

## Minutes for FODAC Committee Meeting, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Present: Chris H., Chris M., Jacqui, Wendy, Pete, Jim, Bev, Ian, Stef

Apologies: Jools, Sharla, Graham

### **1. Minutes from Last Meeting**

We are hosting the Cross Country Championships on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2015 at Berry Hill and will need as many volunteers as possible to be available for setting up, marshalling, tea/coffee and cake stall. Chris will ask Sharla if she can organise the refreshments and help with the refreshments stall. **Action Chris H.**

Spike Powles has mentioned that members of the Rugby Club may be available to help with marshalling on the day.

The AAA will settle all reasonable expenses. They will also deal with registration. Any money raised through the refreshments stall will be ours.

The races will take place between 12.00 and approximately 3.00pm.

Kit – hoodies and track suits are now available to order directly from 3t design. Details and order form can be found on our web site.

The latest delivery of vests has been locked away in the new lockable filing cabinet and should only be given out once payment has been received. Payments should be marked as sale of vest and the item should be taken off the stock sheet.

Kate was not happy with the vests being stored in the same filing cabinet, which holds sensitive information, although the only people who have access to the cabinet are committee members and coaches, who are all DBS checked. Ian will try and find another lockable filing cabinet for the vests. **Action: Ian**

### **2. Treasurer's Report**

Wendy's report showed income of £ 1445.35 from track fees, memberships, Christmas tree race, coach to cross country and the junior presentation evening. The expenditure, made up of EA fees, petrol, gym hire, awards, measuring mat, filing cabinet, Gwent league affiliation and prizes for Christmas tree race came to £ 1657.74.

There should be an amendment as the Christmas tree race was a Charity Race and therefore the charge from the Forestry Commission should only be £ 35.00. We agreed to donate £200.00 to the Great Oaks Hospice. **Action: Wendy**

We have around £10,000 in the account and the only expenditure not yet accounted for is the cost of the gym hire for Saturday, which is invoiced per term and is approximately £400.00. There is also £ 12,000 in the reserve account.

Chris H suggested that if we work out how much it will cost us to run for a year then we will be able to spend the money which is surplus. Wendy will work out our 'survival' cost and then we can discuss what the money could be spent on. **Action: Wendy**

We should work out a capital expenditure plan, to maybe include hard standing with shelter around the hut and the throwing circle.

It was also suggested that we should have a wish list for meeting in January and also ask members what they would like to see to improve facilities at the club. Chris H will send an email to members to ask for suggestions. **Action: Chris H.**

We wondered about the long term future of the site and as long as the school is there, we should be able to continue at the track as the school is happy for us to stay.

### **3. Membership Report**

Frank has sent a new membership list to committee. We now have 371 members.

Frank and Kathy have decided to resign from the position of membership secretaries after the next AGM and we will have to find a new membership secretary. Chris H. will ask Frank and Kathy for a job description/instruction of what to do so the hand over will go smoothly.

**Action: Chris H.**

### **4. Coaches Report**

The coaches are meeting between Christmas and New Year to plan their coaching for the New Year. Everything is fine, but they could still do with more coaches, especially on a Tuesday evening and we should all spread the word.

## 5. Any Other Business

Bev mentioned that the canicross runners at the Christmas Tree race had gone off to early and caught up with the runners too soon so some runners felt that they had to stop and let canicross runners through, therefore their times for the race were disappointing. Jacqui and Chris explained that normally the canicross runners would set off 15 mins after the runners, but as it was too cold on Sunday they were allowed to start after 10mins, which made the difference, but it is not normal practice.

Chris M. was wondering if the Avon League team would receive a team award. Pete confirmed that there should be a presentation at the Avon League AGM and we should receive a team award then.

Chris also said that he still thought that a marathon should not count as a 50 points bonus race as this would mean that anyone not doing a marathon almost had no chance of winning the championship. He will speak to Jools to see if it could be changed to have the marathon as part of the counting races. **Action: Chris M.**

Chris is still keen on having a King and Queen of the mountain and a king and queen of the road and it was suggested to nominate one hill race and one road race to decide these. This should maybe be done on age grading to make it fair. We will discuss this further at the next meeting. (include in agenda – **Action: Stef**)

There was a request for a heavy duty staple gun – Bev will donate one. **Action Bev**

We need some more run route signs and tape and posts for the cross country. Jim will organise signs and tape and Jacqui will lend us posts. **Action: Jim, Jacqui**

Pete mentioned that the couch to 5k group has been doing very well again and that the group will come to their first parkrun on Saturday.

There are 5 new groups planned for the next year, the first one will start on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of December at 6.30pm at Lydney Lake. Could we all please let people know.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!