

THE FELL RUNNERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT BARLEY VILLAGE HALL, BARLEY, LANCASHIRE, ON SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2000.

1. 32 members **PRESENT** and **APOLOGIES** from B.Martin, J.Broxap, M.Rigby, K.Westley, D.Hodgson, B.Dearnaley, S.Wright, D.Richardson, T.Hulme, N.Denby, J.Smith, M.Patterson, P.Cadman, R.Robson, R.Bergstrand, J.Prowse, D.Holmes.
2. **MINUTES OF 1999 AGM.** Adoption prop: P.Dyke, sec: A.Barlow.
3. **CHAIRMAN** said that he was standing down as chairman, and thanked all the members of the Committee for their work over the past three years; in particular Neil Denby, who was standing down as Magazine Editor, and Chris Knox, for all his work regarding the Access Bill. He commented on the reports of runners being abusive to officials at races, and urged that everybody should make the effort to keep the sport friendly. This is the FRA's 30th year; we should look forward to the next 30.
4. **SECRETARY** issued a written report to all present.
5. **TREASURER** distributed and reported on audited accounts for the year ending 31 July 2000. Dave Woodhead asked about the funding of the British Relay Championships medals, and Mike Rose stated that these had been funded by the FRA, because the UKA had insufficient funds for medals, and because the FRA was looking after its membership's interests. It was also pointed out that this transaction had occurred outside the year being reported. Adoption prop: P.Sanderson, sec: W.Dodds.

6. MOTIONS

- a) That FRA Rules For Competition, Rule 8, be amended to incorporate "To be eligible to count in British and English Championships, English athletes must be registered with a Regional AA or be members of the FRA". *Prop: the Executive Committee.* Following a discussion, **Motion carried.**
- b) The FRA negotiates to get the best possible financial deals from the Regional AA Registration Schemes. We want to see the maximum amount of money finding its way back into Fell Running. *Prop: Bob Berzins (Dark Peak FR), sec: Dave Holmes (Dark Peak FR).* Mike Rose stated that this is current FRA policy. **Motion carried.**
- c) The FRA consults with the grass roots fell runners throughout the UK and looks into alternative ways of administering sport, including the possibility of dis-association with the Regional AAs, and reports back to the membership outlining the different options available and recommending a course of action. *Prop: Bob Berzins (Dark Peak FR), sec: Dave Holmes (Dark Peak FR).* This provoked a lot of discussion. After reassurances that the FRA would monitor the situation to ensure that the relationship with the Regional AAs is operating in the membership's best interest, **Motion defeated.**
- d) That the FRA set up a fund for international fell support of our leading men and women, for an event/events of the terrain nature of championship fell races; for next year a sum of £3000 is suggested. *Prop: Dennis Quinlan (Bingley), sec Jo Prowse (Keighley & Craven).* Following a discussion, **Motion defeated.**

7. LATE MOTIONS

- a) That FRA Constitutional Rules be amended (a) references to BAF read UKA, (b) paras 2 and 3 omit references to FRA club affiliation which has not been available for a number of years. *Prop: Mike Rose (Ambleside), sec: Dave Jones (Pennine).* After a very brief discussion **Motion carried.**
- b) That the Junior Development Fund be renamed the Young Athletes Development Fund, and a sum of £3000 be transferred from the General Fund for the continuing encouragement and development of junior competition, but also extending to the under 25 age group. *Prop: Mike Rose (Ambleside), sec: Dave Hodgson (Fellandale).* After a discussion, **Motion carried.**

8. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.** The meeting thanked Richard Day for his Chairmanship, and presented him with a small token of their gratitude.
 - a) **Officers.** The following Officers were **elected unopposed**. Chairman - Alan Barlow. Secretary – Mike Rose. Assistant Secretary – Alan Brentnall. Treasurer – Tony Varley. Membership Secretary – Pete Bland. Fixtures Secretary – Dave Jones. Magazine Editor – Dave Jones. Championships Coordinator – Jon Broxap. Statistician – Brian Martin. Environment and Access – Chris Knox. Press Officer – Bill Waine. Coach – Norman Matthews. Junior Coordinator – Dave Richardson.
 - b) **Club Representatives.** Four seats. Only two advance nominations. The following were **elected unopposed**. Jackie Smith (Dark Peak FR), Neil Denby (Dendy Dale Travellers).
 - c) **Membership Representatives.** Four seats. Four nominations. The following were **elected unopposed**. Linda Hannah (Rossendale) – prop: Mike Rose, sec: Tony Varley; Brett Weeden (Keighley & Craven) – prop: Neil Taylor, sec: Norman Matthews; Neil Taylor (Ilkley) – prop Norman Matthews, sec: Richard Day and Peter Dyke. (Dark Peak FR) – prop Bob Berzins, sec Dave Holmes.
9. **OTHER APPOINTMENTS.** The decision regarding the delegate to the World Mountain Running Association is to be left to the Committee. Delegates to other bodies were elected by **general consent** as follows: AAA of England - Bill Waine, North of England AA - Mike Rose, Midland Counties AA - Bill Waine, South of England - Sam Kirkpatrick.
10. **AUDITOR.** Neil Hindle, prop: Alan Barlow, sec: Norman Matthews, accepted as Auditor by **general consent**.
11. **CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING.**