

## **Lake District Mountain Trial Association**

### **56th Annual General Meeting**

Held at Wilf's Cafe, Staveley on Friday 26th November 2021 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: 26 members and observers

#### **1. Apologies**

David Rosen, Miriam Rosen, Dave Fenwick, Dave Littler.

#### **2. Welcome**

- i) Edwin Coope, the president, welcomed those attending and thanked Ben Lyon for continuing sponsorship and Ross Jenkin for agreeing to present a talk.
- ii) Sadly, John Nettleton and Ted Lowthian had passed away.
- iii) There was no Trial in 2020 due to Covid restrictions.
- iv) This year's trial had been organised by Andrew Bradley and the high standards which the association always tried to achieve were maintained. The courses set by Pete Nelson and controlled by Mark Seddon were well received, and the success of the Trial as a whole was again due to the efforts of many.
- v) The Trial was held at Loweswater for the first time in its history. Many landowners and Commoners needed liaison; response was overwhelmingly positive.
- vi) The finances of the Association remain stable, thanks in no small part to the continuing support of our Sponsors, particularly Lyon Equipment, for which EC expressed his thanks to Ben Lyon.

#### **3. Minutes of the 55th AGM**

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Wendy Dodds, seconded by Ralph Henderson and signed off by Edwin Coope.

#### **4. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **5. Mountain Trial Event Reports**

- a. **Organiser's Report.** Andrew Bradley outlined the main points of his report which appears in full on the LDMTA website.

- i) This year's Trial, the 66th, was held on 12th September at Loweswater Village Hall which provided a good base, with power, wet weather options and good access and parking. It was necessary to rent supplementary toilets.
- ii) There was again a strong entry:  
Classic: 86 starters, 64 successful completions

Medium: 46/41

Short: 82/81

- iii) There was little Covid impact beyond requiring face coverings at registration.
- iv) Catering by Podium went well.
- v) First Aid cover was provided by Derek Allison.
- vi) The Pete Bland van was in attendance and was well supported.
- vii) Runners continue to get good value for money, thanks to sponsors La Sportiva and Pete Bland's.
- viii) Permissions required extensive liaison due to a patchwork of interested parties; these were all freely given.
- ix) SportIdent provided the results service.
- x) Raynet provided radio support at some checkpoints and at base.
- xi) Future planners are advised to check mobile signal near to the day.
- xii) One issue with a 'missing runner' who registered but did not run and omitted to inform race control – no further action taken.
- xiii) TR and DW gave extensive help on the day, with additional assistance from volunteers for car parking, map issue, marshalling.

b. **Planners' Report.** Pete Nelson summarised his report which appears in full on the LDMTA website.

- i) Three courses were provided:
  - Classic: 27 km 2500m ascent 7 controls
  - Medium: 19 km 1600m ascent 6 controls
  - Short: 15 km 830m ascent 6 controls
- ii) Bad Weather courses were available, but not used.
- iii) The Loweswater Fells, although providing good running for shorter navigational events, proved slightly restrictive for the longer courses, rendering valley crossings unavoidable.
- iv) The emphasis for course design was on providing a range of route choices.
- v) A particular difficulty with the Short course was in providing a challenge for both experienced runners dropping down a level, and novices in their first event.
- vi) The nature of Harvey's maps made detailed navigation in fields tricky on some of the valley crossings.
- vii) Few people came in over time.

c. **Marshal Coordinator's Report** Tony Richardson's full report is available on the website.

6 marshals were available, so several controls were unmanned. Raynet provided 6 volunteers, 4 on the fell and 2 at base. Marshals were equipped with first aid kits, space blankets and emergency food.

## **6. Officers' Reports**

### **a. Membership Secretary (Geoff Clarke).**

There are 148 members in total, comprising:

55 members  
28 Honorary Members  
65 Life Members

### **b. Treasurer's Report**

Geoff Clarke, the treasurer, circulated the annual accounts for 2020 and 2021. There being no event in 2020, a c£1500 loss was reported, partly accounted by invoice timing,

The closing balance at year end, 31 October 2021, was £7,260.42.

This year's event made a small profit of £250.

The accounts were audited by Gordon Pitt.

### **c. General Secretary's Report**

Allan Miller has agreed to take on this role; there was nothing else to report.

## **7. Election of President**

Edwin Coope was re-elected as President, uncontested.

## **8. Election of Officers**

The following were elected:

Chairman: Tony Richardson.

General Secretary: Allan Miller

Treasurer: Geoff Clarke.

Membership Secretary: Geoff Clarke.

## **9. Election of Committee**

Wendy Dodds, Mike Hind, Pete Nelson, Andrew Bradley, David Wolfendale, Dave Fenwick and David Rosen have indicated their willingness to remain on the committee.

Mark Seddon and Pete Nelson indicated their inability to continue in their respective roles; a Planner and Controller are therefore required for the 2022 event. The Chair gave thanks to the previous incumbents.

Andrew Bradley is willing to continue as Organiser but will be absent on the day of the 2022 Trial, therefore an on-the-day Organiser is required.

#### **10. Appointment of Auditor**

Gordon Pitt had agreed to continue checking the annual accounts.

#### **11. Resolutions**

There were none

#### **12. Date of Mountain Trial 2022**

Next year's Trial will be on Sunday 11th September 2022.

#### **13. Awards**

No Award milestones were passed this year.

#### **14. AOB**

Martin Stone raised a query regarding the increasing prominence of the Short Course, and the extent to which achievements on it take away from the longer Trial, which was always the core event. This will be discussed further in Committee.

The AGM was followed by an excellent hot buffet meal provided by Wilf's. After this, Ross Jenkin gave a well-received talk entitled "The Big Four at Forty". A retiring collection amounting to c£330 was made in aid of CALM, a mental health charity close to Ross's heart.