

FODAC Committee Meeting held on 10th December 2013

Apologies: Wendy, Kathy, Sharla & Graham

Present: Chris H, Chris M, Frank, Jim, Jacqui, Pete & Fiona. Jools for part

Jools was invited along to bring the committee up-to-date with the proposed 2014 Club Championship that he has devised and will be organising. There are a total of 39 nominated races with 12 to count (mix of road, track, long & short) Jools has incorporated many Glos & Gwent XC races to encourage participation. All looks great – many thanks Jools!

1) Minutes of Meeting held on 29th October & Matters Arising.

Key Box code. Pete will notify the coaches, committee members & parkrun organisers of the code.

Action: Pete

Airbus furniture – still pending.

Officials Uniforms: Pete has got it all organised and will bring along a sample

Social Event: Great evening, many thanks to Sharla for organising.

Codes of Conduct: Kate has been going through it. Chris H will liaise with Kate and then when satisfied will forward to Chris M to be uploaded onto the website. **Action: Chris H**

2) Membership Report

Frank reported that we now have over 300 members!

Please can a current membership list be emailed to Jools. **Action: Frank**

3) Treasurer's Report

Income since 29th October: £1052.21 including coaching course grants (at last!)

Expenditure: £806.50 (November sports hall hire to be paid still)

Bank balance: £6914.09

Also due to receive 75% grants for Andrew & Darren's courses.

4) Christmas Tree Race & Race Programme for 2014

Jacqui reported that so far we have over 50 pre-entries, which is excellent. Everything is all organised for the day (thanks Jacqui!)

Race Programme for 2014 all organised. It was felt to be a good idea to take up the organisation of the Sport Relief Mile (23rd March). We can hold it at Five Acres. Fiona to respond to email to say that we are potentially interested. **Action: Fiona**

It was proposed that we have our own Forest Mile race on Tuesday 29th April.

5) Coaching Matters

We held a brief discussion on the use of the track on club nights. To decrease wear, we should use the outside of the track to warm up on. Need to inform coaches of this and get people used to it. Should use cones on the track as they form a useful barrier.

Adult Training – Following the email from Walter we had a discussion. Pete is happy to lead a 12 week session for adults who want to improve and train more seriously (rather than just socially run round). Pete is to set up a meeting with Walter and Michael Marks to discuss. **Action: Pete**

321 routes – it was decided that these would not be practical.

6) **Juniors.** On the 11th January we will be hosting the primary schools XC championships. Pete requested an expenditure of £30 for medals which was approved. (Action Pete & Jim) Entry fees will be £3.00. Pete would welcome any assistance on the day to help with marshalling etc.

Sportshall equipment. Over the years the club has done very well procuring kit free of charge. Unfortunately it looks like much of this is wearing out and we will have to buy some replacement kit around next September. Pete estimated that it would be around £1000. There are grants available from active Gloucestershire which need to be investigated to see if they can help towards this cost: **Action Pete and Junior coaches.**

7) **Facilities Management** (for want of a better expression!). It was felt that we should invest in our own PA system. We need to ensure that whatever we buy is reasonably tough and can be safely stored away in watertight, sturdy boxes to protect it. Jim kindly volunteered to do some research. **Action: Jim**

If possible it would be great to tidy up (concrete?) the area between the two huts. (Pete also then listed some other general tidying up/concreting that he would like done!). However, it would be dependent on the school and so we need to speak to Ken Creed in the first place. Pete kindly volunteered. **Action: Pete**

There are organisations around that may provide labour to help do these kind of community tasks, though it may be easier just to do it ourselves! Options can be investigated if we get the go-ahead from the school.

As part of this discussion it was also felt that we need a working party to tidy up the Nissan hut and do a stock take. Felt that we should wait for summer for this.

9) **Date of Next meeting:** Tuesday 21st January 2014 (and then every 3rd Tuesday)