

Minutes for FODAC Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18th March

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

Apologies: Chris H, Pete, Sharla, Kathy

1) Minutes of Meeting held on 18th February and Matters Arising

Jim reported that he had found a waterproof **PA system** but at around £2500 we decided to go for a normal one and buy a few good quality plastic bags! As we now have a deadline of the Forest Mile on 22nd April Jim said he would get it before then. (In an emergency we did ask Frank if we could possibly borrow the council one!)

Concreting around the hut. The quotes seem to be coming in at around £2400 - £3200 (but no one was 100% sure exactly what we got for this money). Glenn Harvey has offered to calculate how much cement we need. However, by the time we have finished it could easily run to around £5K which is a great deal of money. After discussion it was decided to put it "on hold" for the time being.

Throwing Cage - still very much a "work in progress". (Pete had mentioned that he would like to get it installed prior to Darren Andrews returning to the club when he is well again.)

Hut Tidying & Stock Take - still waiting for that elusive heatwave to arrive.... (IMPORTANT NOTE: Ideally we do need a stocktake of equipment prior to the AGM on 29th April. Wendy is happy to help but needs assistance from people who know what equipment is what!)

DL Award. Chris has found a Dartington Glass tankard for £45 which we could get engraved. Approved by committee. Chris M to email Chris H the link for him to look at. **Action: Chris M**

Accounts - need to get audited prior to AGM. Wendy will speak to Chris H. **Action: Wendy**

Community & School Event. This is being held during the day on 1st April. As no one can cover it Fiona will email to say "sorry". **Action: Fiona**

Forest Mile - Brought forward to 22nd April as discussed at the last meeting. Jacqui has a licence and St John's organised. Juniors will start at 6pm with Seniors & Vets from 7pm. Entry fees: £2.00 Juniors & affiliated adults. £4.00 non affiliated. The entry form ideally needs a space for people to be able to enter their estimated mile time.

Jools has been in touch with Spirit of Monmouth, Chepstow etc. Fiona to now email all local clubs to let them know about the race. **Action Fiona**

Prizes - medals for Juniors. Minimum of prizes for Seniors/Vets suggested, 1st, 2nd, 3rd **Action Pete, Chris & Jim.**

Drinks: Jacqui to see if she can use her charms with GSK!

Cakes : Sharla please can you use your magic to get in some cake donations to sell? **Action: Sharla**

2) - no coaching matters for discussion as Pete & Graham not present. However, with Darren Andrews off sick the coaches are doing their best to cover Darren's throwing groups. A card has been sent to Darren from the club and we wish him all the best for a full recovery.

3) Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance: £6,203.74

Money In since last meeting: £482.40

Expenditure: £564.09

Wendy needs to check with Pete re hire of the sportshall, which hopefully should stop around Easter. **Action: Wendy**

Wendy also reported that she had done a stock take of clothing and found that we had no men's vests. Wendy will speak to Ann Nixon to get some ordered up. **Action: Wendy**

Jools also volunteered to investigate technical T Shirts: **Action: Jools**

4) Membership Report

Frank said that we currently have 317 members. We have had 1 resignation: Aileen Griffiths.

Renewals have been emailed out and new forms will be placed in the hut. **Action: Frank**

A new form will be uploaded onto the website : **Action Chris M**

As agreed at the last meeting membership cards will no longer be issued.

We had some discussion about whether to change the membership setup for future years to offer 15 months for the price of 12 for people joining the club in January. All felt it would be a good idea and will allow us to take advantage of people making New Years' resolutions!

5) Race programme

The Forest Mile had already been discussed.

Jacqui will get the ball rolling for the Mallards Pike Race (18th June). **Action: Jacqui**

Goodrich Fell Race: Jools has been given all the info that former organiser Martin Green had. It was felt unlikely to happen this year, maybe in the future.

6) **Social Events** - Jim suggested that we could have a summer run based at Bathurst in Lydney followed by a swim. All agreed that it sounded like a good idea. **Jim to organise.**

DVD social evening & summer bike rides. As Sharla wasn't there we couldn't check on progress or otherwise!

There was a suggestion of having a social event at the forthcoming Dymock Half Marathon and Music festival. Jools volunteered to canvas opinion via Facebook. There was talk about hiring a coach for transport if sufficient demand, but not sure how practical that would be. **Action: Jools & Jim**

7) **AGM** - all organised for Tuesday 29th April at The New Inn, Viney Hill at 8pm (after Tuesday night training). Refreshments provided. Fiona asked if Jacqui could include a mention about it in a future press release and if Frank could "portal" it! (Chris M please could you also put it up onto the club's website? - Thanks)

Action: Jacqui, Frank, Chris

8) **AOB**

Thursday evening summer runs. **Jim** volunteered to co-ordinate.

There will not be an April Committee Meeting due to the AGM on the 29th.

The meeting finished at 9.24pm.