

Durham Fell Runners
Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 2000
On-line hosted by Jon West on Zoom

AGM MINUTES

Present	Andy Blackett	(AB)
	Paul Hodgson	(PH)
	Jon West	(JW)
	Andrew Charles	(AC)
	Mark Bevan	(MB)
	Alan Hunt	(AH)
	Fran Blackett	(FB)
	Dan Rhodes	(DR)
	Dougie Nisbet	(DN)
	Denise Tunstall	(DT)
	Chris Bird	(CB)

Item	Annual General Meeting	Action
1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Patrick Bonnett</p>	
2	<p>AGM Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Appointment of committee members for 2021/22. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chair - Jon West ▪ Secretary - Andrew Charles ▪ Treasurer Andy Blackett ▪ Membership secretary - to be Max Wilkinson ▪ Social secretary - Chris Bird ▪ Website manager - Dougie Nisbet ▪ Mens Captain - Paul Hodgson ▪ Womens captain - Denise Tunstall ▪ FRA Ambassador - Fran Blackett ▪ Coach Rep - a Club Coach ◦ Chair's report <p>Interesting challenging year for DFR along with the rest of society, won't dwell on the negatives but we seem to have survived relatively intact and looking forward to getting back to some normality in the coming weeks</p> <p>High points included...</p> <p>Lock down activities, challenges and virtual races organised and administered by Andy, Fran, Paul, and Ros. Including Blackett's stair climb which is possibly one of the most horrific things I've ever done but well worthwhile for the good cause and got DFR on TV!</p> <p>In the real-world, completions of BG by Alistair and Double BG by Gwynn added to the impressive line-up of successful completions in recent times.</p> <p>Race wise DFR continued to expand our presence as race organisers with Chapel Fell Top as one of the first races back after lockdown followed by the new</p> 	

format silent night fell race providing a new mid-winter challenge. On a more low key note Rory's Hodgson Birthday Time Trial was a great fun evening and certainly one I hope can be added to the club calendar and Mark Bevans orienteering challenge provided another great club event (even with slightly dodgy marshalling).

Without wanting to steal Paul's thunder he did a great job of cobbling together a club champs out of a rearranged mix of these events even though the result was predictably familiar!

Coaching staff deserve thanks for putting on training when possible and working hard to establish Covid safety guidelines in addition to everything they usually do. All in all, a year salvaged with some high points and some good memories to look back on although I certainly hope not to be repeated any time soon.

Looking forward to the future we have new membership requests pending as we speak so think DFR can continue to grow in 2021 and beyond.

◦ **Treasurer's report**

Headlines are that we are £400 better off now than at the start of the year.

	Income/Expenditure	
15/05/2020	• EA club membership - paid by Jon	(£150.00)
	• Subs from EA	£241.10
	• Chapelfell top income	£432.32
	• Other subs	£20.00
14/10/2020	• Chapelfell top donation	(£100.00)
14/10/2020	• Alan Subs - paid by Jon	(£15.00)
01/12/2020	• Greener Miles	(£40.00)
	• Silent Night income	£98.40
	• Sale of vest	£20.00
17/03/2021	• Silent Night donation	(£100.00)
Net change		£406.82

Projections for 2021/2 are very approximate, with the biggest unknown being the amount of race profit, I have estimated cautiously in the below projection.

• Opening balance	£1,195
• EA members income	£220
• Social members income	£30

• Club Registration	(£150)
• Chapelfell top profit	£280
• Silent Night Profit	£100
• Cronkley profit	£140
• Cockfield Chase Profit	£120
• Bollihope Carrs Profit	£80
• Hodgson Brothers Relay	(£100)
• FRA Relay	(£130)
• Project 2021 costs	(£180)
• Projected closing balance	£1,245

This is based on £20 for EA registered members (£15 to EA and £5 to DFR) and £5 for non EA registered members, 50 members giving a total membership income of £250. I have projected £180 for Project 2021 costs, being the cost of hiring 2 trackers. If we are planning on having any subsidised coaching courses this year, that would change this.

There is also discussion to be had on the membership fee for DFR members for this year, and this will be confirmed in the next few weeks.

There are three races which are fairly certain to go ahead being Chapelfell top, Silent Night and Cronkley plus two which might go ahead being Cockfield Chase and the new Bollihope Carrs.

If we need more stock of vests/hoodies etc then we can spend £5-600 on stock and still have a year or two of cash - plenty to cover club registration fees for the next year.

Response to the Treasurers report

Chair proposed that the 'zero membership fee for DFR only members' should be adopted

There was a discussion on the relevance of EA membership to DFR members. It is only really necessary for the competitive athletes (ie who also run road races and take part in EA organised racers), but is also required for Fell Relay entrants and for DFR committee officers and coaches. For regular fell race runners, FRA membership would be sufficient.

◦ **Membership Secretary's report**

Despite very little activity this season due to Covid, we finished the season with 51 members and a few people interested in joining for the new upcoming season. Four previous members chose not to renew their membership in April 2020 and only a couple of members asked to formally transfer or lapse during the year (1 x club transfer, 1 x lapse due to other commitments).

Ratio of male/female members remains at approx. 75%/25%

EA Club affiliation fee for 2021 remains at £150. Payment must be made by the end of April 2021.

The vast majority of members opted to use the EA Payzip system for on-line payments, with just a couple of members opting for bank transfer.

Membership options and fees for the coming season will be agreed at the AGM and will then be announced. The individual EA registration fee remains at £15 per athlete. Membership should be paid as soon as possible after options are announced. However, individual EA registration has been extended to the end of June 2021 this year due to Covid.

As before, if we continue to use the EA database for managing membership details, then as per the statement on the membership form and the EA database:

When you become a member of or renew your membership with Durham Fell Runners, we will provide England Athletics with your personal data which they will use to enable access to an online portal for you (called myAthletics). England Athletics will contact you to invite you to sign into and update your MyAthletics portal (which, amongst other things, allows you to set and amend your privacy settings). It is vital, therefore, that a valid email address is given, so that you can ensure that your data is correct and so that you can set your own privacy settings.

DR/MW

Response to Membership Secretaries report

Dan has requested to retire from this post. He was thanked for all the work he has undertaken on behalf of the club, and he will be handing over the role to Max Wilkinson.

There are a number of issues to be followed up

Firstly for those paying the zero membership rate how their details will be recorded and stored needs to be resolved. Dan will help Max to check this out with the EA.

Secondly EA have withdrawn their Payzip system, and a new process is being introduced. This too needs to be investigated before members are requested to renew their memberships.

- **Captains' reports**

The number of available races in 2020 was significantly reduced, so we are now looking to the 2021 - club champs

There are not yet many registered races, but beginning from May, Paul will put together a list and circulate it to the committee for approval, and then announce on the FB group and by email.

Two big events that the club could compete in are the British Fell relays in the Howgills and the Hodgson relays

Cross country involvement was also discussed as a couple of new members are interested but it has proved difficult to field a full squad for

	<p>the complete series - but there is no problem with individuals entering for the cross country championships and representing DFR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Coach's report ◦ <p>Activities to restart tomorrow (15th April 2021). Continuing to implement the Covid safe rules.</p> <p>Secretary's report</p> <p>There has been very little secretarial involvement with the Club during the 2020 season, once the sub committee had reviewed the constitution and worked to upgrade the document. This new constitution will be presented to the AGM today for consideration.</p>	
3	<p>Approval of Minutes of last AGM</p> <p>Proposed by AC</p>	
4	<p>Actions from Previous meeting</p> <p>The buffs haven't yet been followed up. Now also very short on vests. JW to check the suppliers of both these items to arrange getting some replacements</p>	JW
5	<p>DFR Fell Races 2021</p> <p>The currently agreed races are:- Cockfield Chase 29th April Chapel Fell Top 13 July Cronkley Fell 18th September. The start has been moved to the cafe at Holwick Silent Night Chapel Fell 20th December</p>	
6	<p>Club Championships 2021</p> <p>Covered in Captains report</p>	
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>Upgrading the Club constitution – AC Circulate to the committee - one weeks response time.</p> <p>Website update. Thanks were offered to Dougie for agreeing to oversee the development of the DFR website. The intention is to move the website to a different server that DN is familiar with. Keep the durhamfellrunners.org webname. Use it to keep all the necessary club documentation. It might cost slightly more. Keep</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>DN</p>

race info on the site. Plus the newsletter.
To be kept simple and easily transferrable.
Paul will need the website for the Cronkley Fell Race, so the transfer to the new site needs to be available fairly soon, and can be supplemented by the FB page.