

**THE FELL RUNNERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE CASTLE GREEN
HOTEL, KENDAL, ON SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2008.**

1. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** 32 **APOLOGIES:** 2.
2. **MINUTES OF 2007 AGM.** The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (18 November, 2006 at the Castle Green Hotel, Kendal) were approved. Prop: Alan Barlow, Sec: Margaret Chippendale.
3. **CHAIRMAN** distributed copies of his report to the meeting and gave a brief overview.
 - a) Brian Martin asked about the status of the 2009 Commonwealth Championship event. It was explained that this pilot had been approved as a Championship event and, if successful in 2009, it may become part of the mainstream Commonwealth Games.
 - b) Brian Martin asked for clarification of the fell race certification part of the report. This referred to a proposal to return to a single body for race registration which had, unfortunately, been turned down by some of the other home countries.
4. **SECRETARY** distributed copies of his report to the meeting and gave a brief overview.
5. **TREASURER** distributed and reported on the accounts for the year ending 31 July 2007. At the time of the meeting, these had yet to be audited by N.Hindle, but no significant changes were anticipated.
 - a) This year's slight loss is due to purchase of medals.
 - b) The Treasurer confirmed interest raised during the year, and that it was her intention to place some funds in a special interest account.

6. MOTIONS

6a. Proposed change to FRA CONSTITUTION RULE 3a

Under the overriding clause "The management of the Association shall be vested in an executive committee comprising : ", the FRA Constitution (Rule 3a) currently states:-

- a) the following officers, elected at an Annual General Meeting; Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Fixtures Secretary, Magazine Editor, Statistician, Website Officer, Environment and Access Officer, Junior Co-ordinator, Championships Co-ordinator, Coach. At least nine of the thirteen officers must have competed in three category "A" fell races in the two years prior to their election.

This motion proposes that this rule be amended to state:-

- a) the following officers, elected at an Annual General Meeting; Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Fixtures Secretary, Magazine Editor, Statistician, Website Officer, Environment and Access Officer, Junior Co-ordinator, Championships Co-ordinator, **International Selection Committee Chair**, Coach. At least nine of the **fourteen** officers must have competed in three category "A" fell races in the two years prior to their election.

(Proposed by Alan Brentnall, seconded by Tony Varley. Approved by the Executive Committee.)

Alan Brentnall spoke on behalf of this motion, and there was a discussion prior to the vote.

Voting: For: 24, Against: 1, Abstentions: 1 **Motion carried.**

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

- a) **Officers.** The following Officers were **elected unopposed.** Chairman - Tony Varley. Secretary – Alan Brentnall. Treasurer - Madeleine Watson. Membership Secretary – Pete Bland. Fixtures Secretary – Margaret Chippendale. Championships Coordinator – Jon Broxap. Environment and Access – Chris Knox. Magazine Editor - Britta Sendlhoffer. Website Officer – Brett Weeden. International Selection Committee Chair – Alan Barlow.
- b) **Club Representatives.** Four seats. Four advance nominations. The following were **elected unopposed.** ; Graham Breeze (Skyrac), Mike Robinson (Dark Peak), Andy Schofield (Borrowdale), Sharon Taylor (Bingley).
- c) **Membership Representatives.** Four seats. Two nominations. The following were **elected unopposed.** Ross Powell (Mercia), Dave Ward (Borrowdale).

8. **ELECTION OF AUDITOR.** Neil Hindle, elected unanimously.

9. **CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING.**

As usual, there was an open discussion on fell running matters after the formal business was complete.