

## **Notes of the COBOC Committee Meeting held 12/2/14 at Clifton Road Outdoor Education Centre**

**Present** - Dave Ellis, Ian Gamlen, Mick Sadler, Jenny Hunter, Bob Scott, Ruth Lockley, Barry McGowan

**Apologies** – Adrian Bailey

Minutes of the last meeting held 4/12/13 – as read

### **Matters arising**

#### **COBOC Club Championship – Sandwell Valley 19/1/14**

Using the formula agreed at the last committee meeting ie winners time/competitors time x 100 assuming the competitor has run the appropriate course for their age class, Ian Gamlen M45 running the Blue course was declared the winner. Using the above formula the winners time was 55:24 and Ian took 56:00  $55:24/56 \times 100 = 99$  points He was therefore awarded the Trophy.

### **Chairman's report**

Prior to the Committee meeting Dave had circulated a revised development plan. This was discussed in detail and Dave made some changes to this and completed the Action Plan. Ruth asked Dave how he felt we could more effectively promote orienteering in schools. Dave suggested that one way would be to include orienteering amongst other sports via the Schools Games Programme which is currently sponsored by Sainsburys. He agreed to revise and re-circulate the document as a final draft version. Once this has been finally agreed Dave and Ian need to look at all the paperwork regarding Clubmark to see what else needs to be done before formally presenting our application for Clubmark to BOF.

Dave forwarded an email sent out widely to many orienteering clubs from Jonathan Rhys who is a member of the Onosh catering team. In this he expresses concern about BOF's attitude towards clubs and members, in particular putting pressure on clubs to sign major event agreements which he argues will enable BOF to make profit on the back of non-profit and volunteer based organisations/clubs. The impression given is that for example catering or clothing contracts for events may be given to certain traders, not others, resulting in a lack of choice and higher prices for orienteers due to lack of competition. A discussion took place regarding this. It was felt that if what Jonathan was reporting was accurate then BOF's actions are of concern and that we should voice our concerns to BOF.

Bob highlighted another dispute between BOF and the NWOA who wish to use 1:7500 maps for M/W75's in an intricate area in Lake District for a national event next year.

### **Treasurers report**

Balance of the COBOC accounts on 12/2/14 are as follows:

COBOC Current account      £ 837.27

COBOC Deposit account      £ 1,196.24

COBOC Peter Palmer account £ 2,495.07

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

Jenny has sent an email out to those members of COBOC who are local members encouraging them to rejoin. After the COBOC Committee Meeting it has come to light that around 10 COBOC members who joined via BOF last year have so far not renewed their membership for 2014. Ian has therefore emailed them encouraging them to rejoin preferably via BOF or alternatively as local members.

### **Future Events**

19/2/14 Half term afternoon event and COBOC 7's Night event – Sutton Park. The afternoon event is no longer going ahead. It was agreed that we should discuss with Adrian asap whether this is going ahead as planned or whether he wants to postpone the night event to 26/2/14. Following meeting Adrian agreed to hold COBOC 7's Night Event on 26/2/14.

9/3/14 – Compass Sport Cup and Trophy Event Bentley Woods . If anyone wishes to take part in this event please let Ian know asap so that he can register you for the event. It would be great to have a good club turnout.

16/3/14 – Sutton Park . A brief discussion took place regarding whether this event should go ahead in view of the other 2 events we are holding in March. Ian offered to organise it providing someone else is able to plan it. It was agreed that Ian would check if Adrian was prepared to plan it before deciding whether or not it should go ahead. Following the meeting Adrian has agreed to plan it and Ian has agreed to organise it so the intention is to hold this event as planned.

26/3/14 COBOC 7's Twilight Event – Dave to plan/organise

29/3/14 Bham Met College (Sutton Coldfield Campus) Introductory Event – Mick – Organiser Bob - Planner . Any help gratefully received as there is likely to be a large number of novices coming to it. Please contact Mick if you are able to help on 07999 383194

30/4/14 COBOC 7's Event Dave to plan/organise

14/5/14 – Sutton and Erdington Schools Champs – postponed. Might take place on 24/6/14 in Pype Hayes Park instead.

17/5/14 Birmingham Schools Champs + Masterblaster Perry Hall Park - Adrian to plan/organise

22/6/14 West Midlands Relays

6/7/14 Colour coded Event ? Lickey Hills

AOB – None

Date of Next Meeting – to be confirmed