



ILKLEY HARRIERS

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 4th July 2023

Attendees: Jonathan Turner, Kate Archer, Neil Chapman, Hilda Coulsey, Jeff Green, Nick Kealey, Andrew Overend, Paul Stephens, Jean Sullivan, Dawn Turner, Becky White

Apologies: Vince Gibbons, Rob Budding

Minutes from last meeting of 2nd May 2023 - agreed

Matters arising - expenses policy to be updated PS

Membership & Treasurers reports

No updates from Membership - all ticking over ok

Update from Secretary

HDSRL handicap race to follow at Ripon we had 26 entries (a few didn't run at all).

IH took 3RD male prize overall and 2 age cat prizes.

Alison Bennett will take over as club rep. The series needs promoting for next year and we will be hosting a race again.

Update from Treasurer

JG asked about the tennis club contract but received no reply.

HC said the contract does exist and was put together some years ago. KA to ask Martin if he has a copy somewhere.

When found it needs adding to the googledrive

Bank balance- £13,399.70 - after the two charity donations were paid

Switching from Virgin to Lloyds has been resolved and seems to be ok so far.

Lloyds asking about our tax status, JG will look at setting us up as CASC status and check out the criteria

We now have a portable payment machine for use at the track and for entries on the day at events. The cost was around £40. NK to set up and liaise with JG.

Pete Shields race review and feedback

JT issued a document prior to the meeting outlining the main points arising after the race following a post race brief with NC, HC, VG & JT

JT thanked Neil for all his hard work in making the race a success and a fitting memorial to Pete. There was positive reaction from Pete's family and Ivan, the head of the Revival school in Uganda who came to thank us before a June club run.

NC stated that not having chip timings was a huge financial benefit - over £600 saved - which went to the two charities.

Landowners are still the biggest hurdle. NC is going to contact them earlier - in November this year. We need to display a banner in a prominent position and get RaceBest up and running before the end of the year.

Planning is in place and we need to get things started earlier in terms of promotion and contacting people. The woodland is an issue - we need more marshals or tape or paint to make the route more obvious.

NC has asked the Parks Dept if he can spray paint in the woods.

It was pointed out that Dragons used spray paint at their HDSRL race.

We now have a blueprint for next year's race and the key point is to get things in place much earlier.

NK said the results process might need looking at as it took a while to collate them manually.

EA have an app - could be worth investigating for next year.

Incline update from JS

Everything is on track, JS, Jenny Roberts and Alison Weston are liaising with Caroline Howe. Next planning meeting is 24th July. Yorkshire Runner are going to sponsor and supply the numbers.

First Aid Kits for run leaders

A new First Aid kit for club races was ordered (following advice from Petra B) and handed to JS at the meeting to be passed on to Alison Weston. Each race organiser then passes it on to the next one on the schedule.

Better quality foil blankets for all leaders and first aid bum bags were ordered for those that asked for them.

PS suggested we look at ordering more foil blankets for members. DT to see if we can get discount on a bulk order.

Ilkley Half marathon - IH stand

Potential to capture new members if we take the tent and have a stand. We will get a £2 rebate back for each of our 95 (so far) entries. Initial thoughts were this should either go to Trail Race charities or promotion for that or the new 10km race to boost numbers.

We will need someone to put up the tent / stay at the tent / publicise what we do / take the tent down.

JG pointed out the the Half have banners on fences - maybe contacting Michael Odell about this.

JT thanked Michael Odell for all his help so far.

Volunteer day Ilkley Moor/Sustainability

No updates but FOIM are aware we want to help.

HC raised the kit swap that Helen had mentioned. We need to think about a formal way of doing this on the members' Facebook page.

Away runs

Tennis club not available to us on July 25th and August 1st so there is a possibility of doing away runs.

The one held in Burley last month was well attended (34) and received positive feedback.

It is intended to try and do an away run in Addingham on the Roman Road with food afterwards paid for by the club. JT to make contact with The Swan and set up on sign up.

JG to liaise with the Rugby Club to see if they are available for either date and the cost as it would be a chance to try a different venue.

Second claim members

JS asked for clarity of the rules around this.

The rules revolve around club disciplines and it was a bit unclear. England Athletics is the best source. JS to have a look and liaise with Petra and report back.

KA asked about why a few members are leaving - something like an 'exit interview' could be helpful?

This led on to the potential for a members survey, is it time to think about doing another?

Substitute leaders over the Summer

When leaders are away they should nominate someone as a leader if possible. The leader should carry contact numbers for JT & HC for emergencies (and possibly Petra too as all three have access to the club database). It was agreed that we are happy for non-qualified leaders to do this on an ad-hoc basis, provided it didn't become the norm. HC said that using SignUp offered a safety net which shows who is running for a particular session.

Incidents

A non member was added to the Whatsapp group, this was quickly rectified and the person is now a second claim member. This should not happen again. JT will liaise with the admins to clarify this.

UKA safeguarding are investigating a complaint against a Harrier at a sporting event. HC will update the committee when the investigation is complete. UKA advised that no action is required by Harriers at this stage.

NK - Justin Pierce had a bad fall during his club run and hurt his shoulder. NK flagging up as it was on one of the well used routes, the wooden bridge at the top of Owler Park. It was advised that NK post this on the leaders group to let others know.

AOB

Jack Wood departure - it was agreed we will mark this with a suitable gift.

NC updated the meeting with where we are at with the 10k planning for 2024.

The date of the next committee meeting and the AGM was discussed. We need to give three weeks notice for the AGM (which needs to be in September). 26th September was agreed. JG asked could we change the constitution? It was agreed we should look at doing this next year.

Date of next meeting 5TH September 2023

NC advised the meeting that he his thinking about stopping his coaching sessions as numbers have really dwindled. He is going to give it a few weeks to see how things go. He his happy to continue with circuits at IGS on a Monday evening but he's worried that the other sessions may have passed their sell by date. The committee expressed their disappointment and said the way forward would be to promote the sessions to see if this makes a difference.

NC agreed that if numbers did improve he would continue.

Next meeting 12th September 2023