

Fell Runners Association

Executive committee report 2016 AGM

1. 2015 – 16 has been a good and stable year for the FRA. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported our work.
2. Many of our traditional activities have continued, as in recent years, including:
 - a. a healthy financial position, despite slight reductions in advertising income
 - b. a calendar with over 500 races resulting in a few disciplinary sanctions for breaches of rules but with an increase in the number of reported incidents (injuries resulting in a hospital admission) emphasising the importance of good first aid, including wilderness first aid provision and mountain rescue cover at races.
 - c. successful championships and presentation events for juniors and seniors, both with continued sponsorship plus the U 20s, U 23s championships
 - d. success in holding the junior and senior Inter counties and the Schools championship
 - e. success, as well, at international level
 - f. developing membership beyond 6,000 again
 - g. 3 Fell runner magazines produced and the website maintained
 - h. coaching, navigation and wilderness first aid courses held
 - i. continued positive relationships with UKA/BA, including our membership of MRAG, who organise the British fell running events and teams.
3. There were some challenges and new developments during the year:
 - a. resolving issues related to fell only club registration with England Athletics
 - b. developing our links with many of the other bodies registering fell races in the UK
 - c. participation in the bi-annual UKA/BA rules revisions exercise, the outcome of which will have little or no effect on fell running
 - d. developing a team of Race Liaison Officers to work with race organisers
 - e. carrying out a further audit of race organiser compliance with FRA rules
 - f. taking forward a number of initiatives with landowners in relation to access for races
 - g. holding the first ever members survey, with one third of the membership responding
 - h. starting the production of the FRAs first ever plan, which will include responses from the member's survey.
4. After a number of years with an Executive Committee with many years' service the last few years have seen rapid changes and in 2016 – 17 there will be few members who were on the Committee before 2010. We are grateful to all the members who have come forward to join the committee and to the 40 plus members who provide a whole variety of support functions that ensure that the FRA is well managed.

Steve Cliff, General Secretary

Nick Harris, Chair