

## **Annual General Meeting of The Fell Runners Association Limited 2016**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Fell Runners Association Limited ("the FRA") held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Marl Pits, Newchurch Road, Rossendale, BB4 7SN.

### **Present**

Thirty members of the FRA were present plus proxies received from two members. Apologies for absence had been received from thirteen members.

Nick Harris chaired the meeting.

### **Proposed Resolutions**

Nick Harris invited David Rosen to make a statement about the manner in which draft resolutions, submitted to the General Secretary by two members, had been dealt with.

David Rosen contended that two draft resolutions, which had been properly proposed and seconded, were not included in the formal agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the FRA. He further contended that the failure to include the two resolutions in the formal agenda amounted to a breach of company law and was contrary to the Articles of Association of the FRA.

Nick Harris responded that there was no provision in the Articles which required the two draft resolutions in question to be dealt with as part of the formal business of the Annual General Meeting. He added that further advice would be sought and the matter would then be discussed at the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> September. The decision of the Executive Committee would then be published.

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2015**

It was proposed by Brett Weeden and seconded by Chris Jones that the minutes, which had been published, of the Annual General Meeting of the FRA held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

- Resolved that the minutes be so accepted.

### **Chair's Remarks**

Nick Harris reported that a former Secretary of the FRA, Morgan Williams, was in hospital for an operation on a badly damaged knee. A card, to be sent to Morgan Williams, was available for members to sign.

Following last year's Annual General Meeting, Nick Harris found himself to be both Chair and Secretary. In February the Executive Committee appointed Steve Cliff to the position of General Secretary. Nick Harris expressed his thanks for the work done by Steve Cliff and his team since February, including Len I'Anson who had stepped up to help with administrative matters including taking the Committee minutes.

Nick Harris also expressed his personal thanks to the members of the Executive Committee who were not seeking reappointment to their positions. That is Jon Broxap, Mike Robinson, Ian Lewis, Ian Hartman and Andrew Schofield. Nick Harris requested that Steve Cliff write to the retiring members of the

Executive Committee on behalf of the FRA to thank them for all the work, which they have done. Special mention was made of Jon Broxap, who had been a member of the Committee and then the Executive Committee for some thirty years. Members were invited to sign a card containing a voucher, which was to be presented to Jon.

### **Report of the Executive Committee**

A report by Nick Harris and Steve Cliff on the work of the Executive Committee had been published.

- Resolved that the report be approved.

### **Report of the Treasurer**

A report from Andy Watts, setting out the current financial position of the FRA and containing the Income and Expenditure Account for 2015 and the Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, had been circulated. Andy Watts drew attention to various items, in particular that the change to the new system of collecting subscriptions through SPORTident had been managed successfully.

Proposed by Charmian Heaton and seconded by Wendy Dodds

- Resolved that the report be accepted and that the Income and Expenditure Account be approved.

### **Election of Officers and the Executive Committee**

The Officers listed below together with the four Member Representatives, all of whom been proposed and seconded by members of the FRA, had been nominated for positions on the Executive Committee.

- Resolved that the following be elected to the Executive Committee,

Chair	Nick Harris	Rosendale Harriers
General Secretary	Steve Cliff	Bowland Fell Runners
Treasurer	Andy Watts	Cheshire Hill Racers
Membership Secretary	Charmian Heaton	Retford Athletic Club
Fixtures Secretary	Andy Butler	Pennine Fell Runners
Magazine Editor	David McCabe	Trawden Athletic Club
Statistician	Carl Bedson	Glossopdale Harriers
Website Officer	Brett Weeden	Keighley & Craven Athletic Club
Environment and Access Officer	Chris Jones	Wharfedale Harriers
Junior Co-ordinator	Owen Mills	Keswick Athletic Club
International Selection Committee Chair	Anne Buckley	Bingley Harriers

Coaching Co-ordinator	Graeme Woodward	Calder Valley Fell Runners
Championships Co-ordinator	Judith Jepson	Dark Peak Fell Runners
Welfare Officer	Ed Gamble	Cheshire Hill Racers
Liaison Officer to Athletics Bodies	Andy Watts	Cheshire Hill Racers
Member Representative	Helen Berry	Holmfirth Harriers
Member Representative	Ian Winterburn	Dark Peak Fell Runners
Member Representative	Nick Hewitt	Bowland Fell Runners
Member Representative	Nicky Spinks	Dark Peak Fell Runners

### **Election of Auditor**

Proposed by Ian Roberts and seconded by Graham Breeze,

- Resolved that Mike Welford be elected as Auditor

### **Open Discussion about Fell Running**

After the formal business of the meeting had been completed, there was an open discussion about fell running which involved the consideration of two proposals which had already been circulated together with an inspiring talk from Nicky Spinks on her various endurance challenges, including her double Bob Graham.