

THE FELL RUNNERS ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Minutes of the annual general meeting of the company held at The Old Dungeon Ghyll Hotel, Langdale, Ambleside, Cumbria on Saturday 27 July 2013 at 4.30 pm.

1. **Members present:** 25 in person, 0 by proxy. **Apologies:** 6.
2. **Minutes of the 2012 annual general meeting.** It was proposed by Graham Breeze and seconded by Andy Watts and then resolved that the minutes of the last annual general meeting of the company be approved.
3. **Joint Report prepared on behalf of the Chairman and General Secretary.** This report had been made available in advance of the meeting. Copies were also available. The report was taken as read. The Chair confirmed that a 4 day period at the end of September had been set aside for the inquest into the death of Brian Belfield and that the FRA has been called to attend as an interested party. It was proposed by Thirza Hyde, seconded by Graham Breeze and then resolved that the report be approved.
4. **Treasurer's report.** The accounts for approval had been made available with the notice of the meeting. The Treasurer took the meeting through the salient points of his report. The accounts were the first full set for the limited company. The policy for accounting for subscriptions had changed. The corporation tax position had been reviewed. This was no different from when the Association had been an unincorporated association. Certain types of activity were likely taxable but any chargeable profits were offset by deductible expenditure and no corporation tax bill was expected. (Subscriptions were not taxable as a mutual item.) As regards subscriptions, these had been stable for a number of years. With increased spending on a range of activities in recent years, whilst there was no need for a review of subscription levels for 2014, the Treasurer indicated that a review would be needed for 2015 and an increase was almost certain. There would be challenges ahead when cheques were withdrawn as a method of payment. In answer to a question from Andy Howie about current cash balances, the Treasurer reported that the company had cash in the bank of around £72,000. However expenditure for 2 editions of *The Fellrunner* and the 2013 Calendar and Handbook still had to be settled. Overall, the company remained in a sound financial situation. It was proposed by Morgan Williams and seconded by Wendy Dodds and then resolved that the Treasurer's report and the accounts be approved.
5. **Election of Officers and the Executive Committee.**
 - a) The Chairman noted with grateful thanks on behalf of the membership the retirement of Britta Sendlhofer as Magazine Editor, Mark Hobson as Statistician (for a second period), Rod Sutcliffe as Welfare Officer, Chris Knox as Access and Environment Officer and Morgan Williams as General Secretary.
 - b) **Officers.** The following Officers were **elected unopposed**. Chairman – Madeleine Watson. Secretary – Nick Harris. Assistant Secretary –

office vacant. Treasurer – Andy Watts. Membership Secretary – Pete Bland. Fixtures Secretary – Andy Butler. Championships Coordinator – Jonathan Broxap. Environment and Access – Catherine Evans. Magazine Editor – office vacant. Website Officer – Brett Weeden. International Selection Committee Chair – Anne Buckley. Coaching Co-ordinator - Graeme Woodward. Welfare Officer – office vacant. FRA Representative to the UK Athletics Mountain Running Advisory Group - Alan Barlow. Statistician – Ian Hartman. Junior Co-ordinator – Duncan Richards.

c) **Club Representatives.** There were three advance nominations. The following were **elected unopposed**: Andrew Schofield (Borrowdale), Graham Breeze (Wharfedale Harriers) and Alan Brentnall (Pennine).

d) **Membership Representatives.** There were three advance nominations. The following were **elected unopposed**: Andy Walmsley (Bowland), Andy Howie (Pennine) and Thirza Hyde (Calder Valley).

The Chair reported that nominations had been received for the posts of Magazine Editor, Welfare Officer and one Club Representative. These nominations would be considered by the committee, which had the power to fill vacancies, at its September meeting.

6. **Election of auditor.** The Treasurer proposed, the Chair seconded and it was resolved that Mike Welford be re-elected as auditor.

7. **Close.** The Chair then closed the meeting. As usual, there was an open discussion on fell running matters after the formal business was complete.