



# ILKLEY HARRIERS

# Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012

**Present :** Paul Wood, Malcolm Pickering , Diane Haggar, Eddie Winslow, Clare Smith, Alison Weston, Paul Sugden, Paul Stephens, Emma O’Looney, Matthew Rutter, Jane Bryant.

**Apologies:** Abigail Bailey

Item	Action
1 <b>Minutes of Meeting December 6th.</b> Agreed	
2 <b>Matters Arising:</b>	
i. Ilkley HDSRL race to take place May 1 <sup>st</sup>	
ii. Ladies Captain position still vacant. Further appeal to go in newsletter	PW
iii. ILTSC Development Plans will reduce grass area. Timescales uncertain. Paul W to clarify with tennis club and consult Malcolm and Neil.	PW
3 <b>Running the Club</b>	
<b>1. Harrier of the Month - October.</b> 5 Nominations received:	
• Gemma Carpenter: commitment and improvement	
• Lee Morley: Wins in December	
• Hector Haines: Chevin Chase result	
• Dave Westhead: WYXC results	
• Norman Bush: results	
• Jez Hellewell: 1 <sup>st</sup> in ultra race	
The <b>HoM</b> awards went to Lee Morley and Norman Bush	AB
<b>2. Matters arising from reports</b> – Reports attached. Shirley’s suggestion that junior Sports Leadership awards be presented at the senior awards night at the end of January. This was agreed.	PW
<b>3. Annual Awards: Award winners and details of nominations were as follows:</b>	

This section deleted for the web copy of the minutes, to be reinserted and published after the Presentation Evening 27th Jan. Paul Wood.

#### 4 **Developing the Club.**

i) **Communications.** Paul W reported there was now a specific section on communications on the web-site, with explanations of role and use.

ii) **Olympic year activities.** It is now proposed to rebadged the Lido relays as “Olympic” relays – to take place in May before the Lido opens. An Ilkley Harriers only day is still proposed at the Keighley track.

iii) **Coaching:** Possible leader in running fitness course associated with the Bradford Athletics Network at Keighley. Paul W to circulate details. PW

AOB

i) Neil and Paul had discussed the idea of increasing the number of races in the harriers league to give people more choice. The Committee approved this idea.

ii) Ilkley Tourist Info. Centre were happy to promote the trail race.

iii) Phil Chappel was congratulated on his MBE.

TDP February 7th 8.40pm ILTSC

## **REPORTS**

### **Chairman**

December was a fine finish to 2011 for Ilkley Harriers, with a definite Christmas theme but no races lost to bad weather as at this time last year. Amongst many good races, the Chevin Chase had some

50 Harriers and fantastic results with 2 of our young runners finishing 4th and 15th and 4 Harriers in the top 30. We had 3 teams at the new GWF relays, and have a team lined up for the Pennine Bridleway Relay in January.

On the social front, the Christmas Relays had the biggest turnout for some years, raised £140 for Cancer Research UK, and the supper and quiz had a splendid mix of Harriers young and old. The next social is the 'come fell-running' event in mid January, but our real priority must be the Presentation evening - we must firm this up this week.

I have heard from ILT&SC (Mark Kerr) that the development plans certainly will include loss of some of the field to more tennis courts: we should voice our concerns about this loss of amenity and I will ask Malcolm and Neil for input (as coaches using the field).

This month's meeting will be dominated by determining the Annual Awards, but we are moving forward on other fronts too. Facebook use by members seems to be picking up and we have a Facebook guide as part of a reorganised 'communications' section of the web site. The need for an 'Olympic event' open to the public may be met by moving the Lido Relays forward, under discussion with Peter. And on the 'coaching front', there may be an opportunity for full funding to send anyone interested on a 'leader in running fitness' course soon.

### **Men's Road**

Limited road action in December with the only local race being the Ribble Valley 10k on 27th December, excluding the fancy dress relays.

Good attendance on 27th December with 11 Harriers out, led home by my predecessor. One to encourage further attendance next year, although it will always live in the shadow of the eternally popular Chevin Chase on the previous day.

Mental note to self to find out from Justin how he managed to get Tom on the tarmac in Gloucester on New Year's day!

### **Men's Fell**

Reasonably quiet throughout December with a couple of local favourites providing the usual focus for people. The GWF Relay seems to have been a hit in this, it's first year, as it seeks to fill the boots of the Calderdale Way Relay. We had a number of teams out who all successfully completed the course. The Woodentops productions at the Stoop & Auld Lang Syne saw huge number of Harriers turning out, with 4 of our men finishing in the top 30 at the ALS, which nicely backs up the 4 in 30 we had at the Chevin Chase too. Lee Morley was on top form this month as he claimed 2 outright wins on trips back across the border (Cwm Reservoir Race & Whinberry Naze).

January see's the Woodentops races continue at Stanbury Splash, and preparations aplenty for the Championships & Three Peaks.

### **Ladies Fell**

The month started with an evening headtorch run followed by supper in Hebden on Dec 1st, attended by at least 18 Ilkley ladies. As far as races go, there was a good turnout of ladies at each of the Woodentops' December

races (9 and 16 respectively). Emma Barclay finished well up the field at both the Stoop and the Auld Lang Syne, and the ladies' team prize on New Years Eve was taken by Ilkley's Sally Morley, Emma Barclay and Kate Archer. Sue Morley was 1st lady V55 at the muddy Mytholmroyd Fell Race on 11 Dec. At the inaugural GWF relay on Dec 10th, the Ilkley ladies team were champions and the event appears to have been enjoyed by all who participated in the 3 Ilkley teams. Sharon Meadows was one of several harriers to endure 'running through lots of very wet and muddy fields' at the Bolton By Bowland Fell Race on Sun 4 Dec. Sally Morley was 1st lady at the Lynne Edmondson Memorial Cowm Reservoir Race on 18 Dec, with husband Lee taking 1st place overall. Alison Weston was running even further afield on the 27th Dec, coming 123rd at the Guisborough Woods Fell Race. A mixed team (with one lady and one man on each of 5 legs) has been picked for the Pennine Bridleway Relay on Feb 5th and reccies will be taking place in January. We plan to advertise and encourage participation in the English and British Championship races in 2012, and there will be a social gathering at the Vaults in early February.

### **Mens x/c**

Not a great deal to report for December. The second Peco race, clashed with the Stoop. Yet 4 men and 1 women made it to Middleton. Many thanks to Eric Morley for collecting the finishing tags at the end of the race.

Things are looking up in January for the county and northern championships with full teams entered for both events .

### **Ladies Cross Country**

The only December XC date was the PECO league at Middleton which unfortunately clashed with the Stoop fell race. Only one lady ran, well done Sue Morley.

Massive Harriers turnout at the Chevin Chase (I know its Trail rather than Cross Country)

We are now preparing for the Championship season. 8 ladies have been entered in the Yorkshire Champs on Jan 7th and we have a strong team on paper. On Wed i will submit the Northern entry online. It looks like we have between 5 and 8 entries, although i still await email replies from 3 ladies!! No ladies plan to run in the National at Parliament Hill this year.

### **Junior**

December is a quiet time for both coaching and competing however a number of events have taken place.

Unfortunately the two biggest events of December were on the same day. Only two juniors made it to the PECO XC event at Middleton Park but an outstanding 26 juniors raced at the Stoop fell race in Haworth. There were some fantastic individual results with Tom Robertshaw and Poppy Anderson (both U8), Emily Elmes (U10), Sarah Pickering (U12), Ruaridh Mon-Williams and Lucy Williamson all finishing in the top 5.

Coach Education has been high on our list: Sue Williamson organised a Sportscoach course 'Long term athlete development' at the Rugby club on the 8th December where 22 coaches attended. And on Saturday 10th December 13 of our junior leaders had their Sports Leadership award assessment by jointly organising and running a primary schools Sportshall Athletics event at Richard Dunn in Bradford. The morning of activities went extremely well and all our juniors passed with flying colours.

I am picking up the certificates for the juniors this week and wanted to ask the committee what they

thought of us presenting them to our juniors at the annual awards. This is the first time we have done the award and it has taken the juniors 12 months to achieve. The youngest junior is two months short of being 15 and the oldest over 17 so are in the 'transition' between the junior and senior sections. It would be nice to present the certificates at something a little more grand than a training session, however I have still to put the suggestion passed the juniors themselves. It could be that the juniors would miss the food and just come along for the start of the presentation and then stay on (?) until the finish. Anyway please let me know what you think before I have a word with them.