

**Minutes of COBOC AGM held on at 7pm on 16/10/19 at Big Strides Consulting Unit 8 Riland Industrial Estate Sutton Coldfield**

**Present:** Dave Ellis (Chair), Ian Gamlen (Secretary), Mick Sadler (Treasurer), Bob Scott (Fixtures Secretary), Jenny Hunter (Membership Secretary), Adrian Bailey, Barry McGowan

**Apologies:** Ruth Lockley, Ian Kelman

**Minutes of last year's AGM held 17/10/18 – as read**

**Matters arising – see below**

**Chairman's Report**

Dave was pleased that the Beginners, Families and Schools Events in 2018-19 went ahead as planned and that we have managed to create a successful Schools League from this. The 2019-20 Beginners, Families and Schools events are going ahead as planned this year. Thanks to everyone who has helped put these events on and particular thanks to Adrian and Ian for ensuring they have gone ahead. Thanks also to Ian who has managed to successfully negotiate a reduced fee of £60 per event with Paul Gallagher for the use of Birmingham City Council parks.

Looking forward we have WM Schools Champs to organise in May 2020 and Peter Palmer Junior Night Team Relays in 2021.

Dave thanked Mick and Ian for holding the club together in their roles as Treasurer and Secretary.

**Treasurers Report**

Mick presented the 2018-19 accounts which closed on 31/7/19.

Brought Forward	£2204.48
Income	£3744.94
Expenditure	£1218.59
Carried Forward	£4730.83

Thanks to Barry Mc Gowan for kindly auditing the accounts which he agreed are a true and accurate record.

**Appointment of an auditor for 2019-20 accounts.**

Barry Mc Gowan kindly agreed to audit the accounts for 2019-20

**Membership Secretary's Report**

Jenny reported that we currently have 25 COBOC members that have joined via British Orienteering and a number of local club only members.

### **Election of Honorary Officers**

No nominations for the post of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer were sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting. Dave stated that he was happy to continue to Chair COBOC and was elected unopposed. Mick agreed to remain as Treasurer and Ian agreed to stay on as Secretary.

### **Election of Ordinary Officers**

Bob Scott kindly agreed to continue as COBOC Fixtures Secretary and Jenny kindly agreed to continue as COBOC Membership Secretary and Welfare Officer

Dave gave an open invitation to any COBOC members to come along to any of the COBOC Committee Meetings.

### **British Orienteering Annual Club Return**

Each year at this time COBOC along with all other affiliated orienteering clubs is required to submit a club annual return. This provides information to BO regarding who holds which positions within the club. Ian agreed to notify BO of our club officials.

The annual fee for COBOC to renew its BO membership is £70. It was agreed at the AGM that Mick should pay this.

### **COBOC Membership Fees for 2019-20**

It was agreed that the COBOC membership fees for 2019-20 would be Seniors £5 Juniors £2

At the COBOC Committee Meeting held on 11/9/19 the following proposal was agreed to be discussed at the AGM:

**From 1/11/19 COBOC membership will only be available via British Orienteering. Those joining COBOC for the 1<sup>st</sup> time will only be charged the British Orienteering Membership Fee. Those who are renewing their membership will pay both the BO and COBOC membership fee. These fees will be payable to British Orienteering.**

**Those who are already members of British Orienteering through another orienteering club may join COBOC as a 2<sup>nd</sup> claim club member by paying the COBOC membership fee directly to the COBOC Treasurer.**

This proposal was discussed and agreed by all those present.

### **Awards**

Most improved Junior – no nominations received

Most improved Senior – James Thomas

Toby Norris Trophy – awarded to the COBOC member with the highest number of points for the WMOA League from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan until 30<sup>th</sup> Sept just before the AGM. This year the trophy was awarded to Ian Gamlen

**Any other business**

Ian raised the question whether COBOC should consider merging with another club such as Harlequins Orienteering Club. Dave invited all club members to write to him with their views so that this issue can be discussed at the next COBOC Committee Meeting to be held on 27/11/19 at Jenny's house 257 Eachelhurst Road Sutton Coldfield.

**Date of next year's AGM** – 14/10/20 7pm – venue to be confirmed at a later date