

Minutes of the COBOC Committee Meeting held 9/7/14 8pm Clifton Road Outdoor Learning Service

Present Dave Ellis, Mick Sadler, Ian Gamlen, Bob Scott, Jenny Hunter, Barry McGowan

Apologies Adrian Bailey, Ruth Lockley

Minutes of the last meeting held 7/5/14 – as read

Matters arising –see below

Chairmans report

Dave explained that a number of the Xplorer events that were due to take place in Birmingham Parks have not yet gone ahead. He agreed to keep the COBOC Committee informed about when they are due to take place so that we can go along and promote COBOC to those taking part.

Dave confirmed that due to budget cuts, the Bham Outdoor Learning Service is due to move out of Clifton Road at the end of July. However, he is hoping to be able to continue to use the facilities to provide outdoor education and for COBOC Club nights which are now finished for the summer and due to restart on 10/9/14.

Treasurers Report

Mick informed the Committee of the current balance of the COBOC accounts as of 5/7/14:

COBOC Current Account £853.96

COBOC Deposit Account £1,196.73

COBOC Peter Palmer Relays account £2495.07

Membership Secretary's Report

Jenny informed the committee we currently have 25 BOF members and 5 local members at present.

Clubmark

Ian has contacted BOF to find out who we should be submitting all the documentation relating to Clubmark to. Craig Anthony has emailed back advising that he is the BOF contact. However, Clubmark is currently under review and they are not accepting any new applications at present but we should continue to develop the evidence base so we are able to submit for accreditation once the new criteria is released. Areas we still need to complete include the Development Plan which Dave agreed to finalise and bring to the next Committee meeting.

Future Events

10/7/14 Hayhead and the Dingle – HOC local event planned/organised by Barry McGowan

12-13 /7/14 Sutton Community Games. As part of the build up to the Commonwealth Games lots of different sports are taking part in this which takes place at the Wyndley running track. Dave has planned a couple of courses , a short course around the track and a longer one around Wyndley.

Dave thanked Ian for agreeing to organise it and those who had volunteered to help. Ian queried with Dave whether he was aware that Adrian has planned some longer courses in Sutton Park including some mountain bike courses. Concerns were expressed about this due to lack of helpers and lack of publicity. Adrian had not yet approached Dave to ask for SI equipment, permission had not been sought from Bham City Council regarding the use of Sutton Park and it was not registered as an event with BOF which raised further concerns. It was felt that most people coming to the event would be more interested in the shorter courses Dave has done. Ian agreed to contact Adrian asap after the meeting to advise him of the concerns raised.

10/9/14 – Wed evening COBOC Club Night training events to recommence on a weekly basis up until December with possible break at October half term . Dave to register these with BOF/ Bham City Council as required and to include an event on the last Wed of each month.

14/9/14 Kingfisher Park Dave- planner Mick- Organiser. Ian to send Mick copy of a flyer for a previous event so Mick can adapt this for this event

5/10/14 OD event in Sutton Park

Bob agreed to check dates to see if we could hold a COBOC event on a Sat/Sun morning in late November/early Dec 2014 and another in Feb/ March 2015. Areas to be used to be decided at a later date.

Looking further ahead in 2015 it is the WOC in Scotland at around the same time as the Scottish 6 Days Orienteering Event. Dave has advised the WOC organising committee that COBOC members may be able to help. It was suggested that COBOC join forces with other WM clubs to support the organisation of this event.

West Midlands Orienteering Association Report

Barry reported that there are concerns in the WMOA that fewer clubs are putting on level B events. This is resulting in less income for the WMOA because WM levies are normally charged at these events.

The urban league events appear to becoming popular there is due to be one in Stafford and one in Redditch later on this year.

If anyone is interested in attending a planners/organisers course please let Henry Morgan know. His contact details can be found in the latest West Midlander which Ian will be emailing to all COBOC members.

AOB

Compass Sport Cup/Trophy is due to take place at Eastnor on 15/3/14. Organising Club HOC.

An urban event is being planned for Lichfield by WCH

Congratulations to the COBOC team of Clive Coleman, Andy Feasey and Ian Gamlen who won the West Midlands Mixed Ad Hoc Relays on 22/6/14. Commiserations to the other COBOC team of Mary

Rochford, Jenny Hunter and Yvonne Feasey some of whom were unable to complete their courses on what proved to be a technical area.

Date of Next COBOC Committee Meeting 17/9/14 at 8pm

Date of COBOC AGM 15/10/14 at 8pm