

Minutes from the FODAC Committee Meeting held on 18th September 2012

Present: Fiona, Jacqui, Jim, Chris M, Chris H, Wendy, Mike, Dave, Frank, Graham & Pete

1) Minutes of Meeting held on 24th July & Matters Arising

Aidan Dowle, welfare officer, has been contacted by Chris H and has agreed to come along to the next committee meeting on the 23rd October.

2) Treasurer's Report

Money In: £945.00 Money Out: £2697.14

Although we have spent a lot over the last couple of months (mainly on equipment & club clothing) we are still taking a healthy income from the weekly track fees and we can sell the new club kit. The vests & T shirts are £14.00 each. Wendy will do a list of the kit available and will get a poster up at the hut and also information up on the website. Action: Wendy

3) Membership Report

The club has 234 members, of which 49 are U11, 68 U18 and 117 over 18.

It was decided that anyone who hasn't renewed by October should just be considered to have resigned.

4) Coaching Matters

England athletics offer a flying coach service - which offers 3 visits to essentially coach the coaches. Pete will speak to Walter to see what he would like. (Action: Pete & Walter)

Chris H & Walter are going on a Run Leader course, and Claire Morgan has offered to assist again when required and would also be willing to take on a sub group.

5) Club Mark.

Dave explained that this is an accreditation scheme which he completed a number of years ago but now needs to be brought up to date, and he needs some assistance. Frank very kindly volunteered Kathy to do this! A minor glitch is that Dave's computers are defunct; however he has a memory stick that he hopes contains a back-up of the folder's contents.....

6) Equipment & Facilities.

Pete & Graham reported that the club had bought the new high jump mat & cover and Darren had bought the throwing kit. A spanner has been put in the works regarding the siting of the hammer cage as a rugby post has been erected in the way. However, Darren is project managing it.

We need an inventory of all the kit that the club now owns. Darren is to be asked for an inventory of the new kit he has bought (and also including the serviceable original kit as well). (Action: Darren)

Pete was given the go ahead to purchase the Glos AC steeple chase hurdles that he had been offered. It may prove a challenge to get them to Five Acres and then find them a suitable home, but everyone thought it was a good idea.... Action: Pete

7) Trophies & Championship

Chris had retrieved the trophies and brought them along to show everyone. Everyone agreed that this year's Championship had proved to be really successful (many congratulations to Chris M). It was suggested that next year we should incorporate one of the Glos Track & Field events into the championship to try and encourage more seniors to take part.

There was also a suggestion of organising a separate Track & Field Championship for 2013.

8) Forthcoming Events

2nd October 10K race on the FA track. Fiona is to email Vanessa Lawson at Chepstow Harriers to see how many of them are interested in doing it. If there is a lot of them it was suggested that FODAC could start at 6.30pm and Chepstow would start at 7.30pm. Entry is free to FODAC members and Chepstow Harriers would pay the track visitor rate of £1.50. Will need a number of timers & marshals to help out, but Dick Finch has said that they would also help.

Christmas Tree race. Jacqui has done a fantastic job in getting everything organised as usual. Fiona will email local clubs to let them know about it. posters are available and we need to get them up at the Club Hut and leisure centres. Action: Fiona

Christmas Party. White Horse in Soudley on Saturday 15th December. Buffet £5.00 pp

Also suggested that we could hold a secret ballot for a "Club Person of the Year" to be presented at the party. Chris H will sort out nomination slips and will get it up onto the website, face book & in the hut. All agreed it was a good idea. Action: Chris H

Race Programme for 2013

The following races & dates were suggested:-

Valentines Mixed Pairs Relay. Either 10th or 17th February (not to clash with Dursley Dozen, Fiona to check)

Mallards Pike 5 mile race June 19th

Mile Race(s) on the Five Acres Track 28th April

Yorkley "Great Oaks Gallop" September 8th (Chris & Jacqui to investigate a suitable course)

Christmas Tree Race December 15th

When the dates & venues are all finalised we need to get the programme up onto the website and on the club notice board.

9) Hut Painting & General Tidy Up

Chris M had succeeded in getting 2 quotes for repainting of the container. One was £375 and the second was £750 (excluding materials). Chris was given the go-ahead to get it organised. the painter can do it in 2 weeks time (weather permitting) when he returns from holiday. Action: Chris M

The track, hut & immediate area need to be kept tidy & litter free so they offer a safe environment for training. At the moment Pete (& others no doubt) do this prior to sessions. We could do with some assistance on this. Chris H will put something up on face book and maybe we can find some volunteers on a Saturday morning to lend a hand - especially collecting up empty drinks bottles left lying around. Action: Chris H & Everyone!

10) AOB

The Glos AA AGM is being held on Friday 9th November. As no one can attend Fiona will send our apologies. Action: Fiona

There is a time keeping course being held on 28th October. Please encourage people to attend!

Date of next meeting: 23rd October