

Lake District Mountain Trial Association

52nd Annual General Meeting

Held at Wilf's Cafe, Staveley on Friday 25 November 2016 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: 28 members

1. Apologies

Derek Ratcliffe, Andrew Leaney, Karen and Bob Nash, Mary Walker, John Crockett, Dave Jones, Diana McClure, Andy Lewsley, Gordon Jackson, Mike Parsons, Ian Griggs, Ted Lowthian, Ken Ledward.

2. Welcome

Dick Courchee, who as president was in the chair, welcomed everyone. He thanked all who had contributed to the Trial in whatever capacity. The thoughts of the Association are with Ben Lyon, our sponsor for many years, who sadly lost his wife two weeks ago.

3. Minutes of the 51st AGM

The minutes were agreed and were signed by Dick Courchee.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Mountain Trial Event Report

- a. David Rosen circulated a hard copy of the organisers' report which he spoke to. A summary appears below and the full report is available on the LDMTA website.
- b. The 61st Mountain Trial was staged successfully from the Newfield Inn, Seathwaite, Duddon Valley. The Newfield together with the nearby Village Hall made an excellent venue with good parking. The owners were extremely helpful. The pub provided the post-race meal. Pete Bland Sports brought their shop along. Lyon Equipment were again the main sponsors under the La Sportiva brand and the YHA provided some additional prizes. The weather was excellent.
- c. A pre-marked Harvey map was used. It was printed on waterproof paper and laminated; problems of the print rubbing off were eliminated. 160 runners started the courses of whom 10 retired. These numbers are slightly up on 2015. Runners were roughly evenly split between the three courses. The new pairs option on the short course was popular with 10 pairs entering.

- d. Runners commented favourably on Derek Ratcliffe's courses, in particular on the excellent route choice provided. Winning times on the classic and medium were a little longer than usual; the winner of the classic, Neil Talbot of Ambleside AC, was only just under five hours. Quentin Harding of Bowland was first V50 in 5th place and Mary Gillie was first woman. Charlotte Watson of WCOC won the medium course outright and Rebecca Rooke of Black Combe Runners won the short course. Quentin Harding and Mike Hind both completed their 21st classic mountain trial.
- e. Dick Courchee, who acted as day organiser and the designated on-the-day safety officer, ran the event most efficiently. Many volunteers worked hard to make the day run smoothly. About 20 people helped at the race venue with a further eight working as checkpoint marshals. The marshals were co-ordinated by Tim Goffe. Raynet provided radio communication to some of the check points. Derek Allison provided first aid cover and there was a full kit check before the start. Andrew Leaney of SPORTident provided a very efficient results service.
- f. David Rosen circulated a hard copy of Derek Ratcliffe's planner's report and Andy Lewsley's controller's report and spoke briefly to them. A summary appears below and the full reports can be found on the website.
- g. Planning unfamiliar routes away from and back to the Newfield was a challenge. It took several attempts to craft courses that gave a suitable degree of challenge and route choice without being too long or repeating the Duddon or other race routes. In particular the planner aimed to provide good route choice and was pleased to see the varieties of routes chosen and to receive appreciative comments from competitors. A track was cut through the bracken to help competitors reach the final control, apologies to those who missed it.

6. Officers' Reports

a. Treasurer's Report

Ann Smith, the treasurer, commented on the accounts, which had been signed by Gordon Pitt, the auditor. Net current assets are £8920.87. For the first time in recent years there was a net surplus on the Trial of £42.30; the venue had provided very good value for money. The sixty years booklets are continuing to sell. Overall there was a net surplus on the year of £157.48.

b. Membership Secretary's Report

The membership year runs from 1 September to 31 August. Anne Salisbury sent out electronic membership cards. Only three people requested a card version. Total membership of the Association is 126. This includes 46 who joined with their entry, three who joined by post, 23 honorary members who helped at the Trial and 54 life members.

Life members were awarded the status in 2010 for ten or more years' service to the Trial. Anyone else who thinks they are now in this category, six years on, should let Anne know.

c. General Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

7. Election of President

Edwin Coope was elected as president and took over as chair of the meeting. Dick Courchee was thanked for his work as the previous president and in numerous other roles.

8. Election of Officers and Committee

The following were elected:

Chairman: Tony Richardson.

General Secretary: Miriam Rosen

Treasurer: Ann Smith.

Membership and AGM Secretary: Anne Salisbury

Other committee members: Dick Courchee, Wendy Dodds, Tim Goffe, David Rosen.

The president proposed that officers and committee should be elected en block and this was agreed by the meeting.

It was noted that the committee will co-opt Geoff Clarke, who was nominated on the night, to the committee.

Derek Ratcliffe, Andy Lewsley, Dave Jones and Mairead Rocke, who are all retiring from the committee, were thanked for their contribution.

9. Resolutions

There were none

10. Date of Mountain Trial 2017

Next year's Trial will be on Sunday 10 September. The venue will be Gatesgarth Farm in Buttermere.

The planner will be Mike Hind. The controller has not yet been appointed.

11. Awards

a) 21st completion awards.

Mike Hind and Quentin Harding received their awards for 21 completions of the classic trial. Edwin Coope presented the awards following citations by Wendy Dodds.

- b) Dick Courchee presented the president's award to David and Miriam Rosen in recognition of their on-going work on behalf of the Trial.

12.AOB

- a) Edwin Coope thanked everyone for attending and Anne Salisbury for organising the AGM.

The AGM was followed by an excellent hot meal provided by Wilf's. After this John Fleetwood gave a talk entitled "Alps end to end", which gave a fascinating insight into the pleasures and challenges of the journey and was enjoyed by about 35 people. A collection was taken in aid of the charity "Step by Step (Cumbria), which helps recovering addicts, nominated by John.