

Runfurther 2017 AGM

The New Inn, Marsden 04.11.2017 at 4.30 pm

Present: Andy Robinson, Dick Scroop, Nick Ham, Karen Nash, Chris Davies, Bob Nash, Martin Terry, Kevin Hoult, Si Berry, Janet Hill, John Williams, Ken Sutor, Rory Harris, Lee Kemp, Ian France, Kevin Smith, Barney Nikolich, Steven Jones (18 in total).

Apologies: Daryl Bentley, Debbie Cooper, Adam Worrallo, Charlotte Smith, Jon Wright, Mick Cottam, Justin Bramall.

1. Minutes of the last AGM. Accepted as a true record. Proposed KH and **agreed** unanimously. There were no Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

2. Chairman's Report: A written report was presented as follows:

I hope that people feel the 2017 series has provided another successful set of races. You would think finding 12 races for the year would be easy. However, once you take out the mid winter months and then try to get a spread of S, M and L with decent gaps in between races, and a geographical spread and a variety of terrain.... You get the idea I am sure. Think of a spreadsheet with various options and then about 100 emails between committee members. Even then it is not quite finished as ROs have questions and dates of races change.

Sponsorship continues to be difficult as many companies say funds are tight. Sponsorship does provide them with publicity (via flags and banners at races, the RF website, facebook, race reports etc) and hopefully sales. If any runners have contacts please let me know.

We have tried to maintain publicity of RF – not just via the website and facebook but also with regular articles in Fellrunner, the FRA magazine and also Ultra magazine. Verbally confirmed we had articles in every issue of FRA magazine, we would have an article in the Autumn edition of Ultra Runner and had appeared in the online edition of Trail Runner but not the print edition).

As last year we have plenty of runners who take some part in the series and the men's leader board is very competitive. The number of runners completing 4 race seems to have stabilised at around 30-32 since 2013. This is down from the high of 2010 when 70+ did 4 races. This year 31 did 4 races and another 24 did 3. Our challenge is to convert this 24 and persuade them to do one more race. Similarly some superb women runners do 1 or 2 races in the series but seem to have other commitments and do not do 4 races. It would be good to have more elite women running the series to make that

part of the leader board as competitive as the men's. Please persuade club mates to get involved.

Two runners this year took on and completed the Grand Slam- Nick Ham who has done this before and Bob Nash who is our first ever V70 Grand Slammer. Congratulations to both of them. Hoodies are on their way.

14 runners completed 4 counting races for the first time and they will today be awarded their 'Giraffe' neck tubes. Another 17 completed 4 races yet again and they will receive a reward T shirt.

Andy, our past Chairman, has been busy updating walking guide books and so not running this year. He is standing down from the committee but will continue to be webmaster and to keep the leader board. Thanks Andy.

The Committee are always grateful for offers of help- especially putting up and taking down flags and banners in the cold, dark and rain. Don't be shy and don't wait to be asked, please come and offer. Feedback on the races etc is also always welcomed. Few runners seem keen to travel to Scotland so next year there is no race in Scotland. We did have plans for a LDWA race as one of the Longs but there was uncertainty over whether it would happen- so perhaps for 2019. We are revisiting many old favourites next year and there are others we would like to go back to in the future like HP40.

Sponsors next year will continue to be UD, Injinji and Romney's. We have a new sponsor- Mountain Fuel and hopefully Pete Bland Sports will be sponsoring us again (they have not made a decision yet).

3. Treasurer's Report. NH provided unaudited accounts, as in previous years Kevin Hoult would audit them in the near future. The Treasurer, and the meeting, thanked Kevin for offering to do the auditing and offering to continue to do so next year. Income was £600 (£620 in 2016) and Expenditure was £204.17 (£254 in 2016). There was a £395.83 surplus on the year (£364 in 2016 and a balance of £1769.46 in the bank (£1364 in 2016). Our running costs are low. **Action: NH/AR to publish summary of accounts on the website.**

There was some expenditure outstanding in respect of transferring the trademark registration from Mark Hartell's company to us (£50) plus there will be a £200 renewal cost for maintaining the Registration due 10 years from date of inception of the Company (2006?) which will be due shortly.. There were also costs of £99 for food at the AGM.

The Treasurer also reported that after many exchanges of emails and correspondence HMRC had now granted us Dormancy status which means we will not pay Corporation tax or have to make Corporation Tax returns to them. Returns will still have to be made to Companies' House. This will need to be renewed 5 years from the Companies inception.

The Report was **accepted**.

4. Election of Officers:

Chairman- Karen Nash Proposed AR Seconded CD Unanimous

Treasurer – Nick Ham Proposed KN Seconded AR Unanimous

Secretary – Dick Scroop Proposed KN Seconded AR Unanimous

Assistant Secretary- Kevin Smith Proposed KN Seconded RS

Committee member – Chris Davies Proposed AR Seconded KN Unanimous

In respect of the Asst Secretary position Andy Robinson indicated that he was no longer able to fulfil this role due to other commitments – he was in the process of writing two Guidebooks and in fact was very rarely running due to these commitments. He did offer however to continue to maintain the website and the Leader board. The meeting thanked him for his past and continuing service and wished him well with the books. Initially there were no volunteers for the Asst Secretary post but at the end of the meeting KS volunteered and was proposed, seconded and elected.

There were no other nominations/volunteers for Committee member positions but a couple of people did indicate some interest and there is the possibility of co-opting at any time in the year.

5. A.O.B:

2018 races: The 2018 race programme was announced. The promotional cards were not available as printing was delayed waiting for confirmation from Pete Bland that they were continuing as sponsors. A few temporary flyers were distributed for use until the cards were ready and as information to those present. A few Laminated A4 posters for car windows were also distributed, more could be produced on request. As noted above there were no Scottish races in the 2018 programme but this does not rule out the possibility of Scottish races in future years. The Welsh 50/100 was in again as it had been highly praised by those who had taken part and deserved support.

R Scroop
Secretary

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