



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE AGM, JULY 2013

Introduction

This report summarises the work of the Executive Committee since the last AGM. On your behalf, I am very grateful for the support of the whole Committee during the year, for the many hours that they have spent ensuring the organisation functions smoothly. I am particularly grateful to Graham Breeze who has been the main liaison with Cumbria Constabulary on the incident at the Buttermere Sailbeck race.

FRA Limited Accounts

It has been a short “year” due to the requirement to lodge accounts with Companies House for the first year of operation since the Fell Runners Association was incorporated in January 2012. A summary set of accounts will be lodged with Companies House following the AGM. A slightly fuller set of accounts is presented here with explanatory notes for members.

Incident at Buttermere Sailbeck Race 29th April 2012

Following the death of Brian Belfield at the above event, the police have now gathered their evidence, including a statement from the FRA, and it is currently with the Coroner. A date for the Inquest has not yet been set.

Safety and Equipment Sub-group

A sub-group of the Executive Committee has been formed to review aspects of safety in FRA fell races. A revised document is being produced which brings together the various documents on this subject. It also attempts to clarify the requirements, particularly in terms of the runner’s responsibilities (as opposed to the race organiser’s), and more emphasis on runner safety. There are a few changes in the substance of the requirements, mainly around competition numbers, race monitoring (with more use of FRA radios) and requiring waterproof as core standard rather than windproof. Any views that members have will be taken into account in finalising the document, which we aim to have ready in Autumn this year for inclusion in the 2014 calendar.

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