

FELL MANAGER ROLE

ADMIN

1. Decide on Wednesday night venues, arrange leader rotation for both Facebook promotion and leaders for green/blue/red groups. We ideally have 12-16 leaders on rotation scheduled 1 per month (but likely to stand in for more when available). Leaders also typically help on the night if already in attendance and groups need splitting, or bookending. Most leader communication is via Whatsapp. The other leaders should manage any flex/change to plan on a weekly basis, but might need prodding.
2. Manage FB membership and posts on the club Facebook page. Encourage others to promote races/events of interest to others in the club via this channel.
3. Ensure all weekly runs are posted as an event on FB the weekend before. This should be done by the weekly admin assigned, but often requires reminders. We have found that attendance is highest when we provide reliable and prompt information on the location and distance/elevation (sometime route maps help) for each week's run in each group.
4. Attend committee meetings and action points as necessary. Align the needs of the fell group as closely to the wider club aspirations as possible.
5. Contact for the "outside world". Get 1 to 2 e mails via the website a month. Field questions. Find other help within the group to share this and other jobs.

LEADER TRAINING, KIT & ROUTES

6. Encourage leaders to undertake Lirf qualification and first aid training.
7. Encourage leaders to ensure they carry sufficient emergency kit for training sessions.
8. Leaders should be prepared/supported to deny anyone attendance of a session if they are not suitably kitted out.
9. Identify new leaders as others leave. Typically we need 4 for each group (green/blue/red).
10. We have a library of routes on our plotaroute.com account, with different distances/grades for different locations. For login details please speak to one of the leaders.

CLUB RACE CHAMPS

11. The High Fell Series are predominantly Lake District races, but sometimes visit other high places, such as Snowdonia or Shropshire. Most of these are tough races, but there are also more accessible races included to help build confidence and experience and encourage people to try new challenges.
12. The Peaks Trail Series is a mix of generally short-medium length local races with less climb and courses that are often marked or well marshalled, with several longer, but generally navigable trail. A few fell races to make the calendar, but members are warned if there is a more significant reliance on autonomy.
13. Summer Series. Midweek races close to Macclesfield that are generally short and marked. These are mainly on a Wednesday to replace fell group, though Green group often run from the same location to support runners.
14. Decide on the races for the year and the criteria for scoring – typically 3-4 to count from 8-10 races. Generally the more races to qualify the smaller the pool of contenders. It is good to get a mix of something different as well as popular races to ensure that the races are well attended but the series doesn't get stale.
15. In each case, races need promoting through event creation in Facebook and letting people know when entry systems open. Participation is greater when people are informed and know who else is going – especially for those a little further afield.
16. Create/update spreadsheet for these and display this on the website – or ideally delegate the scoring to someone else.

17. In addition there is a handicap award (the Ken Hall trophy) decide on the criteria for this. Currently base an individual's handicap on their previous year's results. Again create/update spreadsheet(s) and display on the website and in Go.

OTHER EVENTS/RACES

18. British Fell Relays. These are always held in mid-October. Venues vary each year. Organise teams of 6 runners for this (open M/open F/various vet classes/mixed). We tend to field 4-6 teams. Need to ensure a couple of competitive teams as a priority, but then open to wider participation. Good to help bring new runners into the fold.
19. Hodgson Brothers Relays. Early October. Higher standard of field required than BFR. Tends to be 1 team, but always good to try for 2. 8 people per team, 4 legs run in pairs. Same location/route every year.
20. Liaise with Phil Cheek re Club Fell Handicap race held in December. Provide him with handicap data. Tends to be organised by fell group admin in terms of payments and handicapping.
21. Phil Cheek organises a wed night orienteering event in summer (the Polly Lander). Encourage attendance and promote via FB and others to do so in subsequent years. Phil (or other) will arrange course and is in charge on the night.
22. We support and promote local fell races, particularly those organised by other members. However, limited action required. These races are rotated in/out of the club champs calendar each year.

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