

Durham Fell Runners
Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 1900
The Cross Keys, Hamsterley Village

AGM MINUTES

Present	Paul Hodgson	(PH)
	Jon West	(JW)
	Andrew Charles	(AC)
	Denise Tunstall	(DT)
	Max Wilkinson	(MW)
Online	Andy Blackett	(AB)
Online	Fran Blackett	(FB)

Item	Annual General Meeting	Action
1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Dougie Nisbet (DN) Patrick Bonnett (PB) Mark Bevan (MB) Alan Hunt (AH)</p>	
2	<p>AGM Items:</p> <p>a) Appointment of committee officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chair - Jon West ▪ Secretary - Andrew Charles ▪ Treasurer - Andy Blackett ▪ Membership secretary - Max Wilkinson ▪ Welfare Officer - Meghan McCarthy and Paul Hodgson <p>b) Appointment of other committee responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 ▪ Race Organiser - a Race Organiser ▪ General Member <p>c) Chair's report</p> <p>d) Treasurer's report</p> <p>Main points.</p> <p>I've used 17th March to 29th Jan as the accounting year - I know this is odd, but it's just when I got round to doing it, not much goes through the accounts in Feb so it's not a problem.</p> <p>Cash balance has been run down from £1,294 to £705 = Minus £589 Vests and hoodies stock has increased from £126 to £525 =Plus £399 Giving a net loss for the year of £190.</p>	

This loss was expected as we didn't charge subs last year.

Significant income were :-

Race Entries (£679) - with the most significant of these being Chapelfell Top (£363).

Rebate from the FRA for the costs of pre-entry during a time when this was required (£148).

Significant costs were :-

EA Membership (£150),

HBMR (£120)

Relays (£280)

Fran's run leader course (£150).

Projection for 2022/3 is also attached.

The main points of difference are that I'm projecting :-

£500 from membership (50 members at £10 each).

Myself and Ros doing the Run Leader Course (£150 each = £300 total)

the purchase of 2x large feather flags at (£162 each = £324 total). Fran

agreed at the last meeting to look into the purchase of these.

FB

Main points of uncertainty are:-

- If Fran's ladies night continues to be a success we may end up with more than 50 members.
- The race profit may be more or less than the projected £600.

If all projections are right then it will lead to a net loss of £185 leaving us with £520 in the bank account at the end of the year.

This leads me to proposing subs for the year of

£10(+ £1admin fee) for social/FRA members

£27 for EA members (£10+£16EA+£1admin fee).

(Membership of the FRA is an optional extra, which costs £16 and is made via the SiEntries website. Supporting the FRA supports the sport of fell running (including the English Championship Races) and in return provides three excellent magazines a year, plus a fixtures calendar - AC)

e) Membership Secretary's report

DFR membership is currently 55, (45 men and 10 women) 2 of these are second claim members.

See AOB for the new agreements on membership renewal

f) Captains' reports

g) Coach's report

A discussion about the need to encourage members to consider qualifying as run leaders and coaches took place.

Mark Bevan provided an updated version of the Athletes Code of Conduct, which will be attached to these minutes on the DFR website. The new wording is in red. It reflects the requirement that each

	<p>attending athlete has a responsibility to the safety of fellow athletes at all times to ensure collective safety.</p> <p>h) Secretary's report All the constitutional formality around having a committee and AGMs etc might seem over the top for a relatively small and informal running club. However, in order to be legal and correctly insured we need to be affiliated to the FRA, and through them to England Athletics. This affiliation gives us access to England Champs events and essential training courses such as Welfare, Run Leadership and Coaching. We have a constitution which is available on the DFR website which explains the various policies and procedures we have to meet the required standards.</p>	
3	<p>Approval of Minutes of last AGM</p> <p>Proposed by AC Agreed by the committee</p>	
4	<p>Actions from Previous meeting January</p> <p>All these items were reviewed and okayed</p>	
5	<p>DFR Fell Races 2022</p> <p>The DFR fell races are as listed on the DFR website durhamfellrunners.org A request for marshalls for both Cockfield Fell and Chapel Fell Top has been made</p>	
6	<p>Club Championships 2022</p> <p>Covered in Captains report. A new race needs to be added to the list to replace the cancelled High Cup Nick</p>	
7	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests for club vests should be referred to Andy Blackett • Mark Bevan is looking at the possibility of arranging Basic First Aid training for coaches and run leaders. • Andy and Fran Blackett are looking into the possibility of hosting an English Champs race from St John's Chapel. They have looked at a route which starts from the fell gate, continues South from the top of Chapelfell top, descends North near the ski runs, then reclaims to the top of Chapelfell top before descending to St John's Chapel. There needs to be a discussion with the ski club to confirm the most acceptable route near their facilities. They have land owners permission and have agreement in principle to use a field for parking. Nic Barber (FRA Champs coordinator) is supportive, but he would like as much flexibility as possible with dates so he can fit it in around the other races. Andy is currently trying to get in touch with one of the farmers to confirm what dates 	

would be possible.

Andy and Frasn can look into the finer logistics when they have agreement from all parties. They believe that they would need most of the club to marshal and help out on the day.

The committee are fully supportive of this proposal.

- Max Wilkinson stated that he and Dougie Nisbet have been working on a system for members to pay their membership fees online through the DFR website. This should reduce the admin burden on the membership process considerably. Paper application forms will be available for those without internet access. This new scheme will be publicised through the Members Facebook Page as soon as it is available.
- As a Run Leader, Fran Blackett has requested that a additional method of alerting runners at short notice that an event has been changed or cancelled. This situation has occurred a couple of times recently due to the sudden onset of adverse weather conditions. So additionally to a notification being posted on the FB pages, it was agreed to set up a 'message-out-only' Whatsapp group that would be used for short notice alerts. This will be announced on the FB pages when it becomes available.
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