



Chairman's Report for 2018-2019

Executive Committee Job Descriptions for all roles have now been added to the Committee page of the FRA website and detailed Terms of Reference have been prepared which should help to facilitate recruitment of new committee members in the future.

Finances The FRA accounts continue to record we are in good shape financially.

Membership of the FRA continues to grow at approximately 500 per year with numbers currently approaching 7,800 and almost 23% being female. It is estimated that around 50% of those who participate in fell races are not currently members of the FRA.

Access issues, especially in the Peak District, continue to give us cause for concern and we are working hard with race organisers to provide a link with statutory bodies such as National Trust and Natural England.

Disciplinary cases have numbered five to date and have all involved non-members of the FRA who claimed ignorance of the Runners' Rules. In an attempt to communicate better with non-members, we have circulated A3 posters of Jim Tyson's excellent cartoons which illustrate the absolute no-no rules of fell running.

Championships The 2019 Championship season drew to a close at the British Hill & Fell Relays hosted by Dark Peak in the spectacular Derwent Valley. English and British team and individual champions were crowned at the FRA "Do" hosted by Black Combe Runners.

Juniors The Junior Championship series was very successful with almost 250 T-shirts and Hoodies being earned by those who completed 4-6 races. The Junior "Do" was well attended. Rossendale International Matthew MacKay gave a talk and presented the awards.

Sponsorship has continued with Pete Bland Sports and inov-8 supporting the Senior English Championships and Kong Adventure supporting the Junior English Championships and English Schools.

Fellrunner Our flagship magazine has entered a new era with changes to the paper used and size and layout which have received widespread positive feedback. We are currently working hard to get the third and final 2019 edition out before the end of the year.

International A feature of this year was the number of athletes submitting requests/showing interest in competing for International places and strong teams have been selected at both junior and senior level.

Website Our long-serving webmaster has indicated that the current website is nearing the end of its life and we are working to agree a new specification before asking a number of providers to quote for the development of a new website.

Coaching and Training Navigation, First Aid and Coaching courses have been successful and well-attended.

Race Liaison We continue to provide help and advice to race organisers and hope to recruit additional RLOs in the near future to widen the scope of this service.