



# ILKLEY HARRIERS

## Draft Minutes of Committee Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

1. **Attendees:** Jonathan Turner, Kate Archer, Rob Budding, Neil Chapman, Hilda Coulosey, Jeff Green, Nick Kealey, Andrew Overend, Paul Stephens, Jean Sullivan, Caroline Tong, Dawn Turner plus Hattie O'Looney and Paul O'Looney (to tell us about Ilkley parkrun and ask for support)  
Apologies: Becky White

2. **Minutes from meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> November - approved (JT mentioned at this point that we need to re-think the club website and bear in mind alternatives for the future)**

3. **Matters arising:**

Any incidents to record from the November meeting? - None

First Aid training carried over from November meeting: NC investigated the options, there are two main contenders. The courses are longer than previous courses Harriers have done and must include soft tissue training, the most cost-effective way to do this would be as a group.

Janet (previous trainer) can do the training and a std course is 7 hours (to inc UKA training) and cost is £22 pp min 6 people max 12 plus £250 for her costs.

There is also an Otley option, slightly more expensive which could be split part online.

Neil confirmed that if a member is taking a group (and there is no ambulance or official First Aider in attendance) then the training is required.

We need to ascertain numbers and dates - and ask if Janet can split the training over 2 sessions.

Defib update: a second hand unit is £500-600 and Peter R will look after this and use it at the Fell race. Shirley Wood has offered to pay half of the costs from the Juniors balance.

4. **Membership report**

Current numbers are 444 with 50 still to pay but won't be chased until April 1<sup>st</sup> onwards.

**Secretary update**

**PS's Feedback from KAC**

Club is fully integrated (no sep Juniors)

Juniors pay and they don't reg over 60s with the EA

One website, similar fees but they also pay £2pp for each session. The location of the track is a bonus.

**Treasurer's report**

Bank balances combined are £10,300

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

Financial year end was 31.12.24, Feb 25 is the AGM date and JG will start working on the accounts for then.

5. **Ilkley parkrun**

Hattie and Paul O'Looney brought the meeting up to date with their plans for a parkrun. Their course has been approved (4 laps of Eaat Holmes fields) by parkrun HQ and Bfd Council.

They need £4,800 to get the parkrun off the ground. Ilkley Roundtable has offered £2k and they have asked for £2K from the Harriers.

The money is for a start up pack - the cones, the hi-viz, volunteer training, defib etc etc. There are no other ongoing costs.

Questions re potential takeovers, the relationship between a club and parkrun - is this considered acceptable? It was generally felt "yes".

H&P were confident they could get volunteers to help out (they have 30 interested so far). There are lots of positives, the parking at the Lido, - potential for a cafe re-opening?

There is no link with the junior parkrun so they will need to think about storage facilities as it is a separate event on a different course.

JT said we would get back to them asap. And the meeting he thanked them for their attendance and congratulated them on their progress.

We have over £10k in reserves (they are going down) and it was felt we can afford it. (After a vote JT messaged them to confirm we would pledge up to £2k (half of this from the Juniors))

## 6. Races and Events

Jack Bloor organisers have asked for help - Dan McKeown has replied and he will meet with them - we will await feedback/updates

PS stated it would be great if we could be more involved as a club.

2025 Predictor: JT will ask Bernie & Vince if they would like to organise it. If not, it will still go ahead with a team of helpers. CT's group keen to help.

KA raised the Badger Stone relays as a race we should look at resurrecting. One to bear in mind.

JT will raise at the Juniors meeting.

## 7. February 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 AGM planning

Membership fees were raised to £40 full / £22 students & concessions / £18 second claim

This was to take into account inflation / increased EA fees / and the fact that we were still "behind" following the Covid price reduction. **We must make clear how this is broken down** and how much we get as a club and the expenses we have (ie First Aid training, defib etc).

RB suggested we should have a plan as to what we want to spend our funds on.

NK asked whether sponsorship of a running club is an option? It was generally felt not due to potential obligations etc..

We need to announce the date 3 weeks before and announce the constitution changes re CASC.

This will mean we can avoid corporation tax and we can Gift Aid on any donations.

There are "model" words that must be used in our constitution. PS said the key wording involves "winding up" and we would have to give any funds/assets left over to another CASC or the governing body. Atm we say "another club with similar sports purposes or the National Governing body" - this will not suffice. Juniors state "local schools" but SW is happy that this can change.

HC asked that a para is written to explain to members why we are potentially doing this.

PS/JG should have an answer if the question is raised as to why we are at the AGM

Committee members: JT and PS intend to step down from their roles. JT will share the Secretary role with DT. PS will step down from the committee. The roles are open to ALL and we should encourage members to join, or think about doing so. We should be approaching people now.

CT said members may perceive the Committee as been for "elite" runners, this needs to be changed.

We need to think about inviting new members now. Max number is 13 (5 officers) and 4 committee members. We can have more but they wouldn't have a vote.

**8. Juniors meeting update:**

JT is meeting with SW / AO / RB next week. Members need educating about the Juniors - JT will put something together re this.

Volunteering for Junior/Senior events needs co-ordinating. Websites need combining.

SW appealed for help on the Weds evening session - there aren't enough coaches - this session will cease after 20<sup>th</sup> Jan if no help is forthcoming.

JT will update the meeting after next week.

**9. DBS update : CT confirmed that after talking to Heidi at EA we do not need the enhanced DBS for her LD group.**

**10. Social/Awards night**

NK - research into candidates needs to be done by next Tues 14 Jan.

The archive needs updating. JT to get the website updated asap.

**11. 0-5k session. JS to ask JB if she might be interedted in setting this up again.**

**12. Incidents - none.**

**13. Any other business: the ballot was held for the London Marathon places. Jonathan Turner and Sarah Lambert were successful. Ruth Kitchen was reserve.**

**JS raised concerns that there was a Harriers group on a Saturday morning that could potentially appear "cliquey".**

**It is not an official group and doesn't appear on sign-up. It came about after a member asked about weekend runs. We can point out that there is an informal group that meets on a Saturday - but it's not something that comes under any club rules and regs and shouldn't be referred to as a "Harriers" run.**

There is an inconsistency in that it shouldn't be referred to as a Harriers club run and runners need reminding of this if they do..

DONM Tuesday 4<sup>TH</sup> March 2025