

Minutes of FODAC Committee Meeting, 18th April 2023

Present: Alan, Wendy, Dan, Mark, Vicky, Mary, Linda, Stef

Apologies: Patrick, Emma

1. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters arising

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

2. Treasurer's Report

Wendy stated that the membership renewals are coming in steadily.

The current bank balance is £17,417.82. The recent payments we made were £150.00 for the EA club affiliation and £ 44.85 to the Hereford x country league for last season.

We have finally got a club debit card which can be used to book the track hire and other expenses. Wendy will now pay for 2 teams for the Cotswold Way Relay.

Our track booking had been paid for until the end of March. Wendy will now pay until the end of July. The amount will be £ 1,105.00 which is £45.00 for the Tuesday sessions (2 hours) and for the Thursday session £20.00 (1Hour).

Wendy has balanced the end of year reports and is sending them to Sharon Stratford for auditing prior to the AGM.

3. Membership Report

Unfortunately, Emma was unable to attend the meeting but Alan explained that we have a steady stream of membership renewals coming in and the App is working well. Another reminder to renew the membership will be going out at the end of April.

4. Club Races/Club Championship

Alan explained that the coaches have decided to have a club championship with a focus on 4 nominated races: Rose Inn (any one in the series), Tintern Trot, Magic Roundabout and Swansea 10k. The training will focus on 5k and 10k runs. Towards the end of the year and into next spring we will add some more races as focus race, including cross country and we will then arrange for an awards evening in April to celebrate the championship. There will be an age graded championship too.

If there is enough interest for the Swansea 10k, we will organise a coach to Swansea. Scott Berry has agreed to coordinate all cross-country races for next season and we are also taking part in the Hereford Summer Cross Country.

5. Track and Field

We are not taking part in the Avon League this year as there are not enough track and field athletes and team managers to warrant the expense.

However, we have good a very good crop of Junior athletes who are going to compete in the Youth Development League (YDL) in a joint team with Hereford AC.

Becky Holland has agreed to organise the Junior Track and Field team.

Brian from Hereford is organising a junior competition.

The adults have teamed up with Hereford and County for the Midland League as the two clubs complement each other well. They have more sprint specialists whereas our runners prefer the middle distances.

Alan asked the committee to agree a donation of £ 250.00 towards the Hereford track. The committee agreed to this.

There will be a training day at the Hereford track for Juniors to get used to the track prior to competitions. Alan will liaise with Hereford **Action: Alan**

Alan had a meeting with the school regarding the track and the school are still keen to be included in the proposals for the new sports and leisure facility, which should consider a new track.

6. Fountain 5

Dan has spoken to the Forestry Commission and they stated that the permit should not be a problem. Entries are coming in slowly, but Dan is hoping for about 70 entries. We will push the race again through Social Media. **Action: Dan, Stef**

Alan is going to book the burger van. **Action: Alan**

Mark has agreed to do First Aid.

Alan has confirmed with Jools that the Blaisdon10k race will go ahead on the 13th of July. It has been added into the Gloucestershire Road Race Championship and therefore will be very popular.

7. AGM

We will book the AGM for Wednesday 17th of June at 6.30pm at the Rising Sun.

Stef will book venue and advertise. **Action: Stef**

8. Any other business

Mary was asking who is responsible for press releases. Mark asked for members to send him information on either Sunday evening or early Monday morning as the deadline for the papers is Monday lunchtime.

There have been some reports in the papers recently which were submitted by other members of the committee.

It was decided that we would do a report to the papers about all marathon achievements (Manchester, Newport and London) all together after London.

We will also do a report after the AGM celebrating big achievements. **Action: Mark**

Dan asked if we should update the website. Alan will have a look at it with Jason.

Action: Alan

Vicky pointed out that the junior part needed a good overhaul.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.

The next meeting will be the AGM on the 17th of May at 6.30pm

