

Runfurther AGM The George Hotel, Youlgreave 13.11.2016 2.30pm

Present: Andy Robinson, Dick Scroop, Nick Ham, Karen Nash, Chris Davies, Bob Nash, Martin Terry, Daryl Bentley, Debbie Cooper, Glen Davies, Andy Davies, Dave Greenwood, Kevin Houlton and Si Berry.

Apologies: John Vernon, Michelle Brooks, Mike Dobson, Noel Hogan, Alison Brind, Huw Davies, Carmine de Grandis, Janet Hill, Ned Lammas.

1. Minutes of the last AGM. Accepted as a true record. Proposed KH and agreed by all.
2. Chairman's Report. AR agreed that the 2016 series had provided another very successful set of races with great RO's and results etc. There was deliberately a range of terrains etc to try to include something for all ultra runners. We try not to use races that fill very quickly. One issue is sponsorship which is becoming more difficult as many companies are finding funds tight. Sponsors do get a fair bit back in return both in publicity and also hopefully in sales. Publicity is via our website, Facebook, race reports, photos and links to blogs as well as the flags and banners etc at events. There was a request for help with sponsorship from anyone who has contacts. We have plenty of runners taking part in the series and the men's leaderboard is very competitive. There are fewer women and although some elite women do some races there are few completing the series. Please encourage those in your local clubs and those you see at races to join up and to take part. Two runners hoped to complete a Grand Slam this year but for personal or health reasons neither managed to succeed. AR has been Chair for 3 years and now wishes to stand down. He is busy updating two guide books and ageing legs are making completing so many ultras more difficult. Several members in the room said how happy they were with the series: friendly, introducing them to new races and with a good choice in the series. Members were invited to suggest new races for the series by email at any time. The calendar of ultras on the website was also liked.
3. Treasurer's Report. NH provided audited accounts. Thanks to Kevin Houlton for auditing and offering to continue to do so next year. Sponsorship and donations amounted to £620 (£1300 the previous year). Expenditure was £256 (£1363 the previous year). There was a surplus of £364 (deficit of £64 the previous year). Bank account balance stands at £1374. Our running costs are low. Action NH/AR to publish summary of accounts on the website.

4. Election of Officers.

Chairman – Karen Nash Proposed KH Seconded CD Unanimous

Treasurer – Nick Ham Proposed KN Seconded MT Unanimous

Secretary – Dick Scroop Proposed AR Seconded NH Unanimous

Assistant Secretary – Andy Robinson Proposed KN Seconded DS Unanimous

Committee member – Chris Davies offered to help Proposed AR Seconded KN Agreed.

A.O.B.

2017 race series- flyer provided and will go on web and Facebook tonight or tomorrow.

Some old favourites and some new races. Again a spread geographically and a variety in terms of terrain. One in Scotland, one in Wales, one mountain race. For the SW50/100 runners can chose either as a Long race.