

Minutes from the FODAC Committee Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012

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

1) Minutes of Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September & Matters Arising.

We have purchased the Steeple chase hurdles and these will be renovated over the winter. Not much progress with the siting of the hammer cage as too wet.

**Championship trophies.** All sorted & going well.

**Christmas Party.** All set for the 15<sup>th</sup> December. Chris H is organising & will actively start promoting it now together with the “Club Person of the Year” nominations.

**Christmas Race** – Jacqui has it all in hand! Anniversary glasses & chocolate money as usual. Chris H is providing the bones!

**Hut Painting** – all arranged, paint is stored in Chris M’s garage. Now just waiting for 3 dry days... (fat & chance spring to mind!)

**Time Keeper Course on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct.** A number of volunteers are doing it. A reminder will be put up on the website & Facebook.

2) **Child Protection Issues.** Despite Chris H reminding Aidan Dowle he didn’t come to the meeting, so discussions postponed for the future.

3) **Treasurer’s Report**

Money In: £884.35

Money Out: £1784.60

Bank Balance: £3115.67

The £411.35 “track fees” probably also includes kit that has been sold. Need to encourage people to use envelopes & labels so we have more of an idea of what money comes in from where – but it’s not the end of the world...

4) **Membership.** Frank & Kathy are doing a fantastic job on this and efficiently had emailed the committee an up-to-date membership list. Still a question mark over Kyran Hale. Dave thinks that Martin Joyce has sorted it out and that Frank is aware of what has happened (but none of us had a membership list handy to check!)

5) **Substantial Increase in England Athletics fees from 2013 - discussion.**

Seniors up to £20.00 (or £10.00 if only doing road & x-country)

Juniors (of all ages) up to £15.00

We had quite a long discussion about this, though as it seems to be a fait accompli we don’t think we can do much about it. Fiona will email Mick Morris of Glos AAA to register our opposition to the increase. It was suggested that we should try and do some publicity about the increases – “legacy, what legacy”? Jacqui will investigate. As families may be particularly badly hit, we may have to look at reducing our own membership fees or helping in other ways, maybe on a case by case basis. No doubt we will have further discussion on this next meeting and how we can try & manage next year’s membership & affiliation fees in a way that’s not too impractical for Frank

& Kathy.

6) **Avon Track & Field** AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> November. No one available to attend.

7) **2013 Race Programme**

10<sup>th</sup> February Valentines Mixed Pairs Relay on the Adidas Trail

28<sup>th</sup> April Mile Race at Five Acres track

19<sup>th</sup> June mallards Pike 5 mile race

8<sup>th</sup> September Yorkley Race (Chris M said there was a cup from when it was the Yorkley Gallop which could be presented to first FODAC runner)

Chris M & Jacqui still researching route

15<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Tree Race

(Jacqui has already produced an A4 leaflet!)

8) **Parkrun** Chris M suggested that we need a Vice Race Director (or more!) to cover when Dave is away. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea. Need to put up an advert on the various websites asking for volunteers.

9) **AOB**

Virgin London Marathon Club Places. We have been given 2 places this year. Need to send membership an email. We can then hold the ballot at the Christmas Party & announce winners there.

**Forest Youth Awards.** The following were all presented with certificates from Forest Youth & should be congratulated: Josh Dowle, Emily Dowle, Frankie Morgan, Connor Creed & Andrew Compton.

“**Learning Bus**” taking a detour from its route to come to Coleford next Tuesday between 3pm & 7pm (30<sup>th</sup>). Encourage people to attend.

**Defibrillator.** It was suggested that this would be a good piece of kit to buy (we were assured that it is easy to use with complete instructions, and is safe). We think the price is about £95.00 Chris H to investigate & was given authority to purchase.

**First Aid Box.** The current one is a bit run down and needs replenishing. Jacqui to investigate a replacement from her sources....

**Flood Lights** – ongoing issue. Fiona has received a letter from the gym basically saying that they are now satisfied (with a number of conditions!). Fiona to send a suitable reply. Hopefully this is now the end of it!

**Club Championship**

Now nearing its end – and everyone agreed that it had been extremely successful and should be repeated again next year with no major changes to races or rules.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012