

## **Minutes of Ilkley Harriers Committee meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2022**

Attendees: Jonathan Turner, Kate Archer, Rob Budding, Neil Chapman, Hilda Coulsey, Vince Gibbons, Nick Kealey, Paul Stephens, Jean Sullivan, Dawn Turner

Apologies: Jeff Green, Peter Roll, Mike AC, Becky White

### **Minutes from last meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 - agreed**

#### **Matters arising**

##### **Club vest**

JT updated the meeting re the IH vest. There are options - Dobson & Robinson can re-print the vest on a thicker fabric using the same design. This would be dependent on demand.

We will “park” this for now until such time as greater interest is expressed or when until we canvas opinion at a later date.

##### **Abbey Runners - Eccup date clash with Pete Shields race**

They have no problem as they are moving the race next year (to 9<sup>th</sup> July) - so there won't be a clash with the proposed date for Pete Shields' race.

This means we can go ahead with the race planning.

##### **See below for Neil's updates**

**AGM Prep** - JT to liaise with PS outside of the meeting.

JT told the mtg that PR would be stepping down. New members are welcome and should be encouraged to join the committee.

PS suggested co-opting the Membership secretary onto the committee.

Captains need to be appointed - there is a vacancy for the XC captain (male). This doesn't have to be done at the AGM but it can be discussed and people encouraged to come forward.

#### **Membership & Treasurers reports**

Subscription fees to be agreed before the AGM:

It was agreed that they should increase by £1 to £16 and £30 (single)

PS pointed out the the Northern Athletics Subs are due this year - £2 per person (over 14s).

Even though the Committee do not feel this is particularly good value for money - as only around 30 Harriers run in the Cross Countries - it was agreed that we will pay. It's approx £600+

Membership - 440+ - this increase may be partly due to the “Jeffing” group.

JG & PB will update the committee before the AGM

It was agreed that free membership for refugees was to be introduced for a year - and then reviewed.

## **Social**

JT took the decision (before the mtg) to subsidise some of the costs of the planned brewery tour and social organised by Nick Helliwell & Dave Foyston. He thought it was a good way of encouraging people to get together outside of running and of using the surplus funds.

NC stated that he didn't agree with the subsidising of the brewery tour and he also felt it should have been discussed at the committee mtg.

JT pointed out timescales were an issue and a quick decision had to be made - and only concerned food, not the brewery tour.

VG agreed with the decision to subsidise.

NC said that pre-covid a bbq and sports day had been mooted - an idea for using funds that could be considered.

It was agreed that appointing a social secretary would be a good idea.

## **First Aid - report submitted by Peter Roll**

JT suggested we move this item to the Agenda of the next meeting and discuss it in detail. There are huge implications that we need to bear in mind as a club.

PS suggested we should go with the FRA's recommendations.

JT will collate the info from the report & Rachel Carter before the next meeting so we can discuss the way forward.

## **Race Updates from Neil Chapman**

Peter Shields 10k update:

Rugby club and field are booked for the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Bfd Council and the road closures dept remains a stumbling block.

NC will continue to chase and to liaise with Nick Helliwell - who has experience of road closure logistics.

There are other issues to consider - where is the race starting? / where will the car parking be? / how many toilets do we need / do we use Racebest  
By the next meeting we need to be in a position where we can promote the race.

NC to report back at the next meeting.

NK suggested a "save the date" promotion and we need to get the race out in magazines, diaries etc...

We will also need to work out the best price to charge for an entry fee.

VG will start the process for publicising the race and gathering a team of volunteers to help out as well as "ambassadors" for the race ie people who knew Pete. VG will also liaise with Sheila.

NC to contact Jack Wood and get him and others involved.

We also need to make the AGM attendees aware of the race/date.

## **Secretary's Input**

### **Club Standards**

PS to continue updating the EA club standards and will keep the committee in the loop.

**Diversity inclusion policy** - we need to appoint an officer within the club to raise awareness and champion people with diverse needs.

The committee agreed it would be a good idea and we should embrace the opportunity.

### **DBS / Coaching validity**

HC & PS pointed out that the IH database can be updated with DBS/Coaching info. Not many people are aware of this.

JS is to liaise with Petra to see if it can be made more obvious at the time of making payment for membership.

### **Commute Cafe**

20% discount offer is up and running. Some info next to the Harriers shirt on display would be good - a leaflet/QR code? PS to look at this.

VG suggested putting our meeting times on the weekly reports.

JS to action

## **Incidents - none**

### **Any Other Business**

Purchase of flag, etc for XC was agreed.

Petra happy to carry on as XC captain for now but feels it is a role that would be better tied in with the Junior team

Jeffing - HC reported on the inaugural meeting. 24 people met under Jo-Ann's coaching and it went very well.

Track update - will carry on as-is on Weds evenings with Saltaire Striders.

Extra group request - another group is required to slot in between NK's and PR's. Andrew Overend or Mike AC might take this. It is very encouraging that we have so many "speedy" runners on a Tues evening.

JS asked about Jane Bryant's group - JT will liaise.

Trail Race Funds - NC pointed out that he had not given the £1k to the Ugandan orphanage yet. He had hoped to get it match funded but couldn't do so.

Also, he has been liaising with the Vicar at St John's for the charity's details - but has not yet received an answer. He wants to ensure that it is actually going directly to Uganda rather than an "umbrella" UK charity.

NC will update when he knows.

JT thanked Jill Ezard for her help with the newspaper report and also thanked Peter Roll for his help with the committee for the past year.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 8.15. Venue tbc nearer the date.