



ILKLEY HARRIERS

Ilkley Harriers Committee Meeting: Minutes

Date: March 30th 2010

Present : Paul Wood, Eddie Winslow, Malcolm Pickering, Neil Chapman, Henry Heavisides, Christine Matthews, Jane Bryant, Emma O'Looney, Paul Stephens

Apologies: Dave Wilby, Colin Lugton, Catherine Gibbons, Di Kitchen, Emma Barclay

Item		Action
1	Minutes of Meeting 2nd March 2009. Agreed	
2	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Hyde Park league counter was now on October 10th. 2. Poles purchased. Canes and measuring wheel still to be bought. 3. PW and EW have met ILTSC. Productive meeting. ILTSC to look at provision of electricity in field. 4. Next newsletter imminent. 	PW NC
3	<p>Running the Club</p> <p>1. Harrier of the Month Nominations as follows: Tom Adams – for recent wins Dave Cummins – for XC results Rachel Wolfenden – for Trimple 20 results Don McRae – for Peco runs Dave Wilby – for 10k results Kate Archer – for improvement and recent results Jo Prowse – for N Rd Relays Henry Heavisides – for hard work and captaincy Janet Barlow – for group leads Vic Verecondi and Jann Smith – for the cycling gear Alison Eagle – for results</p> <p>And the HOMs were Kate Archer and Tom Adams</p> <p>2. Officer and Captains reports. These are attached. There were no matters arising. Nothing to report from Treasurer or Secretary.</p> <p>3. Involvement in Committee meetings. Paul W suggested that every 3rd or 4th Committee meeting should be an open forum in the bar to enable members to ask questions and discuss issues. He noted the Committee would still need to decide on Harrier of the Month. It was agreed to trial this.</p> <p>4. 6 Month Review. Felt much had been achieved in the first 6 months. Reports to be prepared by Chair, Secretary and captains for April newsletter. To be sent direct to Sue Bickerdike. Paul W to inform those not</p>	PW

	present.	
4	<p>Developing the Club</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clubmark. This was presented on 29th March at the Juniors session and then at the circuit training. Paul W will try and get coverage in the Ilkley Gazette. Re-accreditation Jan 2013. The Committee agreed a vote of thanks to all those involved in preparing for club mark over the years. 2. Ilkley Harriers 25th Anniversary - 2011. Thought needs to be given to this before next year. 3. Bus/Coach Policy. All agreed with provision of coach to team events such as the Northern relays, but less support for other races. Agreed to review and determine our policy following Blackpool event. 4. Volunteer Policy. Paul W felt there was more potential to be had and that a policy would be useful. It was agreed that Paul should attend a volunteering course and report back. It was also agreed to affiliate to Keighley and Ilkley Voluntary and Community Action – at no charge. 	PW
5	<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jacqui Weston has suggested a “swap shop” for unwanted gear. It was agreed to gauge demand via the forums. 2. No date had been found for the proposed quiz night. Will probably be autumn. 3. Bradford Millennium Way Relay. Nick Richardson had volunteered to organise a men's team. 4. Summer kit. Agreed to go for just t-shirts and not shorts. 5. Feedback from WAG requested. Alison Bennett to be asked to provide. 	JB Paul S
TDP	April 20th 2010, ILTC, 8.30pm	

Reports

Chairman's report

It has been a short month since our last meeting but an eventful one.

On the racing front, our men's and ladies teams have done well at the Northern Road Relays and there have been many other race successes too - those who put so much into organising Club training have played a key part in this success.

The Club funded a coach to the NRR, as it has done previously, and I think the ideas developed from this and the Blackpool coach experiment need reviewing and documenting as a standard policy (to save time and debate in the future).

Training is about to undergo a sea-change as Pete & Neil's Thursday session moves on to the fells, and circuit training ends,

Mike Bryant led the last of "Ewan's Wee Gatherings", and these will reconvene in the Autumn now.

Also on the Social front I'm hoping the monthly meals will continue.

There's a busy Summer of racing ahead and we need to present some sort of coherent program in the newsletter - Captains' help needed!

Jann has had a first discussion with Dobson & Robinson about summer kit - we need to streamline our suggested range but this should be a goer.

Last but not least the Club has formally achieved its Clubmark accreditation under England Athletics - there will be small presentation tomorrow.
We're making great strides forward and Paul and I are preparing a 6-monthly review for the newsletter.

Membership secretary

Four new members this month:

Anna Nolan (rejoined)
Jake Cassani
Mark Richmond
Jonathan Riley

Mark Richmond and Jonathan Riley both joined after receiving the letter that I sent out to the 12 local unattached runners who completed the Ilkley Moor Fell Race.

Junior report

This is the most hectic month of the year for myself and the junior team (and the juniors).

6th March: 47 of our juniors took part in the first club SHA competition in Bradford. There were some fantastic individual results and the children had a great time.

7th March: Final Peco XC League event at Esholt - 20 juniors (about half the field) ran. Again some excellent results in the final league placings. Just a shame that the presentation of awards is not until May as we will all have moved on by then.

13th March: Wharfedale Schools XC Relays and Presentation of awards at Nell Bank. Approx 60 teams from KS2 ran and attended the presentation afterwards. 400 children have competed in the league this season.

14 March: First indoor Track and Field 'warm up' event at John Charles Stadium in Leeds. As this is very early season only 5/6 juniors competed but did very well.

25 March: Thursday evening presentation of awards to 8 to 11 year olds - 84 children in total with 10 golds.

27th March: First junior social event - bowling trip to Skipton (and party meal) organised by Malcolm and Sally. 49(?) juniors and parents took part (and by all accounts the adults were very competitive).

28th March: First outdoor Athletics Meet at Cleckheaton - about 6 junior competed (haven't seen the results yet).

29th March: Monday evening presentation of awards to 11 to 15 year olds - 76 children in total with 8 golds. Also presentation of Club Colours and Half Colours. Also Goodbye to 15 year old SHA leavers (14 in total). Also presenting Ros Blackburn with the first 'Junior Ilkley Harriers Volunteer of the Month Award'.

In amongst all that we have a full coaching programme and we're planning the summer term schedule and the long jump pit is being built at Ghyll Royd.

Mens Fell

A busy month on the fells with members partaking in a wide range of events, from the very short to the very long. We don't often get to report on outright race victories at the Harriers, but in March alone Tom Adams took 2 comfortable race wins at Windmill Whizz & Baildon Boundary Way, and also finished joint first at the 'challenge event' of the Trollers Trot after jogging round!! Elsewhere the 3 Peaks was obviously at the forefront of everyone's training plans, as the long distance routes of Edale Skyline, Filey Flyer, Trollers Trot & Blubberhouses 25 were tackled by a good number of racers. Those not wanting to be out as long took on the ever popular Half Tour of Pendle & Baildon Boundary Way.

Conclusion at this stage of the season is that the men's side is growing in depth, and also strength as

demonstrated by good early season team results at Ilkley Moor & Windmill Whizz. We still have 1 or 2 of our top runners either injured or off form, but it would be nice if we could attract a couple more fast, young runners to lower our average age, and keep the usual suspects company.

Mens Road

The Northern 12 stage road relay was a success regarding getting virtually our strongest possible team to take part. There was a good team spirit & it worked well taking the coach. We were a bit disappointed not to qualify for the National 12 stage, but the standard of competition was very high.

There have been numerous road races during March including the Wakefield 10k which was a counter in the IH league. Only 8 runners from Ilkley took part in this race, which is not very many for a league counter, but it did clash with other events (such as the Baildon Boundary Way).

The updated 2010 road race rankings have been published on the website & it is encouraging to see that there have already been some fast times recorded this year, especially at 10k & half marathon.

We have started issuing numbers for the Harrogate League races. So far we have about 40 people who have registered. We should try to get at least double this number to take part.

Our target is to improve our overall result compared to 2009 & to try to win the vets & super vets categories.

Mens XC

Early March saw the final race of the Peco cross country league and the end of a great season. A total of 13 men supported the final race at sunny Esholt and the club managed to finish 2nd. in the men's race and 1st. in the vets event. This super effort helped the team over 5 races to finish 1st in the vets competition and 2nd in the open mens .

Well done to everybody who supported this league since last October as I feel it underlines our clubs great team spirit.

On the individual results Henry Heaviside was 1st O/50 with Ian Rowbotham 3rd. and Malcolm Pickering 1st. O/55.

Finally a special mention must be made to Don McRae, Paul Stephens, Ed Brougham, Henry Heaviside, and Andy Jackson who managed to run all 5 races.