



**Minutes of Dark Peak Fellrunners AGM
Snake Inn
3 May 2017**

1. Apologies

Alan Yates
Keith Holmes

2. The minutes of last year's AGM were approved, save that the word "not" should be taken out of the second sentence in paragraph 9 so that it would read "it was agreed that no unaccompanied children should go on any runs".

3. Rob Moore confirmed that the present directors of Dark Peak Fell Runners are:-

Bob Berzins
John Dalton
Richard Hakes
Tim Hawley
Dave Holmes
Tim Tett

Company Secretary – Rob Moore

The meeting was informed that you did not necessarily have to be a director to hold one of the Club posts. Tim asked whether any of the directors wished to resign but everyone was willing to continue

4. Helen Elmore resigned as Ladies Captain and Sally Fawcett was approved as the new Ladies Captain.
5. Tim Hawley reported that it had been a "difficult" treasury year. He did not have any accounts to give to the meeting because of the problems we had had with the Club bank account. He confirmed that the Club now has a new bank account with Natwest with a credit balance of £7,850. He confirmed that the Edale Skyline had made approximately £3,500 and last year's Burbage Skyline had made approximately £1,000.
6. Ann Watmore reported that membership subs had started to come in now that we had a bank account again. The meeting confirmed that if either Graham Berry or Roger Baumeister had paid subs for this year they would be reimbursed because they had been members of the Club for 40 years and anyone else who had been a member for 40 years would now be given free life membership.
7. Tim Tett handed out a chairman's report and commented on various matters including:-

- a. FRA relays 2017/18 – Tim reported that the FRA relays would not happen in 2017 in the Peak District but could happen in 2019. However, we are facing resistance from the Local Residents Association and Severn Trent must still be persuaded to consent to the relays taking place at Fairholmes.

The general consensus at the meeting was that the Club should still try and host the FRA relays, although it was pointed out that providing four legs on fell terrain in the Peak District was difficult.

An alternative view was that the Club did not necessarily have to host the relays itself but instead could lend its support to the relays being held elsewhere such as Wasdale.

Tim also confirmed that we had been invited to run the Edale Skyline in 2018 as an English Championships race.

- b. Willy Kitchen was thanked for organising the 40 at 40 Race series.

Tim thanked Ann Watmore and Alan Yates for the editing and Tim Mackey for producing the 40th anniversary magazine. Ann offered to take on the management of the next issue of the magazine as Tim was currently too busy.

- c. Tim reported that the Club hut had been leaking and he had therefore spoken to a builder who in turn had spoken to Jill at the Sportsman. The builder has now given a quote for a new roof to be built over the old one at a cost of £2,800. The meeting approved the committee being authorised to spend up to £2,800 on a new roof subject to getting contributions from other clubs who use the same hut.

8. Gavin Williams confirmed that this year's Edale Skyline had been a great success and thanked all the people who had helped organise it. He also confirmed that we had been asked by the FRA to host the race as an English Championship race next year and the meeting agreed that this was a good idea and we should do it.

A discussion took place as to how the race could be made better, particularly bearing in mind that the route from Lords Seat to Brown Knoll was now flagged. Gavin asked for ideas to make it a better fell race.

It was recommended that we should put our application in for the race before the start of the summer holidays.

It was pointed out that this year's race clashed with an English Championship race but nevertheless it still sold out, although the runners were mainly made up of trail runners from the Midlands.

9. Paul Fauset reported that last year's Burbage Skyline was a success. It had been intended to run this year's Burbage Skyline in May but Paul received an email from the Eastern Moors Partnership informing him that the Club did not have permission to run the race in May this year because of birds nesting on or around the route. Paul was told that the race could only be run on established rights of way. Paul and Bob Berzins went to see the Eastern Moors Partnership and it was agreed that this year's race would be postponed until 1 August which is the first day after the nesting season ends.

However, a representative from the Eastern Moors Partnership has now walked the course and confirmed to Paul that, with a little extra management, the race in 2018 could go ahead in May although they would not agree to the Plummett remaining part of the race.

A discussion was had as to whether the race should move back to May or whether it should stay in August. Paul confirmed that he would prefer the race to take place in May because there were more people around to help organise it and we would get more runners attending.

10. Lewis Ashton confirmed that the junior committee had established a Club welfare policy as well as a junior membership form and they had even received enquiries about membership for juniors.

It was reported that the Club has two qualified coaches who may be prepared to put on junior events.

Helen Elmore volunteered to be the Club's welfare officer and was duly appointed as welfare officer. Lewis Ashton was nominated as junior coordinator and it was agreed that he would work alongside Keith Holmes who would continue doing what he has been doing to date.

John Dalton was thanked for setting up an online membership form.

The meeting ended at 10.05pm.