

COBOC AGM 15/10/14 held at Clifton Road Outdoor Education Centre Sutton Coldfield

Present: Dave Ellis (Chair), Ian Gamlen (Secretary), Mick Sadler (Treasurer), Bob Scott (Fixtures Sec), Jenny Hunter (Membership Sec), Adrian Bailey (Si Co-ordinator), Barry Mc Gowan (WMOA rep)

Apologies – none received

Minutes of last year's AGM – as read

Matters arising – none

Chairmans Report

Dave thanked everyone for their hard work in keeping the club going. The club kit has helped to raise the club profile. We have held a number of successful events this year including the Kingfisher event in September and the Birmingham Metropolitan Education College – Sutton Campus in March. Last weekend Ian and Jenny planned and organised a string course and short course for the Highbury Harvest on 11/10/14 in which over 50 kids and their parents took part. We have continued to hold Club nights on Wednesday evenings during term time and an event on the last Wednesday of the month. This format seems to work quite well so the plan is to continue to do this. Unfortunately it has been necessary to cancel some of the events we were hoping to hold this year for various reasons. However we are hoping to be able to hold a number of events next year, including an urban style event on the Bham Met College and hopefully on the adjacent Bishop Vesey School in March 2015 if the school agree.

Dave thanked Ian and Ruth for updating the firmware on the Si units. Dave has successfully applied for £1750 funding from Sport England to encourage under 25 year olds to take part in sporting activities such as orienteering. He is planning on organising some Duke of Edinburgh coaching sessions and purchasing some additional kit and marketing materials with this money. Barry queried whether Dave would consider providing any training sessions for the West Midlands Juniors. This is being co-ordinated by Sarah Dredge of WCH. Dave agreed to look into the possibility of doing something for them.

Treasurers Report

Mick presented a summary of the income and expenditure from 1/10/13-30/9/14 as follows:

Total Income - £1000.09

Total Expenditure £800.51

Profit £199.58

COBOC Current Account Balance on 30/9/14 - £739.56

COBOC Deposit Account Balance on 30/9/14 - £1196.93

COBOC Peter Palmer Account Balance on 30/9/14 –£2495.07

Appointment of an Auditor – Barry Mc Gowan kindly agreed to audit the COBOC accounts

Membership Secretary's Report

Jenny reported that there are currently 25 BOF members of COBOC and 5 local COBOC members.

Election of Honorary Officers

Ian confirmed that he has received no nominations for the posts of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer. Those present at the meeting were offered the opportunity to nominate themselves if they wished. Dave agreed to stand again as Chairperson, Ian agreed to stand again as Secretary and Mick agreed to stand again as Treasurer. They were elected unopposed.

Election of Ordinary Officers

Ian confirmed that he had received no nominations for the posts of Membership Secretary, Fixtures Secretary, WMOA rep and SI Co-ordinator. Those present at the meeting were offered the opportunity to nominate themselves if they wished. Jenny agreed to stand again as Membership Secretary, Bob agreed to stand again as Fixtures Secretary, Barry agreed to stand again as WMOA rep and Adrian agreed to stand again as SI Co-ordinator. Ian agreed to check with Ruth Lockley whether she would like to remain in post as one of the Club Coaches.

Club Development Plan 2014-16

Dave suggested that we continue to follow the Club Development Plan for 2013-2015 and update this in the coming months. One aspect of this was working towards Clubmark. This is currently under review by BOF however we continue to work towards achieving it. A discussion took place regarding whether we would like to organise the Peter Palmer Junior Night Relays in 2016. It was agreed that we would like to, providing we had the support of HOC and OD. Ian agreed to contact HOC and OD in order to determine whether they would be able to help us put the event on.

COBOC Membership Fees for 2015

At the September COBOC Committee meeting it was proposed that the membership fees should be increased slightly for 2015 as follows

Membership Category	COBOC Membership fee 2014	COBOC Membership Fee 2015
Junior (under 21)	£2	£2
Senior (21 or above in 2015)	£4	£5
Family	£8	£10
Group	£10	£15

The proposed membership fees for 2015 were unanimously agreed by those present. Ian will inform BOF of these changes and submit a Club Contact report to BOF by 24/10/14 as required. The Club membership fee for BOF is £46 and has already been paid.

Club Trophies

John Mansfield Senior Trophy – was awarded jointly to Clive Coleman and Mary Rochford for their efforts in the WM Relays in June 2014. The WM Ad – Hoc trophy was won by Ian Gamlen, Clive Coleman and Andy Feasey.

John Mansfield Junior Trophy – was awarded to Jacob Ellis for his efforts in the Sutton and Erdington Schools Champs which took place in June 2014.

The Club Championships took place at Sandwell Valley in January 2014 and the trophy was awarded to Ian Gamlen in accordance with the agreed formula ie winning time /competitors time x 100 assuming a competitor is running the appropriate course for their age/gender.

AOB

Barry reminded us that there is a BOF Conference on 25/10/14. Adrian is hoping to attend this on behalf of COBOC.

Bob informed us that he has been granted permission to map the Newhall Hotel Grounds which will extend the Newhall Valley map.

Dave reminded everyone that the World Orienteering Champs take place in Scotland in 2015 alongside the Scottish 6 days event. It is hoped that members of COBOC will be able to help get involved in the organisation of the WOC.

Date of Next Year's AGM – Wed 14/10/15 Clifton Road Outdoor Education Centre