

Minutes of DPFR AGM on 18 May 2011 at Maynard Arms, Grindleford

1. Apologies

Lynn Bland
Rob Little

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes from last years AGM were approved.

3. Chairman's report

Paul presented his report to the meeting. A copy is attached.

4. Treasurer's report

Lynn was not at the meeting but a copy of the accounts was presented to the meeting. A copy is attached

5. Election of Officers

All existing club representatives were re-elected apart from Gavin Williams who had stood down as membership secretary. Ann Watmore was elected in Gavin's place. On behalf of the club Paul thanked Gavin for his years of service as membership secretary. Paul informed the meeting that 2011/12 would be the last year he would be chairman and likewise 2011/2012 would be the last year Lynn would be treasurer. Willing candidates were asked to put their names forward to become the new chairman and treasurer respectively.

6. Edale Skyline

No report on this years race was presented as the race organiser Andy Jenkins did not attend the meeting. The meeting was informed that Ian Fitzpatrick had kindly volunteered to take over as race organiser for 2012. The membership endorsed this decision. The meeting expressed its thanks to Andy Jenkins for all of the hard work he had put in with organising the race for the previous three years. An open discussion then took place concerning entry fees, prizes and general organisation. Ian confirmed to the meeting he would try and approach the organisation of the race in a different way by increasing its visibility and encourage more members of the club to get involved in its organisation.

7. Burbage Skyline

Roy Gibson reported back on what was a successful race with well over 300 entries. There was some good natured teasing of Roy about him having forgotten to bring the entry forms with him to the Fox House leading to large queues of people forming in the car park as well as sending both Roy's and his wife's stress levels through the roof.

8. Access

Bob Berzins reported that he had received a reply from the Peak Park solicitor about snares, who had informed him that PDNPA are not liable for negligence but will act to take steps to avoid a possible negligence claim. The access manager was meeting Mr Archdale on 2 June but Bob had not been invited to attend the meeting. A discussion took place about the snares and it was emphasised that it could amount to criminal damage if the snares were forcibly removed from where they had been set so members were asked to make them visible to passing runners/walkers but to leave them where they were.

9. Safety and navigation

It was reported that a number of members had attended a Wilderness First Aid training course held in the Hope Valley. The course had been fully funded by the club and was felt by most who attended to have been a worthwhile and useful exercise and something that the club might consider repeating in future.

A navigation course was also organised during the year. Held at the Woodhead MRT Headquarters and aimed at new club members feedback on the course had been extremely positive and the course may be repeated next year.

10. Club champs

It was confirmed that this year's club champs would be from Edale and would take place over the traditional triple crossing of Kinder. Roy Small agreed to work his magic and do the handicaps.

11. Club dinner

At the time of the meeting, it was not known who would be organising the club dinner or where it would take place. Members were asked to volunteer to organise the event.

12. Any other business

There was a long discussion about the destruction of larch and pine on the shooting butts route from the Haunted House. The mood of the meeting was that the destruction of the trees had been unnecessary and unjustified.

There was also a long debate about the club magazine and the fact that the magazine was not being published regularly and that articles provided by various people were not being published. People expressed frustration that they had written articles up to a year ago which had not been printed. Dave Holmes apologised for the ad hoc nature of the magazine but did not agree that some articles were being ignored. He pledged to ensure that the magazine would be published on a more regular basis and would include all contributions he received.

Willie Kitchen informed everyone he had been given details of the Ladybower fell race, a new race organised by Steel City Striders and that the relevant information would be put in the calendar on the website.