

Cumberland Fell Runners Annual General Meeting Held December 11 2010.

The meeting was declared open by the current Chair Peter Crompton at 14.00.
Apologies – Kate Apps, Jim Davies, Lindsey Buck, Duncan Eastoe.

Minutes of the last years meeting were accepted by the floor.

Chairmans report.

Peter thanked all those for attending and thanked Mike Litt and Harry Jarrett for putting on the Crag fell handicap .

The Chair also thanked all those on the committee and those holding posts within the club for there effort through out the year.

Peter went on to explain he is to stand down as club Chari and has for some months approaching a number of people to take up the mantel, this has been without success, however Harry Jarret agreed to take the post for a fixed period of 1 year only, after which Harry made it clear this post will need to be taken up by another club member. This proposal was agreed by the floor . Harry thanked Peter for his efforts and took the chair of the meeting.

There was a further resignation from the Membership Secretary (Steve Sharp) who after 9 years has decided to stand down, this post has been agreed to be filled by Paul Jennings, This was accepted by the meeting and the chair thanked Steve for his excellent work over the last 9 years.

The election of the remaining officers was carried out and agreed by the committee with the exception of the team managers.

The Team Manager role has been hard to fill and it was proposed by Mark Graham that that this was covered by individual people for certain designated races, Mark has offered to carry on with the Ian Hodgson relay race and potentially Harry will do the FRA relays as well. It was agreed by the floor that a tabulated list will be drawn up by the next committee meeting (Jan 25) with names and races so this can be part of the CFR communications to its members.

The race selection committee was discussed and agreed to be;

Jane Mottram

Mark Graham

Nick Moore

Harry Jarrett (facilitator).

Barry Johnson explained that there will be a percentage of club members who are not able to view communications electronically and it would be an idea to detail the clubs fixture list and the clubs intentions for 2011 on a laminated card and posted to all members. This was discussed and agreed that the information will need to be available at the next meeting to allow this to be progressed. The meeting accepted the proposal.

Membership Secretaries report. (Steve Sharp)

Membership is up on last year by a small number of persons and now stands at 196 people. There has been an small number of new member recently welcomed to the club.

Junior Report. (Bob Reily)

On behalf of Brian Thompson, Mike Simpson and myself I am delighted to report that the juniors have had another great season. We had a terrific Presentation evening held on Friday the 24th September at the Cleator Moor Celtic club, with our guest of honour being for the first time a Lady, Jackie Hargreaves and her husband Rob. Jackie spoke very well and took the time to go round and speak to parents and kids and offered lots of encouragement. She brought lots of medals and memorabilia which she had on show for the youngsters. The evening was a great success and

again for the first time we had a local group of young singers from the Rose hill youth theatre group called Lollypop. I have formerly thanked the caterers and the Cleator Moor Celtic club for the venue again free of charge.

The Junior membership is currently running at around 50 members.

Training is going very well as usual, with the older ones being split between Brian and myself to ensure they get what they need out of the sessions. Due to the demand, we are also getting a lot of parental help, which is greatly appreciated.

As some of you may know, we have had a few issues with the amount of cars up at training, and on the odd time some have partially obscured farmers gates and I have had to have a word with the farmers to assure them that it won't happen again. To that end, I have made some CFR signs up with our logo on that all the parents put in their windscreens asking them to park sensibly and NOT in front of farmers gates (hopefully others will see these and take heed).

I am also in discussions with the forestry commission with regard to clearing a piece of land between the forestry gate and Nannycatch gate. This will make a great car park and will be a great asset to the Forestry commission, the farmers and ourselves. I have had two contractors out on site and the quotes are back with the forestry commission. I am hoping to find out before Christmas if the FC management team are going to allow it, then I will need to fund the planning application which is around £190. The cost of the work is around £1800, this includes clearing the land, and filling with hardcore. I have a couple of irons in the fire, but if the worst comes to the worst I am sure we could do a sponsored walk or something along them lines.

Junior funds are currently reasonably healthy due to the donations received from the Blake race and Latterbarrow loop senior races, a big thank you to Chris Knowles and Harry Jarret respectively. The junior bank balance at this time last year was £734.38 and it is currently standing at £1188.59. This is largely due to a further two sizable donations, one from an anonymous parent and the other from Tony Stones of Stones Construction Cleator Moor.

Bearing in mind that the presentation evening cost just short of £1000 which included the buffet, trophies and engraving, prize money, special thank you prizes and a donation to Lollypop, the current balance looks OK to afford the same level of spends next season assuming that the senior donations remain the same. So again, I am not asking for a donation from the senior funds, and as usual if I am in need of any funding I will ask.

I would like to close with a few thank yous.

Joe Richardson for a donation to the Junior fund.

Lindsay and Jim for their Xmas card and donation to the junior fund.

Duncan Eastoe for his work on the web site.

Maurice Whelan for his marvellous photo's of the presentation evening.

Tony Stones of Stones Construction Cleator Moor.

Treasurers Report.

Kate presented to the meeting the financial report for the previous year. Kate explained this was quite a lengthy report due to the club supporting the FRA relays last year and the time taken to pay outstanding bills. The club has remained in profit and has funds to support events for the following year.

A full report is available from the club Secretary (Chris Knowles chris.knowles62@yahoo.co.uk).

There were no other reports for the meeting.

Agenda Item 1.

Proposal for a restructure of the CFR Club championship races.

Harry Jarrett put forward a proposal to restructure the club championship to attract more entrants. The proposals were discussed and approved by the meeting attendees.

This following explanation will detail the proposed changes.

Club Championship races

This will consist of 12 races to be selected by the race committee

4 Short races

4 Medium races (one of these is the CFR club race see below)

2 Long races

2 Show races

To qualify 6 races must be completed (2 of which may be, but not have to be show races), they may consist of a maximum of 4 short races, with any combination of the others to count, 1 of which may be the designated CFR club race which is a single race open to CFR only and will be of medium length (see below).

There is no requirement to complete a long race, if you do not wish to do so, any combination of the remaining races will qualify for points.

Show race series.

6 races identified will all be show races, this is to support local shows and keep the tradition of the country show alive.

4 to count to qualify, 2 of which may be used for the Club Championship as well .

CFR Club Race.

A Single separate race, medium in length, it will be part of a CFR day in which will be

- Junior races,
- The Medium CFR race,
- BBQ
- Drinks

The dates and times will follow, the CFR club race is to be organised by Barry Johnson, again times and dates to follow but it will be in May/June.

The races will attract points in the usual way i.e 100 points for 1st CFR 99 for second , and so on .

This is an example-

If Eric Pickles competes in 4 show races and the single CFR race he will qualify for points in both the show series and the CFR Club race.

He may also carry over 2 of the show races and if he wishes to do so the CFR Club race(which is a medium race) to the club championship series.

He must therefore as a minimum complete 3 other races to qualify for the club championship as well (total of 6 races).

So through the year Eric will need to race 10 times to qualify for all 3 categories.

Agenda item 2.

Proposal to consider the Organisation of teams to enter races

This was identified as an agenda item but please see above under chairmans report as this is covered there.

Agenda Item 3.

Consideration to be given to the Ennerdale and Duddon fell races support.

A clash of dates for the above races means that the English Championship race (Duddon) may well mean that the ennerdale race suffers on entries , it was put forward by the newly formed race committee that they will consider this in the selection criteria when they decide on the dates for the next years races.

Agenda Item 4 .

Donation to the Patterdale Mountain Rescue team.

It was proposed that a donation be considered for the PMRT for the support they gave in helping an injured CFR competitor of the fell during last years (2010) Ian Hogson Relay race. At the time there was a letter of thanks sent by the club and in view of the time that has passed it was felt that this would suffice.

Agenda Item 5

AOB.

Barry Johnson confirmed two dates of the races he is to organise;

Eaglesfield cross country/trail race held on Jan 9

2 lakes race held on 22 Jan.

Please see web site for details.

Barry also reiterated the clubs need to ensure that CFR have a suitable infrastructure to support the clubs objectives for the season and asked if this could be considered at the next committee meeting .

Barry also suggested that CFR be the driving force behind a "Cumbria County Club Championship" series for 2012. Barry kindly offered to contact several other Cumbrian clubs to put forward the idea and get responses on its feasibility.

End of meeting.

Next Committee meeting to be on 25 Jan 2011 at the Swan Inn Kirkgate 7.30pm start, all welcome.