

## **Minutes of Forest of Dean Athletic Club AGM, 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2015, held at The Rising Sun, Moseley Green**

**Present:** Chris Hawkins, Peter Compton, Wendy Lawrence, Chris Moore, Jacqui Wynds, Stef Francis, Sharla Fleet, Vanessa Pegler, Richard Pegler, Lynne Park, Brian Francis, Bev James, Anna Freeman, Rob Freeman, Dave Lucas, Lindsay Lucas, Walter Leach, Chris Penny, Leyton Fleet, Kate Burke, David Jenkins, Andrew Compton, Ian James, Darren Creed, Graham Bennetto, Jim Storrar, Alan Robertson, Fiona Turner, Jane Creed, Claire Morgan, Roger Morgan, Roy King

**Apologies:** Bob Park, Fiona Crawley, Kate Dennant, Julian Boon

### **Chairman's Report**

Chris Hawkins reported that the club was thriving and that it had been another fantastic year. Juniors and Seniors had been very successful in competing in different events from Avon League track and field competitions and cross country to marathons.

The current membership is around 430 members, although Chris Moore mentioned that we are still awaiting membership renewal for about 200 current members.

Chris explained that we are on course to make the club a registered charity. This was advised by the auditor and we were lucky to have help of one of our members, David Jenkins, who has been advising us. The benefits will be that we will be able to claim gift aid and the Forestry Commission would be charging us a reduced rate for our races. The next step will be to hold an EGM to approve the change of the club's constitution.

Chris informed members that we are planning to have a new hut, a refurbished portakabin, at the track. This will be more a suitable accommodation for members and the old containers will be used as storage for the equipment. We are hoping to get the new hut in August and will then lay some hardstanding around the hut and storage containers too.

Chris then thanked all the coaches, with special thanks to Walter for the inclusiveness of the coaching sessions. He stated that these sessions showed what a friendly club we are.

He then went on to thank the committee, who do a lot of jobs not many people ever hear about, such as dealing with the finances, kit and organising races.

Chris then stated that he is now resigning from his position as Chairman of FODAC.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Income £ 17,024.96

Expenditure £ 13,564.99

Net Profit over the year 2014/2015: £ 3,459.97

This figure does not include £ 12,000 which we were holding in a deposit account for the year.

Wendy explained the income and expenditure, which is detailed on the attached balance sheet. Wendy noted that she had found a minor error, as the income of £ 412.00 which is shown under coaching courses and expenses was actually income from coach hire for transport to a couple of races.

She stated that the club was planning some large scale expenditure with the purchase of the new hut and that we therefore decided not to re-invest the money from the deposit account, as we were only earning very little interest anyway and would have to re-invest a minimum of £ 10,000.

Wendy requested that the club will make a donation of £ 50.00 to the Great Oaks Hospice in lieu of the Auditor's fee. This was agreed by the members present.

## **Coaches' Report**

Pete thanked all coaches for their time and commitment stating that between they provide over 2000 man hours of coaching per year.

He stated that the coaching team very much miss Darren Andrews and Graham and Sally Copen, who all had some serious health issues and were unable to coach as much as in previous years.

He explained that Andrew Compton has passed his Club Coaches award & his work with the throwers & the U9 is showing great performances.

Glenn Harvey is doing a fantastic job with the very young U7 Juniors, bringing them on in leaps and bounds.

Darren Creed has been working hard with the U11 girls and boys who are thriving and performing well. We could do with some more U11 boys joining the club.

Nick Wellsted, as Head of Junior coaching has lead his U13 teams to new levels of success breaking club records & leading quality teams in Cross Country, Indoor Athletics, Sportshall & Track & Field. They are constantly performing better than Gloucester, Stroud & Cheltenham in events, & this year in the first Youth development League meeting winning the match beating Hereford, Newport & Neath.

The U15 team is growing stronger again and can now often put out 12 athletes to an event.

Dave Lucas has worked very hard with the U20 team and we are looking forward to seeing them perform in the Avon League this year.

Pete stated that the strength in the Junior coaching lies in the development from a young age and also the introduction of the Satellite group in Lydney, which helps to encourage more youngsters to join the club.

The Adults sessions are increasingly popular & the adult performances are improving too. Pete thanked Walter for his great commitment.

The 0-5k groups have been a great success & adding a 5-10k group at the same time to give graduates of the 0-5k a progression seems to work well in Lydney and this will be repeated in Coleford. Pete thanked Walter, Mark, Darren, Glenn, Andrew, Chris Rees, Chris Moore, Stef, Jane & Dave for helping the participants achieve something they believed was not possible.

Pete mentioned that we still need more coaches and that most of the junior coaches are parents who joined the coaching team. He would also like to see more people helping with the 0-5k groups, if anyone has some time on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday to come along and encourage the group it would be much appreciated.

Pete has decided to stand down as Head Coach this year, but will continue to coach juniors.

#### **Election of New Committee**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Chair	Peter Compton	Dave Lucas	Andrew Compton
Vice Chair	Richard Pegler	Stef Francis	Chris Moore
Treasurer	Wendy Lawrence	Peter Compton	Fiona Turner
Secretary	Stef Francis	Vanessa Pegler	Chris Moore
Membership Secretary	Chris Moore	Brian Francis	Sharla Fleet
Press Officer	Jacqui Wynds	Peter Compton	Jim Storrar
Race Director	Jacqui Wynds	Ian James	Alan Robertson
Social Secretary	Sharla Fleet	Dave Lucas	Stef Francis
Head Coach	Dave Lucas	Peter Compton	Richard Pegler
Coaching Coordinator	Andrew Compton	Peter Compton	Dave Lucas
Ladies' Captain	Sherryl Hall	Stef Francis	Claire Morgan
Men's Captain Winter	Julian Boon	Chris Moore	Stef Francis
Men's Captain Summer			
General Committee Members	Graham Coppen Ian James Anna Freeman Julian Boon	Peter Compton Chris Moore Bev James Anna Freeman	Dave Lucas Wendy Lawrence Sharla Fleet Rob Freeman

Unfortunately we were not able to fill the position of men's track and field captain as yet.

### **Any Other Business**

Stef asked the members if they agreed that we should have a Junior Liaison. It was thought to be a good idea and we will have to decide at a committee meeting if we would like an older Junior to represent the Juniors or if this should be a parent.

At the end of the meeting Chris Hawkins was presented with Life membership in recognition of his long service to the club.

We also thanked Jim Storrar, Bev James and Frank and Kathy Russell, who have decided to stand down from the committee, for their service.

Our thanks also go to Claire Morgan, who stepped down as ladies' captain and Richard Pegler, who will not be able to captain the men's track and field team this year, as he is concentrating on the new post of Vice Chair.