

Minutes of FODAC Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 19th September 2023

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

Apologies: Patrick, Mary, Emma

1. Chair's Report

Alan had nothing to report, but thanked the committee members for attending the meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report

We currently have £ 16,233.43 in the bank account. Since the 1st April we have taken £ 1,425.00 in Membership payments. Emma refunded £ 2087.66 to Run Forest Run (the money we had banked for them).

She is still working out the amount of track fees we have taken (approximately £ 650.00) as we paid some expenses back to members from the track cash. Wendy had previously paid £780.00 track hire fees which took us to the end of July. Emma will pay for August and September as soon as the bank has sorted the debit card, as the school do not want to be paid by bank transfer.

Emma has still got to finalise the profit for Fountain 5 and Blaisdon as she has had payments (£1618.53) from Run Britain but she needs to find out which race they should be allocated to. She also had £ 244.79 from Sum up which needs to be allocated. (Track fees or race entries?)
The Coppett Hill race made a profit of £ 136.00.

3. Membership Report

We currently have 204 members (adults and Juniors)

4. Christmas Tree Race

The date for the Christmas Tree Race will be the 17th of December. Dan will apply for the Forestry England licence as soon as possible. Jacqui has already applied for the Run Britain licence. **Action: Dan** We have asked members to help with the organisation of the race and had Jason Collins and Lynn Moore offering to help. Although Emma does not want to be in charge of the race, she has offered to mark the course with Jacqui.

Alan has been given £100.00 from TMP to sponsor the race. We will use this money to buy prizes for the main race. (We will ensure that TMP will be mentioned in prize giving and we will display sign with sponsor in the hall.) We will do prizes as usual: 1st, 2nd, 3rd male/female and the 40/50/60/70 male and female age categories.

We will still look for other sponsors. Linda is asking a Vets if they would like to sponsor the canicross race. **Action: Linda**

Junior race prizes will be 1st Primary School age Boy/Girl, 1st secondary school age Boy/Girl, all juniors taking part will receive a treat (Chocolate coin or similar)

The race entries will be £12.00/£14.00 to include soup.

Vicky will put a drinks request in at Santori for Lucozade at the finish **Action: Vicky**

Jacqui has already booked Ross First Responders for First Aid Cover.

Stef has got lots of old medals left from various Christmas Tree races which we should recycle with new ribbons rather than buying more medals.

We have decided not to renew the licence for the Walkie Talkies as it is quite expensive and we have not really made any use of them.

5. Club Kit

Alan is currently looking into introducing a new club vest. He will have some samples made up for us to discuss at the next meeting. The committee were not sure if we should change the kit again, however, everyone agreed that the current vests are too warm and uncomfortable. **Action: Alan**

6. Club Championship

Alan has been working on the current club championship and the following races are included in the competition: 2 x 5k track time trial, all cross country races, any of the local parkruns, Tintern Trot, Rose Inn, Magic Roundabout.

Alan will collate the current standings and publish them on the app and the Facebook page and will inform members of any further races that will be part of the championship. **Action: Alan**

The Club Championship will run until the end of March with a presentation at the AGM/Social event at the end of April.

7. Forest Mile

Chepstow Harriers have asked if we would organise a Forest Mile this year. We decided that it is a little bit too late for this year, but we will organise it for the first Tuesday evening after the clocks go forward in March (26.3.24). We will advise Chepstow, who will hopefully join us for this event and we will follow the usual format with junior races, then adult races in predicted finishing time heats.

Alan will check with Chepstow to see if their offer of timing the races still stands. **Action: Alan**

8. Any Other Business

Mark told us that the new Forest Ranger, Jonathan Blair will be contacting the club to look into organising some family events in connection with the athletic club.

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We will ask members to only put their name forward if they are able to commit to 3 out of the 4 races, as last year we had lots of members expressing an interest in the races, but then they could not do any of the races and we still had to pay for them. This does not mean that if you can't do 3 races, you can't run in any of them. All members should do is, pre enter the races in the week prior to the event and then claim the money back afterwards. That way we avoid paying for members who are not able to make the races, they thought they may be able to do.