

# **COBOC AGM 12 October 2022 7pm held via Zoom**

## **Present**

Dave Ellis (Chair), Mick Sadler (Treasurer), Ian Gamlen (Secretary), Bob Scott (Fixtures Secretary), Barry McGowan, James Thomas, Adrian Bailey (joined at end of meeting)

## **Apologies**

Jenny Hunter (Membership Secretary)

**Minutes of last years AGM held on 13/10/2021** – as read

**Matters arising** – none

## **Chairman's Report**

This year has been far more eventful than the previous year. The highlights included the Birmingham City Race which took place in June 2022. The main credit for the success of this event goes to Bob Scott who put in a great deal of effort obtaining all the permissions necessary to enable it to go ahead. The other main event was the Peter Palmer Junior Night Relays which took place last month. This was also very successful. Thanks to everyone who helped put this event on.

The Beginners, Families and Schools Events have grown in popularity. We have also been successful in obtaining funding from British Orienteering to develop the Find Your Way scheme which uses the Map Run app.

The club has supported several Community Games this year and the Maze O has proved to be incredibly popular. We are planning on upgrading the Maze whilst ensuring that it is easily transportable. Thanks again to everyone who has helped at the Community Games.

Over the last 12 months a potential merger with Harlequins Orienteering Club has been extensively discussed by the COBOC Committee and a Consultation paper has been circulated to all club members with comments invited. The HOC Committee has responded positively to the proposal and have agreed to set up a meeting with representatives from both clubs to look at the proposal in more detail.

Finally, Dave thanked Ian and Mick and everyone else in the club who has helped keep the club running over the last 12 months.

## **Treasurers Report**

Mick presented the income and expenditure for 2021-22 which have been inspected by Barry McGowan.

The bank balance of the COBOC Accounts as of 8/8/22 are as follows:

COBOC Current Account £3933.90

COBOC Savings Account £1220.01

Peter Palmer Account £3079.41

## **Appointment of an Auditor for 2022-23**

Barry McGowan kindly agreed to inspect the 2022-23 accounts in preparation for next years AGM

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

Unfortunately, Jenny could not join us for the meeting. We currently have 22 COBOC members who have joined through British Orienteering plus 4 second claim members.

### **Election of Honorary Officers**

Ian had not received any nominations for the post of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Dave agreed to continue as Chair, Mick agreed to continue as Treasurer and Ian agreed to continue as Secretary. All were elected unopposed.

### **Election of Ordinary Committee Members**

Bob Scott agreed to continue as Fixtures Secretary. Dave asked Ian to check with Jenny whether she is happy to continue as Membership Secretary. Barry and James agreed to continue as ordinary Committee members.

### **BOF Annual Club Return**

Ian agreed to submit this on behalf of the club.

### **COBOC 2023 Membership Fees**

Mick proposed that the COBOC membership fees should remain the same as 2022 ie Senior £5 and Junior £2. This was agreed by those present.

### **Awards for 2022**

The John Mansfield Senior Trophy for most improved Senior was awarded to Andy Leung

The John Mansfield Junior Trophy for most improved Junior was not awarded this year

The Toby Norris Trophy for the COBOC member with the highest WM League Score was awarded to Kwokkay Lo

### **Possible merger with HOC**

Earlier this year Dave wrote a consultation paper to all COBOC members seeking their views on merging with another orienteering club, Harlequins Orienteering Club. Those who responded generally seemed in favour of the proposal, so Dave asked Ian to raise this at the HOC committee. Ian raised it as requested and Peter Langmaid, HOC Chair responded saying that the HOC Committee are broadly in favour of a merger. It was agreed that we need to convene a working group with members from both clubs' committees to discuss the way forward. It was agreed that Dave, Mick, and Ian would represent COBOC on this working group.

### **AOB**

Ian mentioned that on 29/10/22 we are holding a Beginners Families and Schools event jointly with Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust. He hoped that as many COBOC members as possible will be able to support this event.

**Date of Next AGM** – Wednesday 11 October 2023