

## **Minutes of Ilkley Harriers Committee meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2022**

Attendees: Jonathan Turner, Kate Archer, Rob Budding, Neil Chapman, Hilda Coulsey, Vince Gibbons, Nick Kealey, Andrew Overend, Paul Stephens, Jean Sullivan, Dawn Turner, Becky White, Will Worboys

Apologies: Jeff Green

### **Minutes from last meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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.

It does need sorting at some point. RB suggested we get clarification re the vest rules for XC and suggested the Juniors buy a "float" of vests to hand out or give as a carrot if they compete.

We will re-visit this in January.

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

Petra's update was 14 new members have signed up recently, there are around 100 who have still to pay, which is not unusual.

Bank balance just under £16k, savings account £6,600

Martin has written to get the account closed as discussed.

JG has been in touch with ILTSC re the invoices we have not yet received.

They have a new accountant but she is currently off on sick leave.

**AOB - M Odell expenses policy - not discussed due to lack of time. I will add to the agenda for next time.**

**Secretary's Input with Diversity/inclusion policy update** - Since the last meeting Will Worboys volunteered to be the Harriers' Diversity Officer. He will update the committee in January.

PS has made some slight amendments to the policy which were circulated.

The committee agreed the Diversity Inclusion Policy.

**Northern Athletics AGM in Salford.** There is no-one free to attend, however, at the time of this meeting the reports and agenda had not been issued. PS to chase and update as necessary.

**London marathon places** - we should get 4 spots. HC to deal with this.

##### **First Aid discussion carried fwd from Sept meeting**

PR sent details of a 3 hour course that an acquaintance would do for £8pp plus his travel expenses (from Kent) which would be suitable for run leaders, especially for those taking groups on the moors and fells. HC suggested we support PR on this. JT to go back and ask him to try and book two sessions of 12, ideally on an evening in 2022 if poss.

PS suggested we maybe tried to find someone locally and in ideal world we would but we will go ahead with PR's suggestion this time.  
PS also suggested looking at an online course - RB said they are great as a refresher but they are not really bespoke to runners' needs.  
NK suggested those who take a group on the hills should probably do the First Aid course. JT said it was an area where we are a little vulnerable.  
PS asked about our emergency procedure - are run leaders aware? We ought to remind leaders regularly what it is. And ensure they have a kit.  
RB suggested a list of "points" that are written in the kit as a guide to what to do. HC/NC said the leaders should really be responsible for the kit they take out on a run. This needs re-enforcing without being too OTT.  
NC will produce a laminate of defib locations and the telephone numbers for HC/JT/PB.  
The run leaders to get together to produce an emergency procedure/best practice, maybe as a social evening. JT to co-ordinate.

### **Race Updates from Neil Chapman**

Peter Shields 10k 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 update:

NC updated the mtg on the latest. Denton Church may have been a stumbling block in terms of road closures but they have been very helpful in changing the time of their service to Evensong.

The road closure application has been re-submitted by NC with this in mind.

Leaflets to be posted to Denton residents informing them of the race and use the Church's goodwill as leverage.

Denton Hall is closing at the end of the year and is rumoured to be opening as a hotel - to be borne in mind.

There is an element of "vagueness" from North & West Yorks re road closures.

The costs are as yet unknown, but circa £5,500 so far. NC waiting to hear from RTM in Bfd re a quote.

Other costs to bear in mind are portaloos - approx £2k for 20, chip-timing for 1,000 runners is £2k. The total is around £11k approx so far.

VG said we might have to be prepared to make a loss for the first race.

NC suggested we get an article in the Gazette.

Use the fact that it's a great prep race for the Ilkley Half. Entry deal?

JT & NC & VG to meet in around 4 weeks for a catch up and strategy moving forwards.

### **New roles updates:**

Helen Thurston, Dave Foyston and Will Worboys have all volunteered to be Sustainability/Social/Diversity reps and we will hear more from them in due course.

### **Dates for the diary / planning:**

It was agreed the **Christmas Relays + Quiz** should go ahead. RB volunteered to be Quiz Master. VG to look at booking the Rugby Club for Tues Dec 20<sup>th</sup> if poss. JT to look at the Tennis Club too.

### **Annual Awards:**

Sub committee of KA/NK to liaise with DF re social aspect.

HC suggested a separate mtg to be held before the next comm mtg to compile the list of contenders etc....  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan at the Rugby Club was agreed.

### **Incidents - none**

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Proposed Ilkley parkrun**

Update from Will Worboys who was in attendance at the committee meeting. WW has experience having set up a parkrun in Todmorden 3 years ago. In conjunction with Nick Helliwell & Paula Reynier they have decided East Holmes fields is the best bet for a venue. The actual route is yet to be determined.

Bfd Council have agreed the land can be used, WW waiting for a meeting with parkrun's Regional Ambassador.

£4,000 is needed for equipment in advance. Factors to consider include the track surface and the football pitch in the middle. Parking shouldn't be a problem. He was confident that finding volunteers each week wouldn't be an issue and that it would be a popular event if it were to get the go ahead. WW was there to ask if IH could fund some or all of the amount.

Will to update the meeting again in January.

#### **Club Discounts:**

PS said a number of businesses have contacted IH to give discounts to members (a physio and a sports massage firm and Ilkley Operatics among others). We don't communicate discounts to our members - should we? How? PS suggested an email to members but long term it should be on the website. HC said we needed to be clear we aren't endorsing these companies.

PS agreed. But we should make them available as offers.

HC said it was effectively free advertising - which we don't do as a club.

HC not comfortable with this and said it may encourage others.

PS needs to go back to the businesses with our reply.

The mtg agreed that we are happy with Commute etc as that is a "partnership"

and the fact we advertise the Sportshoes discount every month. It was agreed we will inform members of the deals on offer but we make it clear we are not promoting or endorsing them.

#### **HOM NOM:**

JS asked was it still necessary in these days of Whatsapp and Strava?

HC said some things do get missed and the most important thing is to stress the report writing aspect instead.

It was agreed to cease the HOM NOM.

#### **Race League:**

Will be publicised for next year once the full list has been finalised by Dan.

#### **England Athletics Fees:**

Petra reported that the annual fees are being increased by £1 to £17 by EA.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 8.15. Venue almost certain to be tennis club but will be confirmed nearer the date.