

Minutes for FODAC Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18th February 2014

Present: Chris M, Frank, Jacqui, Wendy, Fiona, Jim, Pete & Ian

Apologies: Chris H, Sharla, Graham & Kathy

1) Minutes of Meeting held on 21st January and Matters Arising

Airbus furniture - 2 decent blue swivel chairs obtained & placed in the hut a couple of weekends back. No filing cabinets yet unfortunately. It may be possible to get some alternative furniture. Lockable Tambour units (with the roller doors) could look neat and could work well in the confined space of the hut, instead of filing cabinets I think, but we would need to re-measure. Graham CI will talk to Pete about it on Saturday and go from there.

Official Uniforms. Pete has sorted.

PA System - Jim brought along some info and he has found a waterproof version. Will check the price of it and will report back. **Action: Jim**

Concreting around the hut. Generally waiting for weather to improve a bit and we still need to try and get a couple of quotes. Pete will put a message on facebook to see if there are any volunteers who can help. It would appear that a fair bit of excavating and soil removal will be required prior to concreting, so not such a small job. **Action: Pete, Chris M & Ian**

Hut tidying & stock take - still waiting for that heatwave to arrive!!!

Severnbank School Saturday session. Pete is still working on it and has put in a claim with Active Gloucestershire for 50% of the start-up costs.

Mixed Pairs Relays, 13th April. Pete & Fiona have put up posters at the hut and emailed local clubs respectively. Jacqui said that she hadn't had any advance entries but that isn't too surprising. Please can everyone promote it where they can and encourage participation. **Action: All**

New race signs have been purchased and Chris H has investigated new glasses as mementoes.

Dave L's lifetime achievement award - Chris M & Jim still working on it.

2) Coaching Matters

Stef Francis & Catherine Lyne are both still keen to get involved. Steph also with the juniors.

Darren & Andrew have asked to do the Coaching Award which is a 3 day course plus assessment. The cost is £250pp. All agreed that they should go ahead. Pete will book them onto the course and will apply to see if there are any grants available. **Action: Pete**

3) Treasurer's Report

Since the last meeting the figures are as follows:

Expenditure: £2026.60

Income: £797.50

Balance in Bank: £6,425.43

Wendy pointed out that quite a bit of the expenditure was for the duplicate hall hire that we had been invoiced for and which she mentioned at the last meeting. With lighter evenings approaching our bookings of the sportshalls will of course reduce.

Quite a bit of new equipment has been purchased, and Pete is confident that it can all be stored safely within our current accommodation at Lakers.

Wendy needs to contact Chris H about getting the accounts audited in time for the AGM. **Action: Wendy**

4) Membership Report Frank reported that current membership stands at 311 members. We have had one resignation of a junior who is joining Gloucester AC.

Frank will prepare a 2014-2015 Membership form. No plans to increase any rates this year. I

It was agreed any members from January would be expected to pay next year's fee plus £5.

It was agreed not to issue membership cards this year but to send out an on-line version with UKA number.

5) Secretary's Bits!

Glos XC 2014/2015 season. Fiona reported that she had received a letter from Glos AA thanking those clubs who had hosted fixtures last year and seeking venues for this coming year's XC fixtures. There are a number of stumbling blocks to us hosting an event in the Forest - car parking for up to 200 cars and also the amount of grass that is required (just forestry tracks are not suitable). Jacqui suggested Hartpury College which would probably tick all the boxes, but was felt to be too far away for us to be able to manage effectively.

Social Events - It was suggested that a DVD & supper evening could be arranged. Sharla had emailed to say that the New Inn would be happy to accommodate us (Jacqui & Sharla to discuss). It was also suggested that a cycle event could be held in the late spring/summer. **Action: Sharla**

Community & School Event Fiona had received an email from a University of Gloucestershire student who was organising a community & school event on 1st April at Forest E-act Academy and was asking us if we would be interested in participating. Fiona has emailed to say that potentially we are and is still awaiting further details from the organiser.

AGM - The New Inn at Viney Hill has been booked for 29th April at 8pm. Buffet £5.00 pp for approx 30-40 people.

6) AOB

Pete put in a request to purchase some Jump Boxes at a cost of approx £300. All agreed.

Wendy had requested a copy of our Public Liability Insurance document for Lakers School. Many thanks to Frank for locating it on the EA website.

Due to the AGM it was suggested that the Forest Mile that we are hosting be brought forward one week to the 22nd April. All agreed that this would make sense. Website needs to be updated and people informed of the date change.

7) Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 18th March 2014