

Minutes of FODAC Committee Meeting, 28th of March 2017

Present: Andrew K, Richard, Wendy, Cherry, Dan, Alan, Andrew B, Stef

Apologies: Simon, Chris

Not Present: Jools, Ian, Bev

1. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters arising

Richard wanted some more details on the agreed expenditure for Sportshall equipment. The committee explained that it was justified, as recorded in previous minutes and that we have not spent much money on equipment for the Juniors in the last few years. Richard queried why we would not buy some track and field equipment first, but we have recently been able to purchase Severn AC's equipment at a very reasonable price, so do not have to buy any more track and field equipment for now.

Cotswold Way Relay

We will enter 4 teams which will be coordinated by Jools. It would be good if we could share the Chepstow Harrier minibus again to transfer runners to their start.

Jools to find out. **Action: Jools**

2. Treasurer's Report

Since the last meeting on the 16th of February the Club's income was £ 2,500.86. This amount was made up of Membership fees, training fees, Gift Aid claim (£ 632.54), 0-5k donations, Fountain Five entries and the sale of kit.

The expenditure came to £ 2,261.16. This was made up of the cost of sports halls and track and toilet hire, affiliation fees, cross country fees, repair to throwing cage after high winds, equipment from Severn AC, electricity charges, coaching course for Nick Lord, hire of Yorkley Community Centre for Yorkley Gallop and a race licence for the Fountain Five Race.

The bank balance is £ 17,335.81

Wendy queried the cost of the Midland Counties Athletics Association Affiliation fee which needs to be paid now as it is £ 450.00. The committee agreed to pay this as the Midland League was very popular last year.

Wendy will do another gift aid claim once most of the membership fees have been paid. The Gwent league cross country prepaid race entries have not been completely used up and we are £ 60.00 in credit, which will be carried forward to next season.

3. Membership Report

We now have 504 members (226 Juniors and 278 adults).

Cherry is very pleased how the paysubonline system has worked so far. A couple of people had minor problems when they were trying to pay on their phone, but in general the payments work very well. It makes renewing the membership much

easier, as members are not required to come to the club to get forms and post the payments. We have already had 28% of membership fees paid even though payment is not due until 1st of April.

The system also works well for race entries and we have already had 18 online entries for the Fountain Five since the system went live.

4. **AGM**

Andrew will be able to confirm his rota for May on the 1st of April and we can then set a date for the AGM. Wendy will produce the annual accounts before the Easter Holidays and we will get Sharon Stratford to audit them before the AGM.

5. **Rack Raid**

FODAC have been invited by Fairwater Runners to take part in the Rack Raid relay on the 4th of June and we have decided to find the fastest possible team which has to be made up of at least 6 men and 6 women, 13 people for the relay. Cherry will be team captain and she will contact members to see who would like to represent the club in this race. The team does not have to be named until nearer the time.

6. **Webscorer Software**

Jacqui Wynds has used this software last year to produce race results using an Ipad/tablet. It worked very well and she renewed the subscription, which we have decided to take over from her. The cost is £ 42.00 for the year and it lets us produce race results immediately.

7. **Floodlighting and track Maintenance**

Walter Leach has told us that it would be possible to put flood lights to the far side of the track, shining on the track from the outside. The cost could be between £ 5,000 and £ 10,000. Ken Creed will discuss this with the school and he will try and establish if the track will be kept. The track belongs to the school and not the college and it seems that there are no plans to move the school, but we need to find out if the track will be kept before we consider spending this large amount.

The track will be resurfaced during the Easter Holidays and we agreed to contribute £ 1,500 toward the cost of this.

8. **New Vests**

The design chosen by members in the survey was design number one.

Richard was questioning if we should have incorporated a stripe into the new design, but it was decided that we will go with the chosen design.

Richard will find out if there are T-shirts and crop tops available too.

We will order the vests for individual members rather than holding stock. There will be a facebook post to inform people how to order. **Action: Rich**

Cherry stated that there is a way of setting paysubsonline up, so that people will be able to order the vests online too. Cherry will look into this. **Action: Cherry**

9. 35th Anniversary

This year will be FODAC's 35th anniversary and the committee would like to know if we should celebrate this with a social event, such as a picnic. Stef will ask members via facebook if and what they would like to do. **Action: Stef**

10. Forest Mile, 2nd of May and Fountain Five, 25th of May

Forest Mile: We do have to have 6 officials for the race to be recorded on Power of 10. We are currently still looking for 1 more official. We have decided that we will give the officials a gift as a thank you.

Dan will advertise the mile on facebook and to other clubs too. **Action: Dan**

Cherry and Stef have agreed to do the results again and we will need to recruit some volunteers to bake cakes and man the cake stall.

Fountain Five: Dan has done all the paperwork for the Fountain Five and is still waiting to hear from the Forestry Commission. Pete will be the adjudicator for this race.

Cherry, Stef and Jacqui ran a modified version of the course, which would avoid the possibility of runners and cani-cross having the cross paths at one junction. We should have a Thursday evening social run to see what others think of this version of Dan will advertise the Fountain Five widely. **Action: Dan.**

We also have to clear two large trees which are in the way of the route. Cherry will ask Jo Edward's husband to come and remove them safely. **Action: Cherry**

11. Club Records

Alan wanted some clarification on the club records. The committee confirmed that first and second claim club members are able to claim club records as long as they represented FODAC when they set the record.

12. Drop Box and paysubsonline Access

Cherry asked who should have access to dropbox, which contains some financial and personal information. It was decided that only Cherry, Wendy and Dan need access to this as all email addresses can be accessed through paysubsonline.

The Club Welfare officer should have read only access to all junior data on paysubsonline.

13. Any other business

Sheralyn Turner and Lara Adams have agreed to become run leaders for the 0-5k group in Lydney. We will pay for the course for them. However, until they have attended the course there needs to be a qualified coach to support them, as otherwise they would not be insured.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm. The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.