



ILKLEY HARRIERS

Draft Minutes of Committee Meeting held 7th November 2023

1. **Attendees:** Jonathan Turner, Kate Archer, Rob Budding, Neil Chapman, Hilda Coulsey, Vince Gibbons, Jeff Green, Nick Kealey, Andrew Overend, Paul Stephens, Jean Sullivan, Caroline Tong, Dawn Turner, Becky White

2. **Minutes from last meeting of 12th September 2023** - agreed

3. **Matters arising**

The proposed age categories for races (juniors). JT met with Shirley Wood, she was very much against the move to change and asked us to join Northern Athletics' objection to EA's proposals, which we have done.

PS stated the discount page needed update on the website, as well as the constitution changes and expenses policy. JT to pick up with Sam Wood.

4. **Membership report**

We currently have 399 first claim members, 323 have paid, 76 people still to pay (and four new to process) all of which is par for the course at this time of year.

Treasurer's report

Bank balance currently £19,736

JG to look at an account that will earn us a bit more interest and the CASC changes are "to do".

Update from Secretary

Nothing to report that wouldn't be picked up on the agenda.

5. **Northern Athletics**

Juniors only register runners for EA if they are going to enter events.

Seniors - all are registered, hence £916 invoice to EA as NA use those numbers for their £2pp charge.

Discussion needed as to whether we make the EA registration an option rather than obligatory.

All of the above has been discussed in the past and HC suggested we do some research and try to decide the best way forward. PS / HC / RB / to form a group along with PB and report back.

6. **Members' survey**

To be discussed and remain on the agenda. JG happy to help with this.

7. **Race updates from Neil Chapman**

Trail

NC reported that the Lido had been against the race from an "increased crowds and parking" point of view. This has been resolved, just waiting for clearance from the landowner which should be ok.

10K

Problems with the application being lost by North Yorkshire, hopefully resolved.

Bradford Council have been terrible and NC has taken the matter to a pre-complaint stage which should be expedited quicker. NC has also approached a Scarborough-based Traffic Management Co (as recommended by Race Best) they could be a huge help re race planning.

JT, VG to have a catch up with NC either end of Nov or early Dec to see how things are proceeding.

8. Potential running group for adults with learning difficulties

CT gave thoughts/ideas for a new IH group, there is a definite gap. CT to meet with Outside the Box, Ilkley to gauge their thoughts. She had found there was nothing in the immediate area .

Maybe start with a taster session in the summer, there is specialist training available if needed further down the line.

RB said there was a group that ran at the Keighley track on a Weds evening, so might be worth asking about that. RB also said York Runners had an open, summer league and there was an adult group that ran in that fixture, another route to pursue.

NC will ask at the track on Weds evening.

RB searched during the meeting and came up with York Athletics as a starter to contact.

JT will ask his friends at Baildon Runners and Saltaire Striders in case any advice / contacts.

9. Christmas relays / quiz / Dave Foyston's Christmas poll - Bar tat on 12th or 19th Dec?

Relays - it was agreed to go ahead again this year. However the Waddingtons, who have looked after the mulled wine / mince pies for many years, aren't able to this year so alternatives need to be explored. The committee thanked them for all their efforts.

JS said it was all quite a lot to do the relays, mulled wine and quiz on one night and it can all feel a bit rushed.

Dave F's WhatsApp poll suggested a strong preference for just drinks rather than food after the relays. And maybe the quiz could happen after the Predictor?

VG said he didn't think the rugby club is a great venue for the quiz - lacking in atmosphere.

The 19th was agreed for the Christmas relays, the bar at the tennis club was ruled out. The Vaults was mooted as an option. We could ask for mulled wine to be an option on the bar. JT to liaise with DF.

JG & NC happy to help out on the night at the relays. NC said we could do with a few more marshals. Same format, you can enter a team or go in to a team on the night.

10. Awards planning

Olicana Cricket Club is booked for the last Friday (26th) in Jan 2024. NK/KA happy to continue with this. BW had spoken to a colleague who had talked her through the kitchen. Lishmans pies are a good food option.

Nominations categories - any scope for a few more? Best photo, best report for example?

How do we make it more inclusive and attract those who have never been?

Do we change the name to "annual social" with awards incorporated, can we sell it a bit differently?

Another thing to add to the survey.

KA/NK to circulate the categories.

The categories to be divided up amongst the committee

A separate meeting will be needed to sort the "judging".

11. Incidents

None reported.

JT said he will message the leaders group and ask them to log any incidents via the form - and do so himself.

NK asked for clarification on the term "incidents" - it is **anything** that happens that is unplanned or unusual, or a fall or accident that occurs. It needs to be flagged up so we can decide what (if anything) can be done about it.

12 Any other business

LM 2024 - we have 2 allocated places, they will let us know by the end of November. We will then do our own ballot before Jan 25 2024. A msg to be sent out to this effect.

Increase profiles of road captains - JS thought that members weren't always aware of what is available and how can we help the road/fell captains communicate more? The spreadsheet for entries is very hard to find, this will be made more prominent and added to the IH website.

KA suggested we put relays on SignUp as a way of expressing initial interest, rather than committing to an event.

The minibus to Keswick for the FRA relays was a huge success and there is no reason why we couldn't have had two buses if demand increases. Thanks to Nick Helliwell for organising.

We should certainly consider hiring minibuses to events in the future.

Hodgson relays - dibber loss. It was agreed not to pay the £30 to charity or to the organisers. They had rescinded their initial request for the fee.

UKA elections - PS gave a brief synopsis of the candidates and after a brief discussion the committee agreed on our vote, which PS will submit.

Harrier (and first responder) Kate Williams has offered the club a de-fib training session with a colleague of hers - pencilled in for 23rd Jan 2024 at the tennis club after that night's club runs.

Christmas dates - last session with be NC's on Thu 21 December and we'll return with the Tue club runs on 2 Jan 2024.

JG - social update, how do we encourage people to meet after a club run? PR was the only attendee at the recent social night. The bar at the tennis club isn't great, not v friendly, beer not great.

Maybe suggest a regular slot? First/last Tuesday of the month?

JT to liaise with social secretary DF.

KA asked about the new 6.45 start time at the running club on Tues - have we had any feedback?

JT said the response had been overwhelmingly in favour of an earlier start - 6.30 was actually preferred by many.

The attendance numbers have held up very well and seem to have increased. Groups tend to be back at the club at 8pm.

NC suggested a 7pm group? It would need a leader and would be formed of mixed abilities/speeds.

The Burley group starts at 7pm so is an option for those that can't make 6.45.

Addingham Gala race - still needs a leader. NC can't find a date to enable him to put it on the calendar.

NC also flagged up that the IMFR is collecting details of ethnicity on entry forms for IMFR - the validity of this was debated as it is a "free" text option. Race Best appear to have requested this - we need to ask them why? NC said FRA do not ask for this info.

How is it useful to us as a club? PS said if that data was analysed then it might flag up that we could be more inclusive as a club / race organiser. PR to be asked to follow this up. JS to liaise.

Meeting ended 21.52

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