

Fell Runners Association Limited
AGM 2018 – Executive Report

1. By all the usual measures fell running and the activities regulated and supported by the FRA are in rude health.
 - a. Numbers taking part in fell running and races regulated by the FRA seem to be continuing to increase with a very welcome increase in the number of junior participants. More clubs are registering under the fell discipline with England Athletics.
 - b. Our auditing, through our race liaison officers, shows a very high level of compliance with our race rules and I am pleased to say that we have a very low rate of complaints/disciplinary issues.
 - c. The FRA membership continues to grow with one of our objectives being met by an increase in the proportion of women joining; now running at over 30% compared with the figure last year when just over 20% of our 7100 members were women plus one sixth of new joiners being juniors.
 - d. The English international teams continue to succeed.
The events we support such as the championships; coaching; first aid and navigation courses continue to be well supported as are the junior and senior presentations 'Do's'.
 - e. Our publications, such as the Fell Runner and the Handbook/calendar continue to be produced, well supported and popular, and we support both our website and a Facebook page.
 - f. We are in a good shape financially.
2. We continue to have good relationships with partners such as the Mountain Running Advisory Committee; UKA and England Athletics.
3. Our sponsors Pete Bland Sports/inov 8 and Kong provide support for the championships.
4. Whilst we keep changes to the sport to the minimum we do make changes where these seem to be in the interest of the sport. For example, we have started a closed Facebook page for Race organisers during the year.
5. There is always more to do and one gap we wish to fill is increasing the number of participating runners in the U23 age group, for example.
6. We will continue to adapt fell running rules to meet our own competition requirements. In that context we are reviewing the recent UKA/IAAF rule revisions 2018 – 20 which we feel have not helped fell running.
7. At the AGM there will be changes to the Committee membership, as there are in most years. One enforced change will be the election of a new General Secretary following death of Steve Cliff from Motor Neurone Disease earlier this year after less than two years in post. We are indebted to members of the Committee who have helped plug the gap whilst we find a new Secretary.

Nick Harris Chair and Andy Watts