**Minutes of FODAC Committee Meeting, Tuesday, 12th of October 2021**

**Present:** Alan, Patrick, Wendy, Emma, Dan, Mark, Linda, Jo, Stef

**Apologies:** Mary

**Not present: Nicola**

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

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

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

The Income since the last meeting was £ 847.16. This amount was made up of Training fees, Membership and EA fees, Sale of Club Kit and income from the Forest Lottery. Expenditure of £871.33 was for Coaching Courses, Safeguarding Courses, coaches clothing, travel to coaching course and UKA fees for Orchard Time Trial.

The Current bank balance if £ 13,244.97.

Wendy is going to book the gym for the winter season for Saturday morning sessions only. We will book it for 1 hour from 9.00 until 10.00am and then the training will be outside for the last 30 mins of the session. We will not book the gym for Tuesday evenings as there are not enough juniors in the session and the session is a running session, which can be done on the track.

Wendy has contacted both cross country leagues so we can prepay for our teams. Gloucester League will charge a total of £24.00 for each senior runner and £ 12.00 for Juniors. They will then deduct 25% off the total. This allows for runners not attending all four meetings.

Gwent League are charging £4.00 for seniors and £1.00 for juniors per race.

Stef will send an email to all members to remind them that they will have to pre-register for the Gloucestershire League. **Action: Stef**

1. **Membership Report**

We currently have 260 members (201 Seniors and 59 Juniors) of whom 144 are EA registered.

Emma is still struggling with paypal payments, but had lots of payments through go cardless which seems to run well.

1. **Junior Training and Competitions#**

Jo stated that we are very short of Junior Coaches for a Saturday morning and that she is the only level 2 coach, so sessions should not go ahead if she is not available. She has a few weeks during November when she won’t be available and the sessions may have to be cancelled if we can’t find another level 2 coach to help out. Alan will speak to Pete Compton to see if he could coach some of the sessions. **Action: Alan.**

We can’t currently commit to any Junior Competitions as we do not have enough parent helpers to be team managers for these events. We will not be sending teams to this winter’s Sportshall competition and we also can’t join next year’s YDL competitions for this reason.

Next Year there will only be track and field competitions for Juniors at Avon League, but we will have to find Team Managers/Helpers for these events.

We will update parents via email/newsletter to see if we can find some volunteers. **Action: Jo/Stef**

We will also organise a mini Sportshall competition to showcase the event and get parents interested.

In early spring we will organise an Open Day to get children and their parents interested in Track and Field Competitions.

**Action: Jo, Alan**

1. **Club App**

We discussed in the previous meeting that our website is old-fashioned and that people are using their phones more regularly. We were recommended Club App. An app that we can tailor to suit the club. Alan is currently looking into this. We can have information such as the training sessions, cancelled sessions, races, Social Runs, kit shop etc on it. It will even work for membership payments, which would make Love Admin redundant. Alan is currently developing the content and we have got a trial until January. He will send information to the committee to trial use the app. **Action: Alan**

The app will cost around £260.00 per year, so is good value.

1. **Christmas Tree Race**

Emma has sent off for the Forestry Commission permit. She could apply for this on the 1st of October. We will have to start advertising the race as soon as possible. Emma will set up an event and we will share widely. Jacqui has set the race up on Run Britain. Emma is currently looking into medals.

We will serve soup after the race again but may have to consider how this would be done Covid safe and if we can have all participants in the hall. Perhaps we will have to introduce a one-way system and, weather permitting, keep people outside as much as possible.

1. **Any Other Business**

Alan would like to organise a club outing to a race, to get lots of members to have a day out together. We should keep it to a 10k distance with some Junior races if possible. Swansea is one option for later in the year, but the Bath Tunnels Race was suggested and Wendy will make enquiries with Relish Running to find out when entries open and if they would offer a discount if we booked as a group. **Action: Wendy**

When we know details, we will let members know how to book and we will organise a coach to take us.

The Meeting ended at 8.35pm.

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed.