



ILKLEY HARRIERS

Ilkley Harriers Committee Meeting: Minutes

Date: 1st December 2009

Present: Paul Wood, Eddie Winslow, Neil Chapman, Henry Heavisides, Colin Lugton, Christine Matthews, Catherine Gibbons, Jane Bryant, Malcolm Pickering, Di Kitchen, Paul Stephens

In Attendance: Shirley Wood,

Apologies: Emma Barclay,

Item		Action
1	Minutes of Meeting 3rd November: Agreed	
2	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>i) Relays: A discussion took place regarding the onerous task for the captains of organising the relay teams and whether or not there was a way of reducing this. It was agreed that if the Captain's felt it was appropriate they could delegate the task, but also accepted that this was not always practical.</p> <p>ii) Newspaper Reports: More volunteers are needed. Paul W to send reminder via Google Group and next newsletter.</p>	PW
3	<p>Running the Club:</p> <p>i) Chairs Report and Officers Reports: Chairs report, Membership Secretary, Captain's, and junior reports attached. The Treasurer and Secretary had nothing of note to report. (Di Kitchen to pursue entry forms for the Nationals)</p> <p>ii) Race Calendar: After considerable discussion about the races to be included in the Harriers League, clashes of dates, the need for long medium and short races, whether or not to include a marathon, the following races were selected:</p> <p>Road: Dewsbury 10, Hyde Park 5k, Thirsk, 1xHRRL, Clitheroe, Masham.</p> <p>XC: Chevin Chase, Ilkley Trail, 1xPECO, Rombalds Stride, St Ives. Harewood.</p> <p>Fell: still to be determined</p> <p>iii) Harriers Races: Neil Chapman has volunteered to organise the Nell Bank PECO. Paul Wood is organising the February Ilkley Moor Fell Race. Further discussion to be had with the Ilkley Carnival organisers about a possible May Day race. There were some safety concerns. Paul W. to pursue. Paul W is also starting the process of obtaining permissions for the Ilkley HRRL race, but an organiser is required. No action is required at present for the Badgerstone Relays - 26-05. Lawrence Basham is organising the Ilkley Trail Race, and the Beamsley Fell Race is to be moved to coincide with the Addingham Gala, and will be organised largely by the Gala Committee. Geoff Howard is again organising the Ilkley Incline, but the junior races will be the week after. Pete Shields has volunteered again for the Yorkshire Vets Relays in September. YVAA have rejected our proposal re. open Road Relays. Paul W suggested review an open Lido Relays for 2011. This was agreed</p> <p>iv) London Marathon: The 4 club places went to Simon Chapman, Rachel</p>	DK

	Wolfenden, Jonathan Sinclair and Robert Cunningham.	
	v) Social Calendar: Ewan's "Gathering" was a success, and the next is December 8th. Volunteers are needed for the Xmas Relays. Wilf Paish, a top coach is at the club on 12th Jan. The Committee agreed to provide food and flowers/bottle of wine for speaker. Other suggestions included a physio visit, handicap run, quiz night. The Bennets have agreed to organise a social Dales Way relay. There was a lengthy discussion about the venue, catering and cost of the Presentation Evening . Finally it was agreed to consider the Tennis Club as well as the Rugby Club, and this has now been booked, including food and disco. Nominations for the awards are required, and this needs to be decided at the next Committee meeting. Paul S to devise a short form and this to go on the web-site and e-mailed via the google group. The categories are: 1st Male and Female, Most Improved Male and Female, Male and Female Endurance, Under 20 Male and Female, Contribution to the Club Male and Female - 10 awards in all.	PS
4	Developing the Club: i) Club HQ: Deferred to January meeting ii) Committee Job Descriptions. The generic job description was endorsed, and the specific officer and captain JDs were to be considered by the relevant officers and be ready to post on the web-site by mid December. iii) Volunteer Recognition: It was agreed that a Committee sub-group would work on this. Colin L agreed to join this.	PW
5	Harrier of the Month: Awarded to Richard Reeve and Steve Turland, and an outstanding achievement award to Geoff Howard. For list of all those nominated, see below.	
TDP	January 5th, 8.30 pm ILTC	

Chair's Report:

It's been a busy month on all fronts - many to be addressed in this meeting.

The Captains will report a good month of racing, especially on the road at the Abbey Dash this month. The track and other speed sessions are bearing fruit.

I'm pleased to see that the Captains are starting to circulate reports in advance of the meeting as requested - this will allow the meeting to focus on looking forward.

The Club Kit is out! There have been good sales of 'Club Kit' from Dobson & Robinson, and Complete Runner has agreed to change their IH logo free of charge and to match the D&R vest price £12.

Sue has produced another super newsletter and our distributors have done a great job of getting it to members - membership renewal is underway.

We have a 'Welcome Pack' for new members, though I am sure that Emma will be improving this! In addition to our burgeoning race programme (now 10 races!) we have had some discussions about staging a weekly Park Run in Ilkley. This would be a great development initiative, but it's not immediately obvious where we'd get the manpower?

The Club Calendar in place and functioning and the web site has also been enhanced with a Committee page with Committee Agendas and Minutes and the Development Plan, and also has details of WAG, BAN, and Rombalds Forum. There is a BAN coordination meeting on 9 Dec and we need to soon think about representation on various BAN working groups.

Steve W has arranged for us to be at the Ilkley Beer festival again, which will benefit Club funds,

and the rota is already full (wish I had as much success with the newspaper rota).

A member of the public has contacted me about the visibility and road sense of some runners out training (not proven to be Harriers) and we have reminded to our runners with announcements on Tuesday nights but perhaps something needs to be written down? Advice for new members?

Membership Secretary's Report:

We have had nine new members join this month:

Julian Carter

Louise Jackson

Robbie Grech-Cini

John Rusby

Dougie & Judith Scarfe

Ros Frost

Adrian Bastow (1st claim LBT)

Derek Fuller

We are now handing out Welcome packs to prospective members which contains a newsletter, letter from Chairman, Club Kit Flyer and Membership Form.

Renewal subs are coming in and I will start chasing up the remainder shortly.

Ladies Cross Country Report Nov 2009

Overall team positions in the Complete Runner Cross Country league after 3 races – ladies are in 4th position. Jenny Dybeck is having a magnificent series and is currently in 1st position in the junior women followed by Catherine Gibbons in 5th place. In the W35, Emma Payne is currently 9th. W40 Jane Bryant is also 9th. W45 Di Haggard is 2nd, Alison Bennett 4th and Sally Malir 5th. W50 Sue Morley is currently 5th. W55 Jo Prowse is 3rd and Bernie Gibbons 4th. In the W60 Lyne Eden is 1st. A great set of results and some strong contenders for medals after the final race on 6th December.

In the Peco Cross Country the Ladies individual results are Sally Malir 5th, Alison Bennett 11th, Jo Prowse 19th, Sue Bickerdike 40th, Sue Morley 43rd, Diane Kitchen 48th, Bernie Gibbons 64th, Alison Ricci 77th, Louise Jackson 79th, Sally Pickering 93rd and Amanda Parnaby 108th. Next race Dec 5th 11 am at Hunger Hill TASC

Entries are being currently taken for the Yorkshire Cross Country Championships, The Northerns and The Nationals but there is not a great deal of interest yet...

Fell Report:

After the madness of October, this month has provided welcome relief in the form of some much more local races. A good number were out at races such as Shepherds Skyline, Tour of Pendle & Rivock Edge, as well as a few 'fell stalwarts' supporting events on the road and country.

Calderdale Relay teams came together reasonably easily in the end, with just one drop out so far to my knowledge, which was due to injury. Next years relays are already rearing their head, and there's a great chance for people to get involved in the Pennine Bridleway Relay in January which Paul has done a very good job of promoting amongst members.

For anyone fortunate enough to be running in the Lake District on Saturday there was a glorious covering of fresh snow underfoot, and the rare chance to witness a broken spectre. Not strictly club business I know, but there were a few members present and as it was one of the most beautiful days I've ever spent on the fells, it's well worth a mention.

Lots more to look forward to next month as the madness of xmas racing takes over.

Mens road:

November has been quite a busy month for road racing with the Abbey Dash being the most popular event. There was a big turnout of runners, being the last road counter in this year's league. Despite the blustery conditions there were many people who ran fast times & PBs, the most notable performance was Geoff Howard setting the second fastest M65 time in the UK this year.

There have been good results also at the Lancaster half marathon & the Thirsk 10.

On the 3rd November we held a 5k time trial with 37 runners participating around the Rupert Road circuit. It seemed to go quite smoothly. Thanks to those who helped to organise it.

Mens Cross country report.

There has been a good start to the season . In the 1st Peco race we finished 2nd. to Abbey and 2nd. in the Vets race to Horsforth. A great turn out with some 17 men running.

In the 1st. Complete Runner race we finished 12th. out of 14 teams. At the 2nd race we finished 9th out of 17 teams. Sadly we only had 5 runners in the 3rd one due to members opting to run at Pendle and Bingley or resting up for the Abbey Dash. So we did not make it onto the team results.

For this league a total of 19 men have asked to be entered but for whatever reasons 7 still have not run.

A big push is needed for the weekend of the 5th/6th December, with the Peco race on Saturday at Horsforth and the final Complete Runner League race on the Sunday.

Junior Report:

November has been another busy month. There have been two Wharfedale Primary Schools XC League events. At the beginning of November 420 competitors raced at Ilkley Rugby Club in an event organised by Westville House School and at the end of the month 374 competitors raced in the Ben Rhydding Primary school event. There have been two Complete Runner events. Firstly at Boddington Hall 22 juniors competed with the U11 girls coming 1st, U13 boys, 4th and U13 girls 7th. At Wakefield we did not have any U11's as it clashed with the Ben Rhydding Schools event, but 11 U13 and U15's competed. Both the U13 girls and boys teams gained 6th place overall. The first of the Peco XC League events was held at Golden Acre Park and 22 juniors competed - there were many excellent individual results.

As we get to the end of November some of our coaching sessions finish for Christmas, but our Monday 11-15 Sportshall Athletics, Wednesday speed/endurance sessions at ILT&SC and the Saturday family fell run will continue on through to the end of term. I would like to thank all the coaches for all their hard work and commitment over the term.

Junior membership currently stand at just over 200 with a few still to renew.

Harrier of the Month Nominations

Emma O'Looney - Abbey Dash PB

Richard Reeve - Abbey Dash PB

Geoff Howard - Various records
Jenny Dybeck - 1st Women XC Junior
Helen Horton - PB half marathon and Abbey Dash
Henry Heavisides - Race results
Dave Westhead - XC results
Malcolm Pickering - XC results
Steve Turland - Thirs 10 mile and Rivoock Edge

