Plantsbrook Long O he has not been able to progress any further issues relating towards Clubmark, apart from getting codes of conduct onto the COBOC website. At the last committee meeting Ian highlighted a number of issues that we need to address which are as follows:

1. Updating the COBOC development action plan- **Action - Dave agreed to try and address this**
2. Ensuring that one member has attended a Running Sport "A Club for all" workshop or equivalent and that one coach has attended a sports coach UK Equity in your coaching workshop or equivalent. **Action - Ruth confirmed that she has done this and in fact run workshops in the past for other HOC members.**
3. The club participates in national junior team competition. There was some discussion regarding how this should be interpreted. Ian queried whether COBOC organising the PPJTR, Sutton and Birmingham Schools Champs etc would qualify for this. It was generally felt that the expectation was that we had junior members who participated in junior team competitions. A discussion then took place regarding how we could get more junior members to join COBOC and participating in events such as British Schools Orienteering Events. **(After thought – as the Bham University students have joined COBOC as junior members and took part in BUCS2013 would this count ? - Ian)**

Once these have been addressed the next step will be to discuss with Ed Nicholas how far we had got and to see whether any further issues need to be addressed before we submit our application.

### **Club Kit**

Ian has been making enquiries regarding the design and manufacture of new O Tops. He has approached 2 companies Ultrasport and Kukri GB. Prior to the Committee meeting he emailed all Committee Members with details of the possible designs and costs. Ultrasport would be willing to help design and make new O Tops – either short sleeve or long and these would cost £33. Kukri are able to design and make short sleeve O tops for £13 + £ 3-5 for logos + VAT. (I will also find out if

long sleeved is an option from Kukri - Ian). It was agreed that we should pursue our enquiries with Kukri as their tops are of a similar quality but considerably cheaper.

Some changes to the designs that Ian had circulated were proposed, including colours and whether or not the full name of the club should be printed on the tops and collar design. Dave offered to “sponsor” the O Tops (ie donate some money towards the cost of producing them) if members agreed to have a small logo of Big Strides Consulting printed on them. Ian agreed to go back to Kukri GB and ask for some changes to be made along the lines discussed at the meeting. Dave offered to work on the logos. Once the committee is happy with the revised designs it was agreed that Ian would put these designs on the COBOC website (and/or Ian will email them to all Club Members) and invite members to vote on them to find out what is the most popular design. Once established Ian will then find out from club members how many we need to order of the various sizes.

### **Mapping of Birmingham City Centre**

Oli Johnson emailed Dave and Ian as follows:

I hope you don't mind me contacting you out of the blue. I was recently in Birmingham city centre for some work and I went for a run that took me onto some of the canal paths around the city - having expected a plod around busy streets, I found myself enjoying a subterranean traffic-free run that linked up all sorts of exciting parts of the city. It got me thinking that it would make a superb city map and one that I'm certain would draw a large field of competitors, in the same vein as the London race, the York race, etc.

You may be aware that I am a mapmaker (Sheffield Skylines) and I have quite a bit of experience of producing city maps (having mapped much of Sheffield, my home city). I would love to offer my services to map an area of central Birmingham for an event. I do realise, however, that the one-off cost of making a large urban map might be too much to justify up front - but I wonder if it would be possible to come to an arrangement where the map would be paid for either following an event, or incrementally over the course of several events? Please let me know if you think that such an event would be feasible and if you are interested in the idea. I would love to see this happen and I would love to take on the challenge of making the map!

It was agreed that we would like to explore this possibility with him. Barry suggested that it might also be worth asking Mike Hampton from OD, as he is keen on mapping urban areas. Ruth offered to show Oli around Birmingham . **Action** - Dave to get back to Oli about it.

### **Future Events**

Dave will update the current pdf file listing future COBOC events and will send this to Ian so he can update the COBOC website.

The following COBOC events are currently planned:

15/5/13 4pm Sutton Schools Champs and 6.30pm COBOC Club Night Training – Rectory Park – Dave Organiser/planner

19/5/13 Plantsbrook Valley Event including Long O – Adrian - Controller Dave-Putting out controls  
Ian – Organiser

29/5/13 – Sutton Park Sevens Event – Planner – Adrian

26/6/13 – Sutton Park Gates Run + O Event – Org – Bob Brandon – OD

Possible Summer Events – to be confirmed - Organised/Planned by Adrian

Mon 26th Aug Witton Lakes

Tue 27th Aug Perry Park

Wed 28th Aug Banners Gate (includes club night)

Thu 29th Aug Pype Hayes

Fri 30th Aug Rectory

### **AOB**

Ruth asked whether the COBOC Committee would be happy for her to represent COBOC at the Birmingham Open Spaces Forum . This is an umbrella group which organises various activities in the Birmingham Parks. They are holding their AGM Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 at the MAC in Cannon Hill Park. It was agreed that Ruth was welcome to represent COBOC if she wished.

Ruth is keen to find out what state the Lickey Hills Permanent O Course is in and what needs to be done to get it operational again. She will go down and discuss this with the Park Ranger.

Ruth thanked Ian for sorting out a COBOC Relay Team at the JK and wondered if anyone was interested in taking part in any other relay events such as WM Relays and the Harvester. Ian agreed to publicise these events with COBOC members and see if anyone is interested.

**Date of next meeting** - Wed 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 8pm

**Date of AGM** – 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2013 8pm