



ILKLEY HARRIERS

Draft Minutes of Committee Meeting held 12th November 2024

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

2. **Minutes from last meeting of 3rd September - agreed**

3. **Matters arising:**

First Aid training - not discussed at the meeting - to carry forward

Trail race figures - in hand to be published with a photo

4. **Membership report**

Renewals have been better this year - 410 paid up members already for interim 6-month period, with 62 not yet renewed and 10 on trial spell

Treasurer's report

Bank balance in current account is £3173

Savings account opened - around £8k atm

Lloyds are increasing their charges so it is no longer free banking

JG will proceed in researching the CASC status in time for the AGM

Secretary's report

Have sent our apols to Northern Athletics AGM

Pool & lido - PS is sec of the group. Still waiting for Bfd council to reply - pool prob not going to close atm

We could look at potentially using the site as a base?

Car-parking charges are now in force - this impacts on the trail race

England Athletics - club standards - we generally meet these but the coaching licences are where we fall down

We have some people who are junior coaches but not club members - to be discussed, though this has been the situation for many years

A number of our club policies state "they will be renewed after covid" - these will need addressing and keeping an eye on.

The AGM date was set for February 25th 2025

5. **Juniors update:**

RB/AO/JT attended a meeting with Shirley Wood and Rachel Websdale and Rachel Carter

It was a very positive meeting with the general goal being for the Juniors to become more integrated into the Harriers - rather than separate.

Volunteers / races / websites are all separate and a **one-club** approach is the aim

RB referenced KCAC who are more integrated as a club and would be a good model to follow

PS to chat with their club secretary

Another meeting was arranged for 16th Jan 2025

RB raised the fact that the juniors were missing from the Gazette report again. JT to look into this. JS thinks it was probably just a mis-communication at the point of hand over.

6. Membership fees to EA are now £20 so we will need to factor this in to the next meeting when discussing our club fees. Northern Athletics fees are £2 per person and we pay for 400+ people whether they run or not. We need to decide whether to continue or not - use it or lose it message to members?

7. DBS

CT's group helpers need "enhanced" DBS certs and these can only be obtained through EA and by doing a Lirf course

CT to report back with more info

8. Harriers Race League

JS sent the list of races for approval

PS pointed out that the HDSRL are a 50/50 mix of road and trail so the most 'road-y' one will need to be chosen as it's in that category.

NK asked if there was a record of the number of Harriers that ran in each of the races - and if there is - this could be used to make any changes to the list

JS asked if we should change the age categories from 5 year to yearly/daily bands as parkrun do?

JS is going to look if the weighting can be amended

AO asked if the Northern relays could be included - JS to ask Dan

PR had suggested volunteering should be mandatory to qualify for the league and this was discussed - it was agreed that we should stress the importance of volunteering but continue to make it optional

The race calendar needs updating on the website - JS asked if JT/NC could put the races on

9. De-fibs

PR asked if he could buy a second hand defib for IMFR/the Incline etc..

Questions raised - how much/ who would look after it / is a second hand one acceptable?/ can they be hired?

It is a good idea in principle but needs more research from all of us. JT to go back to PR.

10. Social:

Annual awards - the cricket club is booked for Friday 31st January 2025. We decided against the extra hour until 12 for £50.

Catering in the form of a fish and chip van came top of the poll.

£695 for the van - the numbers don't change that cost but the venue can take 82 max.

Main concern was the logistics and queueing, NK to check.

Food and venue hire is £14 per head.

If we cover the venue hire (of £4) this reduces it to £10 pp.

We shouldn't offer a no-food option, the price is across the board whether one eats or not.

NC stated that he didn't think we should pay for the venue hire as it supports the same "few" that benefit each time. PS and KA also voted against paying.

We need to promote it within the groups where possible to get a more varied audience.

NK suggested a "save the date" email / update.

Nominations:

JT suggested another meeting outside of the committee meeting to discuss the awards?

We need time before agreeing and getting the trophies engraved.

A date to be decided and the research divied up. HC thought it was better to have most of the committee there - plus the Gazette article writers. Suggestions for noms need to be out mid December.

A date of Tuesday Jan 14th 2025 was agreed to discuss

Relays:

The Vaults were booked for Tuesday 17th December - our arrival time needs confirming and staggered if possible.

Christmas / New Year club runs

Last club session will be Neil's hills on 19th December with club runs resuming on Tues 7th Jan 2025

11. Incidents:

None to report at the meeting

12. AOB

0-5K - to be discussed early in 2025

NC asked if we should buy a camera to record race finishes? It was agreed - yes. Neil to have a look.

NC asked why IMFR is chip timed at a cost of close to £1k? HC asked if other Fell races had chip timing?

JT informed the committee that Vince Gibbons has stepped down as of October 4th and thanked him for all of his valuable support and input over the years.

DONM Tuesday 14th January 2025