**Minutes of FODAC Committee Meeting, Tuesday, 8th of January 2019**

**Present:** Chris, Alan, Wendy, Cherry, Lisa, Melissa, Andrew B, Andrew C, Vicky, Stef

Harry W and Andy T

**Apologies:** Dan, Nick, Jo

1. **Championship**

Harry and Andy joined the meeting to discuss the championship. As decided at the previous meeting any marathon can be counted as one of the 8 races towards the championship, there won’t be any other bonus points for a marathon.

Track and Field (Midland League and Avon League): members can claim 2 bonus points per meeting attended.

Cross Country races attended will also attract 2 bonus points per race in both leagues.

There will be no Age graded overall championship, but age category prizes for VET 40/50/60/70.

Members must enter championship races at Forest of Dean AC and must be EA affiliated members. The championship coordinators will not check race results for members who entered the race under a different club name (like FODAC, Forest etc)

The races from April onwards must be finalised as soon as possible. Alan and Dan will get together to finalise the list and Harry and Andy will administer the championship.

**Action: Alan, Dan, Harry, Andy.**

All information must go on Facebook as soon as possible and Alan will link Harry’s email address to the championship page**. Action:** **Alan**

Harry and Andy left the meeting

1. **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the last meeting were found to be a true record.

The committee have voted for the most improved male and female member of the year.

Lisa left the meeting at 8.05pm

1. **Treasurer’s report**

The current bank balance is £ 19,250.

Wendy will do a full report for the next meeting.

The Christmas Tree race was a fantastic success again. We took £ 2,309.00 and the expenditure was approximately £ 1,165.00 leaving a profit of £ 1,143.00. We used Ross First responders for first aid, which worked out cheaper than St John’s Ambulance Service and they are probably more qualified to deal with incidents during an off-road race. (cost £ 50.00). We decided we would donate £ 75.00 to Ellwood School for the use of their car park. A big thank you to Jacqui and Tim for organising the race and to all members who volunteered to make it a big success.

The mob-match at Moseley Green with the Chepstow Harriers was won by FODAC. Well done everyone! This cost the club £ 275.00 (for chip timing, trophy and food at the Rising Sun). We all agreed that this was money well spent as we had a great turnout and it was a good competition between the two clubs.

The other big expense we have paid last month was the affiliation fee of £ 361.00 for the Youth Development League.

1. **Membership Report**

We currently have 434 members (277 adults and 157 juniors). Since the first of January we had 8 new members taking advantage of the 15 months for the price of 12 offer. Cherry will advertise this offer again. **Action: Cherry**

So far, we only had 6 bookings for the presentation evening, but this may have something to do with the fact that people were waiting for payday, before they would book this.

The new name for paysubsonline is now loveadmin. It seems to have been re-branded, but the website still works in the same way.

The problems we experienced with paypal payments now seem to be resolved, but because we had so many problems with the site with online bookings for the Christmas Tree race we may need to review if we still want to book races through this site or go with one of the more popular sites.

1. **Coaching Report**

Andrew is still writing the summer coaching programme for the juniors.

Jo Ablett has agreed to become an athletics coach and will go on a course in the near future. Thank you, Jo!

Andrew was pleased to see more adults taking advantage of the strength and conditioning training after the track session today. He said they seem to enjoy it and the session went well, although he may have to tweak it a bit as the juniors are slightly more advanced than some of the adults.

1. **First Aid Course**

The First Aid Course is booked, everyone has done their online learning and the main session with Mark Powell will take place in the Memorial Hall, Parkend, on Saturday, 12th of January from 11.00am to 6.00pm. The cost for the Memorial Hall Hire is £ 30.00.

1. **Presentation Evening**

As we only have 6 bookings so far, we need to make sure that we advertise the event as much as we can. Andrew will post something on the Facebook page and we will mention it at every training session.

Steven Harris needs to give us the winners of the main championship and the age graded championship, so we can get the trophies engraved. All, but one trophy have been returned and Stef will get them engraved in Monmouth. **Action: Stef**

There was a query over the cross-country prizes as one of the winners has left the club. We decided that we would bump up the next person in the table.

Andrew has organised lots of raffle prizes. Stef will ask for a meal at the Fountain. **Action: Stef**

1. **Welfare Officer**

Our current welfare officer has not been around due to many other commitments and it seems that they would probably not mind being relived of the role.

We need to have someone, who is a bit more involved with the club. Chris will write to the current welfare officer to find out what their plans are. **Action: Chris**

We will have to find someone who is, preferably, converse with Safeguarding. The role is defined by EA as a Safeguarding Compliance and Wellbeing Officer.

1. **News on Five Acres Devlopment**

The Regeneration Officer will keep us in the loop. As far as we know the ownership is still with homes England. Nothing else has happened.

In the meantime, we will have to make the community more aware of the club, by sending lots of reports and photos to the press at all times. Chris will have a chat with Mark W. (press officer)

UPDATE: Since the committee meeting, I have had an email from FANS that West Dean Paris Council have received the transfer and sale paper work from Homes England in relation to the playing fields site.

The FODDC are now hopeful of a swift settlement in relation to the rest of the site.

We want to send out a press release in our bid to find a suitable site for the throwing team. Andrew C will put a report and photographs together that we can send off to all newspapers.

We were wondering if we could get Andy Lewis involved in working with us to find a suitable site and to promote the club.

1. **Any other business**

We need to look at our race programme for this year and decide who will be race director for each of our races.

We should apply for permits as soon as possible. Chris will check with Dan to confirm dates that we have already decided on. **Action: Chris, Alan**

Cherry has heard that the forestry are not keen on midweek evening races anymore and may not grant permits for our Thursday evening races. This is a reason, why we do have to apply for permits as soon as possible, so we can re-arrange dates/days if we have to.

Andrew C wanted to find out more about the Mallard’s Pike parkrun, which the Forestry Commission have applied for.

The Forestry have funding and are currently looking for a core team. Cherry has heard that they have had quite a few offers and it looks like the parkrun at Mallards Pike will go ahead. This will be in addition to the other parkruns in the Forest of Dean.

Andrew C asked for permission to buy some more hammer handles and lighter hammers. He will let us know the cost, but there shouldn’t be a problem with this.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 12th of February after training.