**Issues for discussion at AGM Jan 2023.**

**From AGM Jan 2022:**

* A process of Safety training for a lot of “new to mountain running participants”.
* Possible U23 championship or race to bridge the gap from Juniors to seniors and encourage Juniors to keep at the sport as they age.

**From Minutes throughout the year:**

Highlight the “**Race risk assessment**” document compiled by Ciaran MacAleenan and available on the NIMRA website.

Athletics NI have increased “**fees for individual membership”** from £12 to £18 (unchanged for 2023) and £2 extra on race entries for unaffiliated athletes. We still just charge an extra £1 for unaffiliated runners and collect on Athletics NI behalf. *Ricky* suggests an increase in this charge to £2 would help cover administration costs of this process and perhaps encourage race participants to join clubs*. Jim P* feels that allowing unaffiliated runners to race is against the ethos of NIMRA. However, not everyone has access to a club although membership of an ANI registered club facilitates insurance cover for the athlete. A discussion followed with some very valid points around **supporting clubs and duty of care.** It was agreed that this could be discussed with the wider membership at the AGM.

A **Guidance policy for race organisers for awarding category race prizes** was sought by *Mark P* from the committee. Currently prizes are frequently not awarded to participants if no one else races in their category. This is the subject of much disappointment and annoyance and particularly affects older participants. Although prize awards are the prerogative of the organising club there could be some over-riding guidance policy. The committee have discussed the situation and propose to address with clear recommendations outlined in a document entitled “***Mackin’s law****”( inspired by a particular interested NIMRA member!)* *“****The Ethos of prizes is to provide recognition, encouragement & entice attendance, from all athletes of varying ability, no matter what the age difference.”***This document is attached in the appendices and will be discussed at the AGM.

*Ricky* shared that he will be advising at the AGM that he will step down both as race director for the British championship and also as chairman. Ian Taylor has temporarily filled the Race Director role for the 2023 British Championship race but the position of Chairman remains vacant. (*see over*)

**Note: Role of Chairperson**

* Chairs regular committee meetings, agreeing agenda with secretary, ensuring that all the required business gets addressed, encouraging quieter committee members to contribute,
* With other officers, ensures that issues arising between committee meetings are either addressed or put on the agenda for the next committee,
* With other committee members helps to ensure the standard of nimra championship events is maintained, supports race organisers where necessary,
* Normally on the selection committee for any senior teams,
* Along with the committee and other individuals, encourages the development of mountain running eg juniors, coaching, participation in events other than nimra championship and outside NI,
* Represents nimra in meetings with other groups eg IMRA, sponsors