Minutes for FODAC Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17th June 2014

Present: Chris H., Jim, Frank, Jools, Ian, Bev, Wendy, Sharla, Stef

Apologies: Chris M. Jacqui, Pete, Graham, Kathy

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 20th of May and Matters arising

We will arrange to tidy the hut and do a stock take for 19th of July after parkrun. Stef will ask people on Facebook to help. **Action: Stef**

Dorstone Dawdle Mob Match against Hay Hotfooters is on 6th of July. We have a trophy for the winning team and will need a non-runner in place for each team to count all their runners coming in.

Chris H. has contacted Welsh Athletics to ask if we could join them, but they were not very forthcoming with information and said they would get back to us.

2. Treasurers Report

Income since 20th of May £ 757.14 (from track subs, sale of kit and memberships)

Expenditure \pm 872.23 (Kit, Coach to Swansea, glasses for race and trophy for mob match)

Wendy has also received a small number of cheques for memberships and cash which will be used as float for Mallards Pike race.

There is an outstanding invoice of £ 130.00 for England Athletics to be paid.

We have received a cheque for \pm 75.00 from PGL as donation towards cost of gazebo. Stef will send thank you letter to PGL **Action: Stef**

Wendy has not been able to check the kit in the hut, but is aware that once we've sorted it out we will have to order more kit. Jools stated that we may be able to get kit from a company called Silver FX in Hereford and members will order directly with them, but they will only produce items when they have enough orders to make up a batch. Bev asked if we could change the design of ladies vests to make them more feminine. She will speak to T3 design in Coleford to see if they could do vests and T-shirts in our club colours with white stripe across chest. Chris H. would like to use local company if possible, but it must be the exact club colours. **Action: Bev**

3. Membership Report

Frank and Kathy send reminders to all members who have not yet renewed their membership. Some people renewed now other decided not to renew. We now have 269 paid up members and 72 we don't know about. If they have not renewed by the end of June their membership will lapse. Chris will put a reminder on Facebook and Frank will send out a final reminder. Jools will also put a notice on the website. **Action: Chris H, Frank, Jools**

4. Coaches Report

As Pete was not able to attend there was no coaches report. Stef mentioned that the Severnbanks Satellite group seems to be doing well. It has been running for three weeks and the numbers have increased. Jack Fleet helped with coaching yesterday and Chris offered to pay for level 1 coaching course for Jack if he is interested. Frank mentioned that he would have to have DBS clearing and that CRB check is not transferrable.

5. Final Arrangements for Mallards Pike Race

Jacqui has done list for volunteer duties and Chris H and Chris M are ready to go and set up. Jim will bring PA system. We have plenty of helpers and even helpers from the Canicross Club.

6. Forest Mile 9th September

We will run the evening in the same format as before, it'll be entry on evening and Chris M says it's no problem to set up the different races as he now has the majority of times for runners.

7. Any other business

We will be doing Yorkley Gallop again, this time on the 5th of October. Jacqui has ideas, as the hall in Yorkley is not available anymore. To be discussed at next meeting. **Action: Stef**

We may have to start charging more for our races as the Forestry Commission have put their charges up. We will review once we see how much money we made at Mallards Pike.

It was mentioned that if we would make our races charity events and we donate some of the entry fees to charity we would pay less to the Forestry Commission. Chris H. will check with Forestry Commission what they deem as charity race. He will mention that we find it difficult to make charitable donations as the F.C. charges are so high. **Action Chris H.** If we could donate to local charity we would raise the profile of the club by getting more press coverage.

Advertising our races

Sharla will find out how we could advertise in local press without being charged a large fee. Perhaps we could get sponsorship from local businesses. Action: Sharla Stef is trying to set up a Facebook page with Club Secretaries of other clubs for everyone to advertise their races. Action: Stef

Social Picnic

Sharla found it difficult to find a suitable date for picnic, but will now look at Sunday, 27th of July at Soudley Village Hall. **Action: Sharla**

Frank mentioned that one of the coaches is only operating on a school CRB check, but this is not transferrable. They must do DBS check. DBS forms are available online and Frank will remind Pete to get this done. **Action: Frank**

The risk assessment to get Club Mark will be done by Frank. Action: Frank

Throwing Cage

There is no news on throwing cage, we will need to check with Pete.

Wendy was approached by the Sports Centre who would like to know if we would like to book sports hall for the coming winter season for junior training. Apparently they are already receiving enquiries from other clubs to book for the winter and we will have to act quickly. Wendy will let Pete know. **Action: Wendy**

Jools mentioned that Mike Fawcett organiser of Darrens Dash had asked him to pass on his thanks to all FODAC members who supported the race.

The organisers of the Dorstone Dawdle have asked if we would be able to car share as much as possible, as there is only limited parking.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th of July