



ILKLEY HARRIERS

Draft Minutes of Committee Meeting held 9th July 2024

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

2. **Minutes from last meeting of 30th April 2024 - agreed**

3. **Matters arising**

Dobson & Robinson - will formally thank them for their service over the years. Yorkshire Runner are now stocking our vests. D&R to be removed from the website as kit suppliers.

4. **Membership report**

No updates this meeting - around 400 current members.

Treasurer's report

Bank balance currently £8,265

Savings account opened - around £8k atm

JG will update re CASC next time

IMFR - made £409.23 - charity donation to be deducted from this (gels were expensive this year (over £600 spent) - this needs looking at for next year)

Trail Race - made £2107.92 - less charity donation - to be rounded up split between the orphanage and Marie Curie

JG queried our charitable donations - NC explained the historical reasons for this, long term we need to decide which charities we support, we no longer have a connection with the church that originally supported the orphanage

JT to liaise with Hannah

Update from Secretary

Age Group change update from EA - they will continue regardless of opposition

5. **AGM/SGM Constitutional changes**

To align IH with the EA year we need to change the membership year to run from April to April and move the AGM to February or March, so we need to extend the current financial year from September to December.

PS proposed a SGM/EGM in Sept to get the club to agree to these changes and suggests the current committee stays on until FEB/MARCH 2025.

It was suggested we hold the SGM/EGM on a Tuesday (the 24th September) before a club run, to gain a quorum. PS will send out an agenda in advance of this.

JG to check with the auditor re the proposed changes - GL came back during the meeting to confirm this was ok.

Membership issues re changes:

Membership year moved to start 1st April 2025 - so do we renew people for 6 months or 18 months?

PB favours a 6month renewal - as the fees would be less per person. We could offer both but one option keeps it simpler. Six months a Senior membership renewal will be £7.50, Students ZERO and new members only pay a fee of £19 for EA if they want to race, plus £1.25 per month remaining up to April.

Other changes - a two month window to renew membership (currently 3 months). They get 6 reminders so no excuses.

Key thing is to keep it easier for PB and members - committee agreed with PB's proposals.
We need to discuss the EA fee and raise the membership fees, once we know what the increase is.

PB asked if she could reduce the club component of the fee, the EA fee stays the same, but the IH amount can be tweaked. PB is currently doing it this way as it is much easier for her to administer. PB will liaise with Shirley to run the changes by her. The Juniors should be aligned to our dates too ideally.

RB - highlighted the Juniors going forward following SW's pending retirement. A separate discussion is required on this matter. A sub group or meeting will be required.
PS to speak to SW.

6. Race updates:

JT, NC, HC & N Helliwell met separately re the races. JT expressed our thanks to NC in particular. Learnings from each race were noted in a report.

The 10k - a tie in with the Lido next year? Start at the Lido? Road closure point higher up from Westville School next time? Marshalling briefing to be improved next time. Increased runner numbers would exacerbate any marshalling issues.

We need to get the race on the calendar August/September time.

Overall - the feedback was very positive.

7. LD running course update

Group doing well but one-to-one supervision is needed over winter (effectively mid-September onwards). More volunteers are needed to help on a rota basis. This helps to alleviate any anxiety.

CT said the planned longer routes on the moors were probably overly ambitious but the group happy with Dales Way and the park. Dark winter nights will be an issue on the streets of Ilkley. CT thought the park would be ok however it was suggested it may still be too dark in winter. Rupert Road might be a better option.

CT can't promote the group for more members until she gets more volunteers.

Maybe contact the Gazette and get a flyer out too.

8. Social media

PB wants to stop doing this and a successor is needed.

(After the meeting Will Worboys came forward to do the role).

9. Club of the year nomination for 2025

10. Incidents

There was a fall in Carolyn Stone's group but it was dealt with - no issues

The Hayes gave feedback from the cyclist at the Pete 10k race whilst they were marshalling, report sent to NC.

11. AOB

Incline fees to be decided by the race team

Awards night - any changes to catering? Same again or new caterer or none? NK to circulate the options again.

Survey results to be circulated.

NC - Thursday night session will not be taking place in winter, the field is too hazardous now, boggy and rutty and the hassle of the lights etc is too much for a handful of people.

DONM Tuesday 3rd September 2025