**Minutes of FODAC Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, 2nd of October 2018**

**Present:** Chris, Wendy, Cherry, Alan, Andrew C, Lisa, Dan, Jo, Melissa, Stef, Peter W, Mary and Harry

**Apologies:** Nick, Vicky and Andrew B

1. **Midland League Affiliation**

We discussed if it would still be a good idea to stay affiliated to the Midland Track and Field League, as last season we did not have many members taking part in this League. Mary and Peter stated that they would like to stay affiliated as there are not many track and field events in the area, except for some open events and the Avon League. It is particularly difficult to find good quality throwing events and we have some very good throwers who would like a chance to compete more regularly.

Mary said she will get the events calendar published as soon as she can and will try to recruit enough members to take part. Hopefully next season will be better attended as we have some U15s moving up to U17, when they are allowed to compete in the Midland League. If we have enough athletes interested in events we can arrange for transport to these events too.

YDL for U17 will not be happening next year as Hereford do not wish to join up as a team next season.

If we would like to compete in the Midland League we will also have to ensure that we can provide enough officials, as we were struggling last season.

1. **Minutes from Last Meeting and Matters arising**

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

As Wendy was not available at the last meeting she gave us the figures for the last two months, from 3rdof July.

The Income over this period came to £ 5,788.95. This was made up of training fees, 0-5k donations, Membership fees, Income from Blaisdon 10k, Coppet Hill Fell Race, Yorkley Gallop and the Autumn Mile (including cake sales at Yorkley and Mile)and pre entries for the Christmas Tree Race. We received £793.30 in Gift Aid on the membership fees (a huge benefit of the club being a charity). The expenditure for the same period was £3,345.55.

This amount was made up of EA fees, expenses for the races (prizes, first aid, water cups etc), awards for junior presentation evening, coaching courses, track/toilet hire and electricity, walkie talkie radios and admin expenses.

We decided to donate the money raised through the Mile cake sale (£52.20) to two local mental health charities (Crossroads and Teens in Crisis).

Wendy worked out the profits for our recent races. Fountain Five made £ 637.64 and Blaisdon 10k made a profit of £ 879.34.

The Profit for Yorkley Gallop is around £ 1,000.00 and we agreed that we will again donate £ 500.00 to The Great Oaks Hospice, as we have done in previous years. Chris will make arrangements for us to present a cheque to a Hospice Representative in the next few weeks.

Gwent League Cross Country: We still have a balance of £ 178.00 with Gwent League from last season, as the last race was cancelled. This will cover the affiliation fee of £ 25.00 and £ 153.00 to pay for members taking part. We agreed that we would top up when this amount has been used up.

Gloucestershire Cross Country: Cherry will pay the flat rate for the race entries and submit the team registration once she has received the team sheets from Catherine and Jools. Members who are not pre-registered will still be able to take part in

Gloucestershire League Races, but they will have to pay their own entry fees on the day.

The Gym has been booked for Junior Training on Tuesdays from 6pm to 8pm @ £ 20.00 per hour and for Saturday mornings from 9am until 10.30am @ £ 30.00 per hour. The toilet hire is still £ 10.00 per session, but during the winter months we are only paying for one evening per week, as we hire the gym and the toilet there is available for us to use.

Wendy also confirmed that she has submitted the annual report for 2017/18 to the Charity Commission.

1. **Membership Report**

We currently have 402 members (256 Seniors and 146 Juniors)

Cherry would like to do some cross checks to find out if there are some juniors who train regularly but have not joined the club. She will liaise with Andrew and the parents who do registration on a Tuesday.

Cherry has also done a stock check of vests. As we still have some old vests on stock we would like to sell them off at £ 5.00 per vest.

There is only a limited number of men’s and ladies’ vests and quite a few junior vests and crop tops.

1. **Coaching Report**

The training times for Juniors on Tuesday evening have changed for the winter season, as the sports hall at the leisure centre is no longer available.

The U11 and U13 groups will train from 6pm to 7.30pm

The Older Juniors will train from 6.30pm to 8pm.

Andrew will email all Juniors about these changes. **Action: Andrew**

The Junior presentation evening will take place at Viney Hill Football Club on the 10th of November. Andrew has ordered trophies and prizes. He is hoping that most of the Juniors will attend.

The Upper YDL (U17/U20) collaboration with Hereford is unfortunately not going ahead next season.

There will not be any junior training in the last two weeks of November for the older age groups.

1. **Changes to Constitution**

The committee have discussed some minor changes to the constitution, which can only be made with the approval of the membership. We will therefore call an EGM for Tuesday, 6th of November 2018 after the training session.

We will vote for the changes of the constitution, which will be send to members prior to the EGM. We will also present the cheque for the money raised at Yorkley Gallop to a representative of the Great Oaks Hospice and we will draw the places for the Virgin London marathon 2019. Stef will send an invitation out to all members.

**Action: Stef**

1. **Blaisdon 10k**

Cherry was informed that, if we would like to have the Blaisdon 10k race included in the Gloucestershire Road Race Championship, we will have to apply before their AGM. Stef will check with Jools if he still wants to organise the race and ask him to set a date.

Message from Jools: He is happy to organise the race and will contact the Road Championship committee to ask for it to be included. He suggested that we may have a better chance if we would attend their AGM in November, but either way he will organise the race for 16th of July.

1. **Club Championship 2019**

Steven Harris has administered and organised the club championship for the past two years and the committee feel that it may be time to have a fresh pair of eyes looking for some races and organising next year’s Championship.

We thank Steven for his hard work and dedication. It is not an easy job.

We had a couple of members express an interest in taking on this role for next year and will be contacting them. We would like to include a track event, preferably Midland League, and the committee will help with the final decisions on races to include, any bonus races to add and any other rules that may have to be clarified.

There will not be a separate Fell Championship, as, unfortunately, not many people competed in the Fell Championship in the last two years. We will hopefully include a couple of fell races in the club championship.

The Junior Championship will be arranged again in the same format as this year.

1. **First Aid Training for Coaches and Run Leaders**

We have decided that we will organise a First Aid Training Day for all coaches and run leaders who do not currently have a first aid certificate. Harry Wood has connections to book a trainer who could come to the club on a Saturday for a basic first aid course and this will be arranged as soon as possible. **Action: Harry**

1. **Presentation Evening**

Andrew Brooks will arrange the presentation evening. This will again include the presentation of Championship trophies, Club Member of the Year, as voted for by members and some other ‘surprise’ prizes. More details are to follow.

1. **Review of our races**

With most of our races done this year we did a quick review of the races.

It was decided that we should keep the following races:

-Spring Mile

-Fountain Five

-Blaisdon 10k

-Coppet Hill Fell Race

-Yorkley Gallop (although the pre-booking for this was lower than expected, we still had 104 runners, so it was decided to keep the race in our programme)

-Halloween Relay

-Christmas Tree Race

We have decided against the Autumn Mile, as there didn’t seem to be too much enthusiasm for this event this year. If members are interested in a mile race in the Autumn, there is the County Championship Mile which usually takes place in the first week of September.

We need to ensure that we apply for the race licences with the Forestry Commission early, as it seems to take a long time now to get the approval.

1. **Digital Timer**

Alan has found the digital timer to be broken. He will see if he can fix it, but if he can’t he will try and order a new one.

1. **Any Other Business**

One of our members, Harry Wood, has offered to become a Coach in Running Fitness, to coach some of the younger, speedier adults towards target races and track events.

Michael Flannery, Run Leader for the 0-5k groups, would like to have more interaction between the club and the groups. He has asked if we could have some club representatives attend some of the group training evenings and if group members come to Tuesday training session, we could offer to buddy up with them to explain more about the club and training.

Chris and Stef will do a Kit Stock Take in the next few weeks, so that we know what equipment is owned by the club.

The meeting ended at 9.15.

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed.