

THE FELL RUNNERS ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Minutes of the annual general meeting of the company held at Kendal Leisure Centre, Burton Road, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 7HX on Saturday 26 July 2014 at 14.00 pm.

- 1. Members present:** 16 in person, 23 by proxy. **Apologies: 5.**
- 2. Minutes of the 2013 annual general meeting.** It was proposed by Wendy Dodds and seconded by Ian Hartman 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. It was proposed by Wendy Dodds, seconded by Eve Simpson and then resolved that the report be approved.
- 4. A. Treasurer's report.** The accounts for approval had been made available with the agenda for the meeting. The Treasurer took the meeting through the salient points of his report. It was proposed by Wendy Dodds and seconded by Ian Hartman and then resolved that the Treasurer's report and the accounts be approved.

B. Subscriptions. Members had been notified as part of the agenda for the meeting of a proposal by the Executive Committee to increase the membership subscriptions from 1 Jan 2015 as follows:

	Current	Proposed
Senior	£12	£16
Family	£18	£24
Life	£150	£200
Junior	£8	£8 (no change)

The Treasurer took members through the proposal and the reason why the Executive Committee felt it necessary to propose that the subscriptions be increased for the first time in 11 years. He further reported on ongoing considerations being given to a change in the way the membership is administered by Sport-ident, including a move from the use of standing orders to the use of direct debits, although payment by cheque would still remain an option.

It was proposed by Wendy Dodds and seconded by Dennis Wood and then resolved that the increase in the membership subscriptions be approved, to come into effect from 1 Jan 2015.

5. Election of Officers and the Executive Committee.

- a) Nomination form.** The Chairman reported that, as suggested by John Blair-Fish at the previous annual general meeting, that a nomination form had been introduced for 2014.

- b) **Retirements.** The Chairman noted with grateful thanks, on behalf of the membership, the retirement of Alan Barlow, MRAG representative; Catherine Brennan, Access and Environment Officer; Alan Brentnall, Club representative; Thirza Hyde and Andy Howie, both Member representatives.
 - c) **Officers.** The following Officers were **elected unopposed**. Chairman – Madeleine Watson. Secretary – Nick Harris. Assistant Secretary – office vacant. Treasurer – Andy Watts. Membership Officer – office vacant. Fixtures Secretary – Andy Butler. Championships Coordinator – Jonathan Broxap. Magazine Editor – Richard Reeve. Website Officer – Brett Weeden. International Selection Committee Chair – Anne Buckley. Coaching Co-ordinator - Graeme Woodward. Welfare Officer – Ian Lewis. FRA Representative to the UK Athletics Mountain Running Advisory Group – office vacant. Statistician – Ian Hartman. Access and Environment Officer – office vacant. Junior Co-ordinator – Duncan Richards.
 - d) **Club Representatives.** There were four nominations. The following were **elected unopposed**: Andrew Schofield (Borrowdale FR), Graham Breeze (Wharfedale Harriers), Ian Winterburn (DPFR) and Mike Robinson (DPFR)
 - e) **Membership Representatives.** There were no nominations so the positions were left vacant.
6. **Executive Committee membership resolution being proposed by the Executive Committee.** The Chairman introduced a proposal to make changes to the composition of the Executive Committee by deleting the post of Assistant Secretary; renaming “FRA Representative to the UK Athletics Mountain Running Advisory Group” to “FRA Liaison Officer to Athletics Bodies”; reducing the number of club and member representatives to a total of 4 and restricting the period of office for new members of the Committee to 10 years. If approved, changes to the Articles of Association would be brought to the 2015 AGM. It was proposed by Wendy Dodds, seconded by Eve Simpson and then resolved that the resolution be approved.
7. **Election of auditor.** The Treasurer proposed, the Chair seconded and it was resolved that Mike Welford be re-elected as auditor.
8. **Close.** The Chair then closed the meeting. As usual, there was an open discussion on fell running matters after the formal business was complete.