



The Fell Runners Association Limited

Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting

Barley Village Hall, Pendle, 16th November 2019



Preliminary matters

Attendance and apologies

The meeting was attended by 21 members of the FRA. Apologies had been received from 15 absent outgoing, continuing and incoming Committee members and honorary Committee members, and from various other members of the FRA; the majority of these people had submitted a proxy form, of which a total of 55 had been received and verified by the Chairman and Membership Secretary.

The FRA Chairman, Charmian Heaton, thanked all those in attendance, in particular those not otherwise involved with the FRA Committee, and also thanked the guest speaker, Darren Fishwick.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The previous AGM had been held at Marl Pits, Rossendale, on 18th August 2018. The minutes had been available for inspection on the FRA website since shortly thereafter.

Resolution: The motion to approve the minutes of the 2018 AGM was passed unanimously.

Chairman's report

The Chairman delivered a very positive report on FRA matters (available in full on the FRA website).

Resolution: The motion to approve the Chairman's report was passed unanimously.

Special resolution

Amendment to articles of association

The FRA Secretary, Neil Talbott, explained that the FRA was a private company limited by guarantee, with official articles of association lodged with Companies House for which any amendment required a Special Resolution to be passed (requiring a 75% majority). He then summarised the proposed changes to the articles, which had been available for the statutory 21 days on the FRA website.

Resolution: The motion to approve the new version of the articles of association was passed, having achieved the required 75% majority with one vote against.

Action: The FRA Secretary was to submit the newly approved articles of association to Companies House within the statutory time limit of 14 days.

Assignee: FRA Secretary

Target date: 23rd Nov 2019

Ordinary resolutions

Treasurer's report and 2018 accounts

The FRA Treasurer, Andy Watts, delivered his report including the finances for 2018 (available in full together with the 2018 accounts on the FRA website). He reported that an increase in both membership and postage costs meant that the FRA was now both receiving and spending more money, but that the balance was healthy and had increased in 2018.

Resolution: The motion to approve the accounts for 2018 was passed unanimously.

Appointment of an auditor

The Treasurer proposed that Mike Welford be reappointed as auditor of the FRA accounts.

Resolution: The motion to approve Mike Welford as auditor was passed unanimously.

Establishment of co-opted roles

The Chairman explained that it was proposed to extend by a further year the terms of three of the FRA's co-opted officers: Richard Brown (Commercial Adviser), Britta Sendlhofer (Communications Officer) and Sarah McCormack (Under-23 Co-ordinator). She briefly summarised the role that each performed.

Resolution: The motion to approve the three co-opted appointments was passed unanimously.

Election of Officers for 2019-2020

The Chairman stated that since all named Committee roles had exactly one nominee (or, in the case of Membership Representatives, exactly the maximum of four nominees), these would be elected unopposed. The full FRA Committee for 2019-20 is included at Appendix 1.

Vote of thanks for outgoing officers

The Chairman paid tribute to all outgoing Committee members (Judith Jepson, Helen Berry, Chris Jones, Graeme Woodward and Nick Hewitt, as well as Paul Booth and Carlos Bedson who were to continue in non-Executive roles). She also briefly introduced and thanked the incoming Committee members, as well as the whole Committee for their work during the previous 15 months and especially Andy Watts, who had held three "hats" during that period, and Neil Talbott, in particular for having recovered a crashed FRA hard drive containing old issues of *The Fellrunner* (2007-13).

Other business

"50 at 50" race series

With the FRA's 50th anniversary approaching, the FRA Chairman explained that a "50 at 50" race series had been devised, the brainchild of James Lowe (a newly elected Membership Representative). The series was to comprise fifty races, from Captain Cook's Races on January 1st to Auld Lang Syne on December 31st, and included as many as possible of the "original" FRA races from 1970, with just a few unavoidable clashes.

The Chairman thanked James for his superb work in devising the series and a scoring system under which a range of prizes were to be awarded, rewarding a mixture of participation and performance. Full details were to be published shortly on the FRA website and elsewhere.

FRA logo

The Chairman noted that although the FRA logo had performed sterling service for nearly 50 years, there was a need for a new colour logo compatible with the digital age. She explained that a new logo had been commissioned and would be unveiled shortly.

World Mountain Running Championships

The FRA Secretary noted that the World Mountain Running Championships 2019 had taken place the previous day in Argentina, and that Great Britain had won the Junior Men's team title and the Senior women's bronze medal, with Joseph Dugdale becoming Junior World Champion and Phillipa Williams winning individual Senior bronze. Sarah McCormack, FRA Under-23 Co-ordinator, had placed 12th in the women's race running for Ireland. The Committee extended its congratulations to these and all FRA members involved in the Championships.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next AGM will be published in due course on the FRA website and in *The Fellrunner* magazine but is likely to be in October or November 2020.

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Neil Talbott
FRA Secretary
17th November 2019

Appendix 1: FRA Committee 2019-20

Following the resolutions passed at the AGM, the FRA Committee for 2019-20 will comprise the following personnel:

Chairman	Charmian Heaton
General Secretary	Neil Talbott
Treasurer	Andy Watts
Membership Secretary	Patrick McIver
Fixtures Secretary	Dave Bowen
Magazine Co-ordinator	Neil Talbott
Race Liaison Officer Lead	Stuart Ferguson
Website Officer	Brett Weeden
Environment and Access Officer	Nicky Spinks
Junior Co-ordinator	Helene Whitaker
International Selection Committee Chair	Duncan Richards
Coaching and Education Co-ordinator	Nigel Hetherington
Championships Co-ordinator	Angela Brand-Barker
Welfare Officer	Ed Gamble
Liaison Officer to Athletics Bodies	Wendy Dodds
Membership Representatives	Ben Abdelnoor James Lowe Catherine Slater Ian Winterburn
Commercial Adviser (co-opted)	Richard Brown
Communications Officer (co-opted)	Britta Sendlhofer
Under-23 Co-ordinator (co-opted)	Sarah McCormack