Minutes of short FODAC Meeting

28th November 2023

Present: Alan, Jacqui, Dan, Gary, Stef and representatives of the Rotary Club (Chris Hammersley, Ian Storrar and John Matthews

1. **Christmas Tree Race**
   The following have already been arranged:
   First Aid
   School parking
   Football Club and Catering
   Sponsor for prizes (TMP £100.00 and Ashleigh Bailey for Canicross prizes)

   Dan will organise medals or mementoes.
   Juniors are getting the medals we have left from previous race. (Jacqui has ribbon to use on the medals)
   Stef will buy prizes:
   Top 3 men/women
   10 year age category prizes male and female from VET 40 to VET 70.
   Beer/cider/biscuits
   Juniors Top 3 boy/girl and box of chocolates for all to take some at finish
   Canicross male and female
   Prize for Fancy dress
   Fleet Trophy for whoever embraces the mud
   Jacqui will show Gary the course and marshall points and will put out advance notices.
   We need to do another shoutout for marshals and someone to do a course check first thing in the morning.
   Alan will be responsible for timing and we need 2 people for manual timing back-up.

2. **Forest of Dean Spring and Autumn Half Marathons**
   The three gentlemen from the Rotary Club came to discuss if the athletic club would like to be involved in the running of the two Half Marathon Events. Alan stated that we would be interested in general, but we do not have the experience to organise large scale events. We could definitely help with registration and marshalling duties and possibly set up in the days prior to the events and clearing of the field afterwards.
   The Rotary Club are very anxious to keep the events going as they generate a large amount of income for charity. All groups who are involved with the events such as Scouts, Brownies Cadets etc benefit from the donations, which would useful for the Athletic Club too.

It was discussed that it is rather difficult to get enough marshals for the events and Stef suggested that people may be more willing to help if they are offered and incentive such as a free entry to the next race. Apart from marshals there are also people needed to work on the field, help with set up and close down.
Tony Marshall has been in touch with the Rotary as he is interested in greater involvement.
We were asked to discuss our interest at the next committee meeting and then meet again with the Rotary. We need to find a better time for a meeting as very few runners would be available on a Saturday morning.
The Spring Half Marathon is already selling well.

3. **Any other business**
   Stef suggested that we should get a thank you for Gary, Jess and Ashleigh for their involvement with the Junior Training.

   The Membership report and Treasurer's report will be sent out once they have been submitted.