

# Lake District Mountain Trial Association

## 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Held at Wilf's Cafe, Staveley on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: 25 members

### 1. Apologies

Malcolm Bird, Mike Hind, Martin Hudson, Pauline Hudson, Stuart Hulse, Robert Lancaster, John Lagoe, Ben Lyon, Ian Rooke, Derek Ridley, Richard Simpson, Sue Simpson

### 2. Welcome

Wendy Dodds explained that John Lagoe could not be present for the AGM and so she would stand in for him. She thanked all involved in the 2011 trial at Mungrisdale, especially the major officials.

### 3. Minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> AGM

The minutes were agreed and were signed by Wendy Dodds.

### 4. Matters arising

Wendy Dodds thanked Debbie Thompson for transferring the manual results book into an electronic spreadsheet.

### 5. Mountain Trial Event Report

- a. David Rosen presented a report of the organisation of the 2011 Trial.
  - We had arranged to use a flat field behind the village hall for parking. Unfortunately, on the Saturday the farmer felt it was too wet to use so (with the approval of the Parish Council) we parked on the road verge to the south. Mungrisdale village hall was used for registration and results as well as for kit storage. Pete Bland Sports brought their shop along.
  - Lyon equipment are the main sponsors under the Petzl name. They supported a substantial prize list, provided 3 pairs of La Sportiva shoes and made a large contribution towards the expenses of the event. The YHA again provided vouchers for the first YHA members who hadn't won another prize.
  - A 1:40000 pre-marked Harvey map was used. It was printed on waterproof paper. This year, the preparation was done by Malcolm Campbell and it was printed by Print 5.
  - The Planner was Sue Parkin and the Controller was Tim Goffe
  - There were 152 entries for the Classic Trial, 72 entries for the Medium Trial and 70 entries for the Short Trial. All courses were open to men and women.

- Bad weather courses were used. The Classic Trial was 16 miles with 6000 ft of ascent, the Medium Trial was 12 miles with 3900 ft of ascent and the Short trial was 10 miles with 3500 ft of ascent
- On the Classic Trial 120 started (of whom 10 mispunched/retired), on the Medium Trial 59 started (of whom 2 mispunched/retired) and on the Short Trial 58 started (of whom 9 mispunched/retired)
- Permission to stage the event was obtained from the Lake District National Park Authority, Caldbeck and Uldale Commons, Greystoke Estate, Lowther Estate, Mirehouse Estate, John Waugh and Dalemain. Also Mungrisdale Parish Council were very helpful and happy that the event was being hosted in the village. On the day, a person who said he was Chairman of the Commoners complained that the Mungrisdale Commoners had not been informed. We certainly would have informed them if we had known about them, but neither the LDNP, nor the landowners nor the Parish Council advised us about them.
- Tom Brunt of Holmfirth was the winner on the Classic course ahead of Hector Haines. Helene Whitaker was first of the four female finishers Dark Peak were first team. On the Medium course Wendy Dodds was the first female ahead of Sarah O'Neill. Joss Naylor MBE was first over-70 on the Short Course.
- The Mill Inn provided an excellent post-race meal from the kitchen in the village hall.
- A report appeared in the 17th September edition of the Cumberland and Westmorland Herald and in the 15th September edition of Athletics Weekly.

b. Sue Parkin gave the Planner's report.

- Sue Parkin thanked David Rosen and Graham Standing of the LDNPA for obtaining permissions.
- The marshals were severely tested this year by the weather. Sue Parkin continues to think that it is a good idea to man all the checkpoints but this could be discussed.
- The Skiddaw/Blencathra area is less familiar than the Central Lakes. The rounded hills provided challenges for course planning. She tried to avoid the worst heather. The River Caldew and caused some problems as not everyone had understood that they should use the marked bridge if the river was in spate.
- In future, the Short course will be slightly shorter as everyone now has the option of running the Medium course.

## **6. Officers' Reports**

### **a. Treasurer's Report**

Ian Stephenson presented the accounts. This year's trial was financially successful. There was another small increase in the number of entries and the costs of the trial were lower than in 2010. We continue to benefit from generous sponsorship by Lyon Equipment. The association has total assets of £12628.

### **b. Membership Secretary's Report**

Membership is up on previous years. 48 people joined online when they entered the event. There are 53 life members. All members are entitled to a 10% discount at Pete Bland Sports.

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

Miriam Rosen has continued the work that Debbie Thompson started on the completions lists. The data is all held in a spreadsheet which has been brought up to date and checked. Lists of most male completions, most female completions and a full list of everyone who has competed in any of the Trials have been published on the website. In addition, all the results, going back to 1952, are now visible on the website.

## **7. Election of Officers**

President: John Lagoe stood down as President. Dick Courchee was elected in his place. Dick has been involved with the trial for 50 years and has made a considerable contribution in many ways.

Chairman: Wendy Dodds

General Secretary: Miriam Rosen

Treasurer: Ian Stephenson stood down. Ann Smith was elected.

Membership and AGM Secretary: Anne Salisbury

## **8. Election of Committee**

Susan Clough stood down.

For the 2012 Trial, Tim Goffe is the planner and Andy Lewsley is the controller. David and Miriam Rosen are the organisers.

For the 2013 Trial Sue Parkin will be the planner and will attend meetings in 2012 as necessary.

The other committee members are:

Julia Laverack

Debbie Thompson

Jon Broxap

## **9. Resolutions**

There were none

## **10. Date of Mountain Trial 2012**

Next year's Trial will be on Sunday 9 September

Lyon equipment will continue their sponsorship under the Petzl name. The current agreement runs for two more years.

The entry fee will be £17.50 again, but with a £1-50 discount for those people using their own SI card.

## **11. AOCB**

Bob Stewardson, a supporter of the Trial died a few weeks ago. In particular, he was very helpful in erecting stiles where necessary.

Bill Smith died in September. He completed the Trial on 8 occasions in the 1970's and wrote about it in his seminal book "Stud Marks on the Summit".

Thanks were expressed to Anne Salisbury for arranging the AGM.

After the AGM there was a buffet and then a talk "From Morland to Mongolia by bike" by Nicola Davies and Jon Bardgett.