

Minutes of FODAC Committee Meeting held at the Gamekeepers on Tuesday 25th June 2013

Present: Jacqui, Chris H, Chris M, Peter, Jim, Ian, Frank, Kate, Wendy, Fiona

Apologies: Graham, Kathy & Sharla

Minutes of last meeting (21st May) & Matters Arising

1) Hut Painting - done and looks great! (thanks, Chris). We now need to get the signs up (Action: Pete)

2) Membership Report

141 Competing Members. 150 Non competing members. 18 Coaches Kathy/Frank will email the list of non paid-up people to the committee. Please can everyone review it and chase up any active people to get them to either renew their membership or resign. (Action Frank & All)

3) Treasurer's Report

Income since 1st April: £6115.21 Expenditure since 1st April £3906.68

4) Secretary's Report

Nothing presented though I should have mentioned that Lynn Parke recently introduced a UK Track Official to the club and we hope that he will become an active member of the club. Sadly I can't remember his name, but I did introduce him to Pete & Dave!

5) Race Programme

The sun shone at Mallards Pike - yippee! Everyone agreed that it went well and was enjoyed. Next year it was suggested that the Cani X should go after the main race. Thanks to everyone who helped out and particularly to Jacqui for all her hard work. The next race is the Yorkley Gallop which is on 1st September based at Yorkley Village Hall. Chris Moore has volunteered to sort out a route. Agreed that it should be 10K. Peter Compton kindly agreed to organise the Junior race(s) of circa 800m. (Action: Jacqui, Chris & Pete) Once a poster has been created, we need to start actively promoting the race. (Action: All)

6) Welcome Pack

It was felt that a Welcome Pack should contain the following:

Membership Form

Code of Conduct

Training Times

Fixture List

List of Committee

List of Coaches

List of First Aiders & information on where the First aid Kits are located.

Pete and Kate have agreed to liaise over the format and then get it loaded onto the website (maybe with the assistance of Steve Thompson if necessary). Action: Pete & Kate

7) Coaching Matters

We have paid for 2 people from Newent to go on a Leadership in Running course, including Dave Jones (FODAC member). We are keen for the seniors (in particular) to join FODAC. Regarding the Juniors, it was felt that no one from FODAC would be able or willing to go to Newent to take the junior sessions. Pete Compton is now Head Coach (congratulations Pete!) and has agreed to act as coaching co-ordinator for disseminating course information to the club's 18 coaches (even if we don't know who they all are!!) It was agreed that the seniors need more of a coach structure. Walter does a fantastic job but we do need more coaches to help out. It was agreed

that we should put a note on Facebook to encourage more people to come forward to become coaches. (Action Chris Moore)

8) Training fees, Toilets & Sandpit Covers

It was suggested that we should now charge £1 per session when using the track. (This will mostly apply to the juniors who use the track on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.) This proposal was agreed by the committee. Kate has negotiated a good rate of £10 per session for use of a toilet (£30 per week). Lakers will give us a key and they will be responsible for cleaning. This will no doubt prove to be quite a relief to many training at the track! Pete requested authorisation to purchase a tarpaulin and sandbags for use in covering the sandpit to protect it. The cost was estimated to be £40 and everyone agreed. The school has recently topped up the sand and these measures will help to keep it clean.

9) Communication to Juniors via email.

Kate will liaise with Steve Thompson on getting an email list sorted. (Action: Kate)

10) Venue for Committee Meetings.

After discussion it was suggested that we try the Fountain at Parkend. (We should be able to have our own small meeting room). All agreed this would be OK and Kate phoned up and has it all arranged! Simple!

11) AOB

Peter requested approval to purchase some new hammers for around £60 - approved as was the purchase of a High Jump bar.

The club has a shortage of U15s. Does anyone have any suggestions on how we can improve numbers?

Accident Book - felt that we needed to have one at the Club Hut. We will use the UKA forms and set up a Folder in the Hut. (Action: Fiona)

Felt that we should have signs put up saying: "Parents - Please do not leave your children unsupervised" (Action: Fiona)

Social Event: Sharla is organising a social event for the last Wednesday in August, maybe in Aylburton or in Soudley Village Hall. (Also Walter mentioned that it would be good to have an informal get together one evening to exchange information on watches, GPS gizmos etc).

12) Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 30th July at 8pm at The Fountain in Parkend.