

Minutes from FODAC Committee Meeting held on 5th March 2013

Present: Chris H, Chris M, Jim, Wendy, Graham, Frank & Fiona

Apologies: Kathy, Dave, Pete, Jacqui

1) Minutes of meeting held on 15th January and Matters Arising

Welfare Officer - still ongoing. Progress with Jane Creed seems a bit slow. Kate Dennant was suggested as another possible "volunteer". Graham & Wendy to see if she is interested. Chris H will email the relevant info to both Wendy & Graham so they can let Kate know what's involved before trying to twist her arm!

Yorkley Gallop, 1st September. Fiona has written to Tom Gowar about the Yorkley race but has not had a reply.

Mixed Pairs Relays - despite the terrible weather the consensus was that people did generally enjoy it. (Thanks to Jacqui again for all her hard work). Probably still worth sticking with it again, just try and pick a dry day (!) when it clashes with fewer other events, maybe later in the year. Suggested that we could safely increase race entry fees without impacting on entries.

Mile Race - suggested that it be moved to a Tuesday night instead of the Sunday and should now be aimed at FODAC members, so avoiding the need for race licence and too much additional organisation.

At the next meeting it was felt that we should have a discussion on race organisation, marshals, job allocations etc in order to try and lighten the load a bit on Jacqui. Chris H will forward the task list to everyone that Jacqui sent him so we can all get a better idea of what is involved.

2) Membership Report.

We have had one resignation. Bethan Samuel has resigned to join Cheltenham Harriers. Her mother sent an email explaining why Bethan was resigning and made a point of thanking the coaches and Ann in particular.

Frank reported that there are still some teething problems with people filling in the new style membership forms, but he and Kathy are definitely making progress.

We particularly liked the box on the new form asking people to indicate what they are interested in and whether they are prepared to assist/marshal/help whatever. Chris asked Frank to pass on the committee's thanks to Kathy.

Frank kindly agreed to continue to forward Fiona's informal "newsletters" to the membership, despite the UKA portal being up the spout! This combined with the website and facebook is hopefully keeping people up-to-date with what is happening.

3) Treasurer's Report

Income since the beginning of January 2013 £1085.75, Expenditure £1030.03. Bank Balance £3798.00. The club continues to be in a healthy state, and thanks should go to Wendy for all her hard work. Wendy asked that all invoices should be given to her and Chris reminded us all that any large items of expenditure should be approved by the committee (or at the very least the committee should be notified in advance via email).

4) AOB

The Gloucester Sports Hoodies work out at £18.00 each. Chris H will place a preliminary order of 5 of each size to give them a try. Chris M made a reference to the kit being displayed on the website. This section may need to be updated and maybe we need some new models! Any volunteers?!! (Thanks to Chris by the way for all his efforts on looking after the website so well - great job!)

Javelins : Graham explained that he had come across some javelins and asked whether the club would be interested in purchasing them. Research by Dave suggested that they were good value and the committee agreed that if Graham, Dave, Darren et al felt they would be useful then to go ahead and get them for the club (Wendy should expect an invoice shortly!).

Painting of the Hut. Chris M reported that he had been in touch with the painter. He hasn't forgotten about us and as soon as it dries up and warms up a bit he will get it done. Chris still has the paint safely stored in his garage. The cost will be in the region of £380.

AGM - all set for the 23rd April at the Rugby Club from 7.45pm. Refreshments ordered for 35 people @ £5 pp. While we will of course ask for nominations, it was a relief to hear that everyone at the meeting was happy to continue to remain on the committee which is fantastic news!

The meeting closed at 9pm. A date for the next committee meeting will be set after the AGM.