

Notes of the COBOC Committee Meeting held 11/9/13

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

Apologies – Bob Scott

Minutes of the last meeting – as read

Matters arising

Mick attended the Teaching Orienteering Part 1 Course on 24/6/13 Dave provided. He found it very interesting and hopes to use what he has learnt to teach orienteering at Sutton College.

O Tops

Ian reported that we bought 25 tops and that so far 20 of these have either been sold or ordered. We have some XS, S, and M remaining in long and short sleeved. If anyone wishes to buy these please get in touch with Ian. These were worn at the WMOA relays at Dudmaston on 8/9/13 in which 3 COBOC teams successfully took part. They generated favourable comments from orienteers in other clubs. Dave proposed a vote of thanks to Ian for sorting it out and placing the order.

Mapping Bham City Centre

Dave has not yet contacted Ollie Johnson regarding this. But he hopes to soon. Following the meeting Barry McGowan emailed Ian pointing out that a few years ago Penny Hemsted had approached Birmingham City Council to try and get permission to map the city centre so that we could hold an urban O event but was unable to progress it.

Chairman's Report

Dave is keen to try and plan when we are going to hold events over the next 6 months.

He is happy to continue to run the COBOC Training Sessions every Wednesday and intends to continue to try and hold a small event on the last Wednesday of the month (for further details see future events).

Treasurers Report

Mick is having problems with the on line banking system. He is considering changing to a different bank.

COBOC Deposit account £1195.74

COBOC Current Account £ 644.98

Peter Palmer COBOC Account £2495.07

The Plantsbrook Long O event held on 19/5/13 was successful and has generated a profit of approx £130 for the club. Thanks to everyone who helped ensure the event was successful.

Membership Secretary's Report

We have had one new member join through BOF over the summer. There are currently 30 COBOC members who have joined through BOF and 7 local (non BOF) members

Jenny asked why we didn't have more active members. Ian pointed out that within any club there tends to be a small core of active members and a larger number who only occasionally participate. There then followed a long and extensive discussion about ways in which we might increase active membership of COBOC. Some ideas included publicising events more effectively, mapping new areas, updating existing maps, holding events when other activities are going on in parks in Birmingham, having pull up banners and display boards, setting up very simple orienteering courses using cones in a small area, hi viz jackets with City of Birmingham Orienteering Club on them to promote the club etc. Ian pointed out that a number of people have come along occasionally to club nights but then stopped coming. It would be useful to try and find out why they have stopped coming and whether we could do more to get them more involved and to join COBOC either as a local or BOF member. Dave agreed to try and draft a development plan for the club and to circulate this.

Open Spaces Forum

Ruth attended this and did a one minute presentation about orienteering. This attracted a great deal of interest. Joe Hayden from Bham Parks and Leisure is very keen to update the permanent O courses and maps in various parks such as Lickey Hills and develop new courses in others. On 28/9/13 there is an ? open day ? taking place in Highbury Park. Ruth is planning on trying to set up a mini orienteering course.

Club Mark

Ian has not been able to progress this issue much further since the last meeting. The next key step is producing a club development plan. Dave agreed to try and draft this and circulate it before the AGM so that we can discuss it further at next months AGM.

Future Events

Wed 25th Sept 2013 starts 6.30-7pm Sutton Park Dave will plan/organise a COBOC 7's event

Sat 12th Oct 2013 starts from 10.30am-12 noon Handsworth Park Adrian to plan , Ian and Jenny to organise . Ruth Lockley will plan a cones course

Thurs 7th November 2013 starts from 4.30pm -7.45pm HOC Walmley Village Event – details on HOC or COBOC websites Planner/Org Bob Scott – if you wish to take part please contact Bob to request a map.

Sat 30th November starts from 10.30am-12 noon Aston Park – Adrian – planner

Sun 8th December Haywood OD event – to be used as Club Championship

Date of AGM – 16th October 2013 at 8pm (following Club Night)

Date of Next Committee Meeting - Wed 11th December at 8pm