

Ilkley Harriers Committee Minutes 6th October 2009

Held at ILT&SC 8.30pm

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

Apologies: Colin Lugton, Diane Kitchen, Dave Wilby, Emma Barclay

In Attendance: Gaynor Coy, Shirley Wood, Alison Bennett

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1. **Minutes** of meeting held 26-08-09. These were agreed. There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
2. **Chair's Report.** The new Chair set out his thoughts on the operation and priorities of the new Committee, and reported on the success of recent events. The Committee supported the objectives as set out below:

Objectives for next 3 months:

To agree the Development Plan for 2010 and beyond and define targets for the rest of the year.

To complete our Clubmark folder and submit.

To define the races we organise in 2010

To define the races we compete in in 2010: esp XC Championships, IH Running League, Relays

To improve the Social Calendar

Paul also noted the success of both the Ilkley Incline (where entries slightly up (73) this year including 22 Harriers), and associated Junior relays, (which had a record 19 teams), and thanked all those who had helped, and the organisers Geoff Howard, Shirley Wood and Pete Shields and Christine Matthews respectively. (see also Captains reports below)

It was also agreed that Committee meetings should be no longer than 1.5 hrs and that the new club kit should be available in time for Christmas. The logo was discussed, and it was felt that this should include the Cow and Calf symbol and that Sans Serif was the preferred font. Jann Smith to be asked to review the design and consult the Committee

3. **Treasurers Report.** Eddie advised that Clive Smith had agreed to continue as Auditor , and that the club finances remained healthy - as reported at the AGM. The bank signatories were changed, and are now Eddie W, Jane B, Henry H and Neil C.
4. **Membership Secretary.** Emma O'Looney has volunteered for this post and the Committee gratefully accepted. The revised members application form has been agreed and a new members welcome pack has been suggested. The renewals form will be in the November newsletter. Eddie to speak to Sue B. The Committee welcomed new members: Alastair Wood, Graham Breeze, Rebecca Mon-Williams, Mark Mon-Williams, and Suzie Gray.
5. **Captain's Reports.**
Fell: Mens: The sheer number & variety of races which members are competing in suggest that the fell side of things is looking very healthy indeed. The last month has seen the full range covered from BOFRA races which are short and sharp, through your more regular fell events to the Lakeland Classics, the Mountain Trial, mountain marathons and finally the first of the fell relays. Honourable mentions must go to Hector Haines for a top 10 finish in the senior Mountain Trial, and the Ian Hodgson Relays team for a 12th place finish.
A number of people seem to be coming back in to form in time for a very busy October, with the final

English Champs race at Langdale Horseshoe taking place on the 10th Oct, the FRA British Relay Champs on the 18th Oct, and the Yorkshire Fell Champs @ Great Whernside on the 31st Oct. The Men's Open team has now been decided for the FRA Relays, and will be posted on the forum for all to see in the next day or so. The Vets team is currently being finalised and should also be available in a day or 2.

Ladies: The Ladies had the usual battle with Dark Peak but unfortunately Dark Peak got the better of us and beat us on the day, resulting in us getting 2nd position overall. As usual we put up a good fight and made it very exciting for spectators (not so good for our nerves!). Everyone gave 110% and we certainly flew the flag for Ilkley Harriers. The Ian Hodgson Relay is a very prestigious event and it has to be remembered that all quality teams enter this event, Ambleside, Holmfirth and Keswick were all behind us.

The Stars of the Day were young Jenny (age 17) and Sally Morley who got the fastest Leg 3 time (it was worth breaking nails for). Andrea has already got her eye on Jenny, to run with her in future years (everyone has to take their turn)!

Road: The main event was the **YVAA Relays** with 58 teams in our inaugural running of the event. A great showing by the club on the organisational front and great club team results with 7 mens teams, 2 of which gained medals, and 5 ladies teams with 3 medals gained.

It was agreed that IH should hold the YVAA relays again next year if possible, and if not, then as an independent event.

XC: The first fixture is this Sunday - Oct 11th.

Junior Report: A very busy start to the coaching year with large numbers of juniors at all sessions. Cross-country starts this weekend with the first Wharfedale Primary School event on Saturday at Ghyll Royd and the Complete Runner event on Sunday in Halifax. 23 juniors from U11 to U15 have been entered to race on Sunday.

6. **IH Running League:** This needs to be finalised for the November newsletter.
7. **2010 Fell Races:** The FRA needs race information by end October. Agreed as follows:
 - IMFR 21 Feb. (Paul W organising)
 - Ilkley Incline 01 Sept. (Geoff H organising) note Junior relays will be on 08 Sept.
 - Ilkley Trail race Mid May. The issue of which charity to support was discussed. It was agreed that the Ugandan charity would continue to be supported, and that for 2010 the first £600 takings would be split 50-50, with the remainder all going to the charity. (Further consideration would be given to organising another race which could support a local charity).
 - Badgerstone Relays - Mid May? Paul W. suggested that IH should take over the organisation of these races, to restore them to their former glory. This was agreed in principle. Paul W to pursue further.
8. **Annual Awards Evening:** This needs booking for sometime in January. Christine M and Neil C volunteered.
9. **Clubmark:** Paul W noted that the portfolio required was largely complete. Further work was required on Officer job descriptions and on the Development plan. New officers to review JDs and Paul W would prepare a draft plan for consideration by the Committee.
10. **Social Events:** A number of new events were planned or being considered including:
 - a "wee gathering" to be organised by Ewan Welsh - for mid November - to encourage Harriers to talk about races to enter, training targets, etc. (date now set for November 10th.)
 - 5k Time Trial - planned for 3rd Nov.
 - Predictor Run 17th Nov.
 - Draw for London Marathon places - 24th Nov.
 - Xmas Relays 15th December.
 - Interesting speakers are also being pursued.
11. **Harrier of the Month:** The Committee was reminded that 2 awards for racing/contribution to the club

are made and an optional award for "Outstanding Achievement". Nominations received were:

- Pete Shields and team - for their hard work in organising the YVAA Road Relays
- Jenny Dybeck - For clinching the ladies BOFRA title and for results in the senior relay teams,
- Richard Reeve for his run in the vets relay, he was second fastest Ilkley Harrier
- Graham Arthur for stepping in to run the vets relay at very short notice after running an 18 mile fell race in Scotland the day before.
- Chairman for the last year, Andy Wolfenden.
- Brian Melia for his Ultra Trial du Mont Blanc completion
- Helene Whittaker for her victory in the Ladies Mountain Trial
- Geoff Howard for his 5th place in the World Masters V65 race
- Alison Eagle for her 5th place in the World Masters LV45 race and for leading England to a team gold medal
- Ian Rowbotham for....

HoM were Pete Shields and Ian Rowbotham. Outstanding achievement award to Jenny Dybeck.

12. AOB:

- London Marathon Club Places. Paul S to apply
- Ilkley Gazette reports. October was covered, but volunteers were required for November onwards.
- IH Reps on outside groups. Morgan Williams was the Rombalds Forum rep, Alison Bennett, the Wharfedale Activity Group (WAG) rep, and Shirley Wood and Ian Marshall, the Bradford Athletics Network (BAN) reps.
- IH Calender. Paul S suggested it would be useful to have a calendar on the web-site. Paul W to look into.
- Club Equipment Inventory. Paul S volunteered to compile this.

13. Next Meeting: November 3rd 8.30pm (Buffet to be provided)