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Newsletter of the National Governing Body for Mountain Bike Orienteering



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Welcome to the December edition of the
2014 BMBO newsletter!



The 2015 season is well underway with a good couple of events down and the calendar filling up with nearly one event a week to choose from for the next 4 months where there is a whole host of MBO, MTBO, night and non league events not to mention two OMM bike's and BMBO's national Championship! Why not find an event to work off that Turkey and mince pies or make it a new years resolution to ride more or encourage a friend to participate!

The BMBO Committee would like to wish all of our members (past, present, prospective!) and their families a happy, healthy and holy Christmas.

If you have any ideas for the newsletter or would like to contribute an article, please E-Mail the secretary: secretary@bmbo.org.uk

AGM

The AGM was very productive this year and we would like to thank members and organisers who provided input or topics for discussion. There were some excellent points raised and all go to help BMBO become a better organisation for its members and help to move BMBO forward.

There were a couple of changes to the committee at the AGM:-

- Paul Leight (currently SI Manager) has taken on the role of Chairman.
- Simon Coiley has taken over the Treasurer role
- Samantha Leight (currently Secretary) has taken over the membership role
- All other committee positions have remained the same as the previous year.

Membership Renewal

Renewals for 2015 membership is now live on the website. Membership fee's are still £6 for the whole year (end of Dec '15) and provide excellent value for money. Remember, your scores will only count towards national leagues if you are a member!

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OMM Bike

Dates and generalised locations have been released for this classic event!

Due to the success of last year's events, there will be two more this year. One in April, one in September.

Both will be planned by NYMBO's Steve Willis. April's event will be 'somewhere in the Derbyshire Dales' on the 25th & 26th April. September's, 'somewhere in the Yorkshire Dales' on the 19th & 20th September.

For those unaware of the OMM Bike, it follows the classic 'Polaris Challenge' format of 2 days - 7 hours day 1, 5 hours day 2 carrying your camping / survival gear to an overnight wilderness camp spot. There are shorter courses available along with returning to back to base rather than carrying your kit. All options of course are very popular. Keep an eye on the BMBO website for further updates!

Committee Vacancies

BMBO currently have no committee vacancies but we are always looking for volunteers and helpers. If you feel you can help, in anyway to support and expand our sport, we would love to hear from you. Get in touch with any committee member!

Winter Events

Winter events can sometimes be plagued with snow and ice making for dangerous riding conditions. It may be necessary for an event to be cancelled at short notice. Please ensure you check the BMBO website for final updates before setting off.

Sponsor News

Negotiations are well underway for 2015 sponsorships, we'll keep you posted with updates!

We are always looking at new sponsors and welcome any and all input from members. If you have any ideas for sponsorship or publicity / marketing for BMBO, contact our marketing manager:-
Marketing@bmbo.org.uk

BMBO National

Plans are underway for our annual National MBO Score event but details including hosting club are being kept quiet for the time being.

Keep looking on the newsletters or news articles page of the website



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Agenda:-

Date & Time	Saturday 8 th November 2014 @ 1600
Venue	Edale Youth Hostel, Hope Valley
Chaired By	Samantha Leight – General Secretary
Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>List of attendee's</i>
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>List of noted apologies</i>
1. Chairman's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Delivered by the General Secretary</i> • <i>Outcomes of the 2013 AGM</i> • <i>Developments throughout the 2014 season</i>
2. Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Delivered by the Treasurer</i> • <i>Current balance & 2014 expenditure</i> • <i>Projected expenditure for 2015</i> • <i>Membership & SportIdent fees</i> • <i>Handover to new Treasurer</i>
Election of Chairperson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>One nomination received – Paul Leight (current SportIdent Coordinator)</i> • <i>Vote to be held</i>
3. Election of committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>One new vacancy – Membership Secretary</i> • <i>Nominations & vote for post</i> • <i>Re-election of current committee</i> • <i>Voluntary helpers noted</i>
4. SportIdent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Delivered by SportIdent Coordinator</i> • <i>Hire throughout the 2014 season</i> • <i>Updates to the 2015 season</i>
5. Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Delivered by the webmaster</i> • <i>Web statistics over 2014</i> • <i>Updates from 2014</i> • <i>2015 development</i>
6. MBO Score	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Delivered by Statistician</i> • <i>Events throughout 2014</i> • <i>Updates for 2015</i> • <i>National Championships</i>
7. MTBO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Delivered by MTBO Co-ordinator</i> • <i>Events throughout 2014</i> • <i>Updates for 2015</i>
8. Marketing & Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Delivered by Marketing Manager</i> • <i>2014 publicity</i> • <i>2014 Sponsorship deals</i> • <i>Prospective 2015 deals</i> • <i>Open discussion for 2015 marketing ideas</i>
9. Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • •

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Minutes:-

Date & Time	Saturday 8 th November 2014 @ 16:15
Venue	Edale Youth Hostel, Hope Valley
Chaired By	Samantha Leight – General Secretary
Present	<p>Samantha Leight – General Secretary Paul Leight – SportIdent Coordinator Tony Brand-Barker – Lead Statistician Simon Coiley – New Treasurer Niel Hymer – Treasurer Ben Martin – Marketing Manager Steve Willis – Event Organiser (NYMBO) Sion James – Event Organiser (Black Mountain) Jeff Mew – Event Organiser (Midlands MBO) Martyn Bevan – Event Organiser (Midlands MBO) Angela Brand-Barker – Member Ray Morris – Member</p>
Apologies	<p>Andrea Foster – Membership Secretary Andrew McLennan – Event Organiser (SMBO) John Dixon – Member</p>
1. Chairperson's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMBO run by committee whilst seeking a new chair after resignation of previous chair at the 2013 AGM. • General Secretary appointed at February 2014 Committee meeting • Ticking over with very little progress which highlights the need for a named chair
2. Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Account income has increased overall. • Decrease in members and day riders although overall increase in riders • Due to web error, SI hire fee increase from 50p to 70p not implemented as agreed last year – Agreed an increase to 75p to be implemented • Additional expenditure this year has been website updates • Very little this year spent on advertising – possibly explains drop in membership
Election of Chairperson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One nomination received – Paul Leight • Paul outlined his visions for BMBO should he elected Chairman • No other nominations • Proposed by Samantha, Seconded by Ray and carried by Angela • Unanimous vote by all attendees
3. Election of Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-election of committee members • Committee vacancy for membership secretary – General Secretary to take on this role in addition to role. • Existing committee members re-elected with handover of Treasurer from Neil Hymer to Simon Coiley. • General Secretary – Samantha Leight • Lead Statistician / MTBO Co-ordinator – Tony Brand-Barker • SportIdent Manager – Paul Leight • Marketing Manager – Ben Martin • Events / Calendar Co-ordinator – Peter Strong • Webmaster – John Houlihan • Committee Helper – Ray Morris
4. SportIdent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost 30 kit hires this year • No real problems with kit hire and all arrived in the correct places at the correct time • As no issues this year, keep to same system. Reiterate need for organisers to check kit and report back; that receiving organisers responsibility to arrange and pay for transportation • Discussion into kits located in different parts of the country

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	<p>throughout the season to assist with transportation costs. It was noted that the highest rate insurance provided by the courier companies does not provide enough cover for complete loss of kit. Cost of this rate is also prohibitive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look into costs of commissioning the third set of kit and the practicalities of a levy rebate for transportation of kit by car. • It was noted that BMBO could hire the SportIdent kit out to events at other formats to increase income.
5. Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levy for Sport Ident will be updated 75pence per rider • Website will be updated more frequently however, we need more contributors to the news articles page • Contacts page will be updated to include latest committee changes and new committee members • The 214 Role of Honour has been updated with winners from MBO and MTBO • Look into practicalities of additional web access for specific committee members
6. MBO Score	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some previous leagues folded after last year but other organisers have come on board so has worked out well. New clubs have come on board with SI events over 3 hours to count towards the league • 3 years ago (2010), there were 1,070 eligible rides to the MBO league, for the 2014 season, there were 1895 eligible rides thanks to both new and established clubs. • There was also an increase of number of riders. Less than 800 last year, 826 riders this year for 35 MBO score events • Automating the results league was looked into but is not currently feasible due to differences in report formats from clubs. We would request for clubs and organisers to use an appropriate format for reporting the results. Consult with the Lead Statistician for advice. • Idea from event organiser was to run events alongside another format of event such as a sportif. • National Championships worked well last year with NYMBO hosting it. Thanks to NYMBO. Proposed club to host 2015 National Championships to get back to the committee ASAP
7. MTBO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a solid 'hardcore' of riders but not a lot of uptake possibly due to issues with publicity • There were a total of 160 rides over 7 or 8 events with approximately 18/19 to each event • There is a need to raise the numbers of riders to the events and organisers. There could be a lack of riders due to a limited number of events, and a limited number of events due to a lack of riders! • There was also discussion as to whether the limited number of organisers and venues was down to permissions as events are classed as races • Championship races are short, medium and long and there is also a league. • Ideas were thought of to plan the running of MTBO and MBO simultaneously using the same controls if O map could be used.
8. Marketing & Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from High 5 – uptake of offer wasn't great so they are unwilling to continue to offer sponsorship. • Discussions are underway / planned with other nutrition suppliers and distributors. • This is similar with Cotswold Outdoors • If organisers / members don't take up offers, companies will not want to sponsor us. • We are waiting for feedback from other sponsors and potential sponsors. Ordnance Survey were keen to sponsor us also • Facebook page up and running with lots of 'likes' and questions

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	<p>asked. Facebook advertising possible but currently cost prohibitive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter feed now up and running but a little slow on ‘followers’ • There have been a few posts about BMBO on some forums • Discussion on the best times to advertise BMBO, Autumn / Winter would not really provide much uptake • Discussion as to whether numbers to events may be down possible due to more ‘fashionable styles of racing. Benefits of BMBO were reinforced – More value for money & entered into a national league. • Steve advised us his NYMBO events on Sleep Monsters • Clarification of link between BO and British Orienteering – Mainly through MTBO as international events need to be IOF registered • There are some MTBO organisers who are approaching foot orienteering clubs and running events alongside them • There was a discussion about marketing materials available from BMBO. It was decided to look into costings of banners, etc as organisers also expressed an interest in marketing materials available at their events
<p>9. Any Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midlands MBO would like to start using SI for their events – help and support was offered by the BMBO committee and other organisers using SI • Martyn was explaining that there were comments from a new rider saying that some events had high scores due to close proximity of high values with lower values being further out. This gave the new rider the feel good factor. It was discussed that experience shows this method of control locations works. It was debated whether some would see this as racing on bridleways and a permissions issue. It was decided that it is up to organisers to use their discretion and make the decision. • Trophies: There are a lot of trophies missing, but the glassware worked well last year. It was decided there would be trophies for Overall men and overall women for MBO score league. There exists overall men and women for short, medium and long course MTBO. There will be trophies for MTBO league overall winners but not class winners due to lack of numbers. Engraved glasses will be awarded for class winners • Polaris / OMM bike: Steve Willis (NYMBO Organiser) planning next year’s OMM Bike, with Events held in April in the Derbyshire Dales and September in the Yorkshire Dales – keep your eye out on the BMBO and OMM websites for details and updates • Event clashes – It was requested for there to be a more formal arrangement detailed on the BMBO website. An appropriate distance between event centres was discussed along with a stepped process how clashes are resolved. A document will be drawn out and sent to all clubs and organisers for consideration before being implemented. • Order to go through to purchase more window stickers and distributed to organisers to redistribute to members • A point was brought forward of scrapping the membership fee – this was ruled out as membership fees are primarily for the purpose of insurance. If members don’t want to join they can enter as a day rider! It must also be noted that 6 day rider supplements pay for your membership and means you don’t need to fill out forms on the day
<p>Close of Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM was drawn to a close at 18:15