



ILKLEY HARRIERS

1. Introduction

Welcome from Jonathan Turner, Chair, on behalf of the Committee. The meeting was held at Ilkley Tennis Club starting at 8:30pm.

**AGM 26th September 2023
Draft Minutes**

2. Apologies

Alex Hyde, Alex Lewis, Alison Bennett, Alison Greenwood, David Ibbotson, Diane Kitchen, Elaine Ibbotson, Fiona Schneider, Gaenor Coy, Helen Thurston, Helen Waddington, Jane McCarthy, Kate Williams, Keith Wood, Kyle Bethell, Lisa McDonnell, Martin Stubbs, Michael Odell, Phil Joyner, Rachel Carter, Ruth Kitchen, Steve Coy

3. Minutes of last AGM 22nd September 2022

Last year's AGM minutes were agreed and accepted.

Proposer: Vince Gibbons

Seconded: Neil Chapman

4. Matters Arising

Change of venue for Tuesday club night - this was investigated (the rugby club being a possibility) but after investigating this and comparing costs it was decided to stay with the tennis club.

Club vests - why were there two designs? It was deemed too complicated to change this so this will continue to be the case that for the foreseeable future.

5. Annual Report - Jonathan Turner

Report circulated pre meeting and key points were highlighted.

Membership is over 400 and JT expressed his gratitude to the Membership Secretary, Petra for all her hard work and for making things run so smoothly.

As **Secretary** Paul Stephens ensures that our policies and procedures are in place for good governance and he recently helped to write a new inclusion policy and at the last committee meeting a new expenses policy was approved. JT expressed his thanks.

JT pointed out that we have hosted four races with significant monies raised, these included the renamed 'Pete Shields Ilkley Trail' race and he thanked Neil Chapman for all his hard work with that, along with Peter Roll for once again organising the Ilkley Moor Fell Race and also Jean Sullivan, Alison Weston and Jenny Roberts for their successful debut as the Incline race organisers.

Another great racing year in 2022 - too many highlights to list. JT stressed that racing is for all abilities and encouraged everyone to take part.

The away run/social night in Addingham was a huge success and something we would definitely want to repeat.

And a massive thanks to all the coaches and run leaders who help to make the club what it is.

The Jeffing club recently celebrated its first anniversary and JT thanked Jo-Ann Pattinson and her team of helpers for getting this up and running and Andrew and Emma who have introduced the Juniors to Tuesday night club running and again this has proved popular.

Ilkley Juniors report from Shirley Wood: Thanks to Rachel Carter & Rachel Holder organising juniors events - there are over 200 junior members with lots of coaches involved. It is in a very healthy position.

JT stressed that the seniors need more coaches to get involved and encouraged anyone thinking of doing so to get in touch.

In summary, it has been another great year for the Harriers and for next year we are determined to hold a closed roads race in memory of Pete Shields in and we will be hosting a HDSRL league - Neil Chapman will be instrumental in both events.

Chairs report and Junior Report accepted

Proposer: Petra Bijsterveld

Seconded: Dan McKeown

6. Treasurer's Report - Jeff Green

Jeff thanked Gavin Lamb for examining the accounts.

A copy was emailed out before the meeting but a brief summary below:

IH generated a net deficit of £2,848

Total reserves as at 31.08.2023 were £12,566

Subscriptions continue to be our main source of income, numbers increased again there are 395

First claim members at year-end compared to 332 in the previous year.

Race Hosting - Total income was £3,394

Rent to ILTSC - £2,100

Race entry fees - £1572

Social events - costs were up, this was a deliberate attempt to do more outside of the club

Outlook for 2023/24, in spite of the deficit we still have relatively high reserves.

Proposer: Hilda Coulesey

Seconded: Petra Bijsterveld

7. Constitutional Changes

JT handed over to Paul Stephens to discuss the constitution changes which are highlighted below.

PS explained why the committee thought they were necessary

The Motion: That this meeting agrees:

to amend para 3a of the constitution to read: "Membership of the Club shall be open to persons everyone regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs."

to add a clause 3e which states "Enjoyment of athletics in a safe environment is paramount for our club hence prospective members are welcome to discuss their needs and the capability of the club to accommodate their uniqueness".

to amend para. 7a of the constitution to read: ""by the end of of October (or within 2 months of the end of the club financial year)"

to add a new clause 5g which reads: "Officers and Committee Members must be 'fit and proper persons' in line with the guidance issued by HMRC or any other relevant body".

to amend para 9d to read: "Assets that relate to the Junior section of the club shall be distributed to support sport in local schools as determined by the Junior Committee

JG asked whether the Juniors were informed of para 9d amendment?

PS said yes Shirley was aware of this.

Dan asked for clarification on the inclusion list, were these protected characteristics "under law"?

PS said they were in line with England Athletics policies.

PS asked that the meeting accept the amendments to the constitution

Proposer: Alison Weston
Seconded: Sheena Pickersgill

8. Membership fees

JT proposed putting the subs back to pre-Covid rates having being reduced by £5 due to not offering the full range of activities during that period.

Single senior membership £34
Joint senior membership £60
Second claim £20
Students/concessions £17

£17 of this goes to EA and £2 to Northern Athletics

Whilst our reserves remain healthy we are eating into them and we feel now is the right time to increase the subs. One point to note is that EA are increasing their fees to £19 next year (we were informed of this the day before the AGM), so we will need to discuss this and whether to increase our subs again next year to reflect this or maybe introduce new pricing structures.

Peter Chippindale asked whether we should increase fees further rather than continue to eat into our reserves? JT explained that 10% was probably the correct threshold for now, but we would need to look at this for next time.

Nick Helliwell asked would the increase cover our shortfall?

We will still continue to have a shortfall and it won't cover it but we are aware of this and need to keep an eye on it and review again next year.

The other option is to reduce our costs and again this is always under review.

Compared to other clubs - our fees are relatively in the mid range.

We can look at the potential to raise more money at our races.

Proposer: Hilda Coulsey
Seconded: Petra Bijsterveld

9. Reappointment of the Examiners

Gavin Lamb is reappointed for the senior club accounts and Helen Brooks for the junior club accounts. Thanks to both.

Proposed: Vince Gibbons
Seconded: Dan McKeown

9. Officers and Committee for 2023 - 2024

All of the committee members are happy to continue but Hilda Coulsey will be resigning as Club Welfare Officer.

Caroline Tong is taking over and she was voted onto the committee.

JT thanked Hilda for her work in this role.

Nick Helliwell has taken on the role of Road Captain and Fell Captain, the complete list of members and other roles are below.

The Addingham Fell race (was organised by Jack Wood) this role remains vacant.

JT invited the meeting and members to come forward to join the Committee.

The Committee are appointed as below and noted.

Proposer: Peter Chippindale
Seconded: Becky White

Position	Held by
Chair	Jonathan Turner
Deputy Chair	Vince Gibbons
Secretary	Paul Stephens + Dawn Turner – shared role
Treasurer	Jeff Green
Committee 1	Kate Archer
Committee 2	Rob Budding (Risk Assessment Officer)
Committee 3	Neil Chapman
Committee 4	Hilda Coulsey
Committee 5	Nick Kealey
Committee 6	Andrew Overend
Committee 7	Jean Sullivan
Committee 8	Becky White
Committee 9	Caroline Tong (Welfare Officer)

Other club roles

- Ladies' Fell Captains: Kate Archer
- Mens' Fell Captain: Nick Helliwell
- Ladies' Road Captain: Sally Armitage
- Mens' Road Captain: Nick Helliwell
- Ladies' XC Captain: Ruth Kitchen
- Mens' XC Captain: Steve Gott

- Junior section coordinator/lead: Shirley Wood
- Membership Secretary: Petra Bijsterveld
- Website Management: Sam Wood
- Club communications: Jonathan Turner
- Website editors: Jonathan Turner and Petra Bijsterveld
- Ilkley Gazette reports: Jean Sullivan and Jill Ezard and Will Worboys
- Facebook and Twitter: Petra Bijsterveld
- IH Race League: Dan McKeown
- HDSRL contact: Alison Bennett
- Sustainability Officer: Helen Thurston
- Inclusivity Officer: Will Worboys
- Social: Dave Foyston

Proposer: Peter Roll
Seconded: Peter Chippindale

10. AOB

Early start times - there has been demand for earlier starts on a Tuesday evening. 6.30 was suggested but 6.45 was deemed as a suitable compromise.

As there was a clear majority and the matter had been discussed in detail on the leaders Whatsapp group it was intended to start at 6.45 asap

The high level of the juniors funds were queried by Peter Roll but PS explained that this came from the fund raising campaign for the new facilities at Ben Rhydding.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Attendees – 34

Jonathan Turner, Dawn Turner, Andrew Overend, Pete Chippindale, Jeremy Greenwood, Hilda Coulsey, Paul Stephens, Iain Young, Sue Williamson, Sue Verspyck, Kate Archer, Vince Gibbons, Jeff Green, Peter Roll, Nick Kealey, Neil Chapman, Alison Weston, Tracey Watson, Petra Bijsterveld, Rebecca White, Jean Sullivan, Richard Joel, Geoff Howard, Rob Budding, Colm McCann, Caroline Tong, Pete Evans, Nigel Illingworth, Alex Foy, Sarah Hayes, Dan McKeown, Nick Helliwell, Sheena Pickersgill, Peter Tapper

Dawn Turner – 20th October 2023