

Some notes on the 2005 FRA AGM OPEN DISCUSSION

[Please note that these are not, strictly speaking, minutes of the meeting – and they will never be formally approved – they are my take on what went on, and I reproduce them to remind us, as a committee, of what was said. If you think that I've got something wrong, or omitted something (as if!!) please let me have your version, and I'll happily circulate it to the other committee members. – *Alan Brentnall*]

Ideas for spending FRA Funds.

It was suggested that the FRA should introduce cash prizes for English Championships category winners and teams. This was discussed, and we were reminded that this would give funds to non-FRA members.

It was suggested that more should be spent on Juniors, but the FRA has expanded its Junior expenditure (and is probably willing to spend more – depending upon the suggestion).

Not everybody was in favour of cash prizes, and some thought that schemes whereby funds would be used to the benefit of runners in general would be a better use.

The FRA should fund standardised Sportident-style results at championship races – or at least pay for dibber equipment and software for use by championship race organisers.

This last suggestion appeared to get some agreement, but it also provoked a discussion as to whether dibber systems alone could provide the same level of safety as a manned marshal-point. There are clearly two issues here which need careful thought.

Funds should be used to cover the cost of the FRA Website – Brett assured the meeting that the costs of the site are small, and covered already. Tony Varley added that these are in the “Miscellaneous” section of the accounts.

Other Issues

It was suggested that the UKA MRPST should register races – creating a situation whereby we could return to a single calendar, and uniformity of insurance/registration conditions. It was argued that this would produce a system which would be too complex, because it would add another level of bureaucracy, and would be likely to fail to take into account regional issues.

There was a general inconclusive discussion of the likely future of fell running organisation (at national and regional levels) prior to the winding up of the meeting at 18:30.

Thankyou to everybody for your contributions during the AGM and during the informal session afterwards.

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