

City of Birmingham Orienteering Club Annual General Meeting held on 14/10/2020 via Zoom Call

Present: Dave Ellis (Chair), Mick Sadler (Treasurer), Ian Gamlen (Secretary), Bob Scott (Fixtures Secretary), James Thomas

Apologies: Barry McGowan , Jenny Hunter (Membership Secretary)

Minutes of last year's AGM held 16/10/2019 - as read

Matters arising - none

Chairman's Report

Dave commented that last year we were reflecting on the success of the Beginner, Families and Schools Events we held in 2018-19 and were looking to repeat this in 2019-20. They started off well up until March 2020 when COVID19 resulted in COBOC having to cancel the events planned for the coming months. COBOC was also due to be organising the WM Schools Champs in May 2021 in Sandwell Valley, but due to COVID this has been postponed until further notice.

Like many other clubs COBOC has started using MapRun to provide virtual orienteering courses that anyone can take part in. Dave has become a local administrator for MapRun and shares this role for the West Midlands MapRun folder with Paul Basher from HOC. The Sutton Park Gates Run was made available in July 2020 and continues to be available. So far 60 participants have taken part.

Dave has also developed a MapRun short course for Lickey Hills based on the new permanent course there and there is also a MapRun course at Handsworth Park. More MapRun courses are planned at Rectory Park and Witton Lakes.

Looking further ahead COBOC was due to be organising the Peter Palmer Junior Team Night Relays in 2021 however this is likely to be put back at least a year.

Dave thanked everyone on the Committee for all their hard work, in particular to Ian and Mick for their support keeping the club going.

Treasurer's Report

Mick presented the income and expenditure for 2019-20 as follows:

Income £577.46

Expenditure £1841.34

The income was adversely affected by the cancellation of events due to COVID. This year's expenditure included COBOC's contribution of £950 to the mapping of Birmingham City Centre for the Euro City Event planned to take place in 2022.

The COBOC bank balances as of 31/7/2020 are as follows

COBOC Current Account £2187.61

COBOC Deposit Account £1219.34

Peter Palmer Account £3309.37

The accounts were inspected by Barry McGowan who confirmed that they are a true and accurate record.

The accounts were formally accepted by everyone present. Dave thanked Mick for doing an excellent job as Treasurer and Barry for inspecting the accounts.

Appointment of auditor for 2020-21

Barry McGowan will be asked if he would kindly inspect the COBOC accounts for 2020-21

Membership Secretary's Report

Jenny passed on to Dave the latest COBOC membership list from BOF. These show that we have 27 members (up 2 from previous year). We have 21 male and 6 female members. 21 are senior and 6 are junior members. 23 members live within City of Birmingham.

In addition to this we have 3 - 2nd claim COBOC members.

Election of Honorary Officers ie Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary

Dave agreed to stand as Chair, Mick agreed to stand as Treasurer and Ian agreed to stand as Secretary. They were elected unopposed.

Election of Ordinary Committee Members ie Membership Secretary, Fixtures Secretary etc

Jenny has agreed to continue as Membership Secretary and Bob has agreed to continue as Fixtures Secretary.

BOF Annual Club Return

Ian will complete this on behalf of the club following the re-election of the existing officers. Mick agreed to pay the BOF club affiliation fee.

COBOC 2021 Membership Fees

Jenny has suggested that COBOC membership fees remain the same as last year ie Seniors £5 Juniors £2. This was agreed by those present.

Awards

The John Mansfield Most Improved Senior COBOC member goes to James Thomas

Ian will try and identify the Most Improved Junior from the Beginners Families and Schools Events of 2019-20

The Toby Norris award - the member with the highest score from WM League Events - James Thomas

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Bob updated everyone regarding the Euro City Race 2022 to be held in Birmingham 17-19/6/22

Date of next year's AGM Wednesday 13/10/21