

Minutes of Forest of Dean Athletic Club EGM, Tuesday, 30th of June 2015

Present:

Peter Compton, Richard Pegler, Wendy Lawrence, Helen Kearsey, Debbie White, Donna Howell, Chris Moore, Helene Spencer, Cherry Fowler, Patrick Rennison, Sandra Bennett, Chris Hawkins, Jason Ross-Collins, Fiona Turner, Jacqui Wynds, Valerie Hamilton, Sherryl Hall, Rachel Nash, Helen Lipscomb, Vanessa Pegler, Claire Morgan, Jane Creed, Jo Edwards, Angela Bowkett, Graham Benetto, Marcus Benetto, Robert Freeman, Mandy Weare, Brian Francis, Karen Barnett, Colin Laver, Scott Berry, Chris Penny, Neil Denison, Sharla Fleet, Leyton Fleet, Jackie Green, Hannah Shuttleworth, Sue Shergold, Margaret Powles, Mark Channer, David Jenkins, Stef Francis

Peter Compton welcomed everyone to the EGM and explained the reason, why we had called the EGM.

The Forest of Dean Athletic Club committee have decided that it would benefit the club to become a charity and worked together with David Jenkins to apply to the Charity Commission to become a registered charity.

The main benefits of becoming a charity are financial benefits. Firstly, the Forestry Commission would only be charging a flat fee for any races we are organising, instead of being able to charge a fee per runner in addition to the flat fee and, in due course, we would be able to claim gift aid on contributions such as membership fees and track fees, thus adding a substantial amount to our annual income.

In order to apply to the Charity Commission we have to amend the club's constitution, which will now have to be approved by the members of the club.

Pete then asked to vote for the approval of the new constitution, which had previously been published on the club's website and was also available for members to read at the meeting.

The members unanimously voted for the new constitution and for the club applying to the Charity Commission to become a registered charity.

David Jenkins explained to everyone that, if the Charity Commission did not approve of the application, we could try again, but would have to go through the voting process at another EGM.

Pete closed the meeting by thanking David Jenkins and Chris Hawkins for the work they had put in to re-write the constitution and putting together the application to the Charity Commission.