**Minutes of FODAC Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, 9th of April 2019**

**Present:** Chris, Alan, Cherry, Wendy, Lisa, Dan, Andrew B, Nick, Vicky, Walter, Stef

**Apologies:** Andrew C, Jo, Melissa

1. **Walter: Bathurst Party in Park Race**

Walter is asking the Athletic Club for assistance with a 5k race on the 6th of July, which will be part of the Party in the Park celebrations in Lydney.

During the day he will organise some children’s races and then he would like to organise a 5k race with a route taking in parts of the park, the canal and ,crossing over the new railway bridge, the lake and parts of the parkrun course.

He asked if the club would be able to offer online entry and public liability insurance and he wanted this to be joined venture between the club and the Bathurst and Rec Trusts, with the club overseeing the event and then helping with timing and entries. Walter would provide the marshals for this race.

The committee suggested that this may be quite costly, as he would have to have a race licence from RunBritain to get the insurance and the online entries cost £0.50 per booking plus 1 %. As he is only planning to charge around £ 3.00, he would not raise much money through the race.

We suggested that he should check with the Trusts organising the whole event, as they would have insurance anyway and as the race is part of the day, hopefully this will be covered by their insurance.

With regards to online entries, it was decided that it would be easier to set up a Facebook page and ask people to ‘sign up’ for the race there, and then pay on the day. Walter was concerned that he would not know how many people would be interested in the race if they didn’t sign up beforehand, but the Facebook option is much more cost effective.

The club is happy to provide the timing system and people to do registration from about 3.30pm onwards and time keeping. We will also lend signs to mark the run route.

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

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

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

As Wendy is in the middle of finishing the End of Year accounts, she did not give a detailed report this time.

The current bank balance is £ 20,500 as of 31st March 2019.

We have just banked £ 1,700 for membership payments (some of this will be paid to England Athletics for affiliation).

There are payments of £ 600 and £ 500 going out for the Cotswold Way Relay and the Midland League Affiliation.

Wendy also pointed out that we recently received £ 1170 from a Gift Aid Claim. This amount included gift aid from the donations we receive from the 0-5k and 5-10k groups. Chris thanked Wendy for doing the gift aid claims, which generate a good additional income for the club.

1. **Membership Report**

We currently have 417 members (270 adults and 147 Juniors)

Anyone who has recently decided not to renew their membership has already been taken off the system. Approximately 57% of members have so far paid their renewal. Cherry stated that on the 24th of April last year we had 64% paid, so we are on track.

She will send another reminder to members who have not yet renewed their membership and she will also remind Juniors through the Junior Facebook page, as junior members are the largest percentage of members who have not yet renewed their membership. At the end of June anyone, who has not paid their membership, will automatically be taken off the system. **Action: Cherry**

Race entries through Love admin: we have had 25 entries for the Fountain 5 and only 11 entries for the Forest mile.

We need to push the Forest Mile and remind members that it is taking place on the 7th of May.

Andrew B questioned why we can’t get more people to attend the presentation evenings when we have so many members. We will discuss this at a later date.

1. **Forest Mile and Fountain 5**

The Forest Mile will take place on the 7th of May.

We will have to check if we have enough Junior medals. **Action: Stef**

Vicky will organise the cake stall again. She will do a shout-out for cake donations and volunteers to man the stall. She is also in contact with the James Hopkinson Trust as we decided we would donate the cake stall donations to them. **Action: Vicky**

Dan will do a shout-out for volunteers. **Action: Dan**

The Fountain 5 will take place on the 23rd of May.

The pub is booked and entries are open. The route map is on the website. Cherry said that the Forestry are still working in there but seem to be clearing the path we are using. We are still waiting for the permission from the Forestry Commission.

Michael Marks has agreed to be Race Director on the day. We will also need someone the mark out the course with him. He should be doing a shout-out for volunteers.

It was discussed that some volunteer roles are more popular than others and that we may have to share certain roles out.

1. **Future Races**

Yorkley Gallop, we don’t think we would get permission to run it as an evening race in early September, as the Forestry are not too keen on granting too many permits for evening events.

Dan has been looking into alternative races we could organise.

One would be a fast flat 5k around the Industrial Estate in Cinderford. This would be interesting to a lot of runners, as the Hereford 5k series is not going ahead this year.

Dan is currently looking at possible routes and parking/headquarters for this. He approached the college, but as the close at 6.00pm they were not keen to get involved.

Another race idea is a Downhill/Uphill race from Christchurch into the Wye Valley. This would be a 5k race (one way) and there are a few possibilities how this could be run. Runners could either do one way only, race both ways or we could offer a relay of one downhill and one uphill runner. Again, Dan is looking for options for Race Headquarters and parking.

Blaisdon: Jools has applied for the RunBritain licence and will open for entries in early May.

1. **Club Uniform**

We have had a lady from a company called Ruggerbug at the club, who showed us training kit and coaches’ kit which can be customised by them.

Chris is trying to get her to come to the Forest Mile to show members what kit she has available. **Action: Chris**

We are looking at items like hoodies, jackets, tracksuits, training t-shirts etc. The company can also customise shorts, hats, and even things like wallets, mugs etc.

The committee agreed that we would replace any coaches’ kit that is worn out, or buy kit for new coaches (Jacket, bottoms and Polo-shirt). This will be for Qualified coaches, who accompany members to events. At the moment this will not include run leaders.

1. **Coach to Swansea 10k**

We were recently asked if the club would organise a coach for the Swansea 10k this year. When the question was asked on Facebook there was not much interest, but it will be worth asking the question again to gauge interest. In the first instance this coach would be for members only, but we would open it to non-members if there were places left nearer the time. We will charge for the coach, but the cost will be subsidised by the club.

Alan will post again on Facebook and will also hang a list in the hut for members to indicate if they would be interested. **Action: Alan**

1. **Wyedean Relay**

This new event, organised by Rogue Runs, will take on the 10th of August and we decided to enter 3 teams. The club will pay the entries for the teams (£ 50.00 per team) and Alan and Dan will enter and organise the teams. **Action: Alan, Dan**

1. **Any other business**

The AGM will take place on the 10th of May at the Rising Sun, Moseley Green. There will be chips and sandwiches after the meeting.

Stef will hang a nomination paper up in the club hut.

Any committee member who would like to stand down, should let us know.

We will still need more coaches for the Junior sections. Need to do another shout-out.

We are still awaiting a final agreement on the throwing area at Bream RFC. Nick will liaise with them, once we have got the agreement.

Lisa and Nick, both declared an interest in this.

We need someone to step up to become a throwing coach, if we are investing time and money in the throwing area. Chris will speak to Andrew to see who may be interested. **Action: Chris**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm