



ILKLEY HARRIERS

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 14th March 2023

Attendees: Jonathan Turner, Kate Archer, Rob Budding, Neil Chapman, Hilda Couley, Vince Gibbons, Jeff Green, Andrew Overend, Paul Stephens, Jean Sullivan, Dawn Turner, Becky White, Helen Thurston, Peter Roll

Apologies: Nick Kealey

Minutes from last meeting of 10th January 2023 - agreed

Matters arising - none

Membership, Secretary & Treasurers reports

Update from Membership - All EA registrations done by Petra and 388 registered senior members is the current tally.

Update from Secretary

IH now have all of the seven club standards in place so we meet England Athletics' requirements re legislation as a running club.

PS showed the meeting a copy of the IH promotional leaflet which has been drawn up. This will be on display in Commute cafe bar and is available for use at any other venues.

An update on Action Travel Hub - there's a potential link in with sustainability so PS will chat with Helen T outside of the meeting.

Also the HDRSL 2023 list of races is available and online entries (£20) should be open now.

PS also flagged up the AGM for Yorkshire County Athletics Association - 23rd March - but there was at the time of our meeting no agenda or minutes from last time and he questioned their transparency and struggled to see their relationship to EA & Northern - if any?

Update from Treasurer

Bank balances - current a/c £14,366.53, NS&I account £6,686.13

Bank charges have increased - £74 for 6 months

Yorkshire Air Ambulance received £111 from us following the awards night raffle

JG potential to look at switching accounts. Helen T raised sustainable banking as an option.

Sustainability within IH

Helen Thurston attended the meeting in her new role as Sustainability Officer and suggested a few ideas. As a group of runners we have a responsibility to the environment and we should be committed to reducing our environmental impact.

Do we as a committee want to get on board with this? We don't want appear judgemental or preachy but rather offer ideas and suggestions of ways the club can get involved.

Helen cited Green Runners as a good example, which one can join individually or as a club.

Points to consider are travel, kit, nutrition and speaking out about green issues and publicising them.

On a local level we have Ilkley Moor on our doorstep, how can we as a club help on a practical level?

Litter picking groups for example?

Car sharing should also be considered wherever possible as well as passing on/recycling excess kit

HT gave us lots to think about. PR is involved with Friends of Ilkley Moor and he is going to contact them to arrange a time when someone from the club can meet and arrange a litter picking session. We also need to think of a strategy for arranging kit swaps and car shares and figure out the best communication lines.

Peter Roll - Ilkley Moor Fell Race update and feedback

PR attended the meeting to give us an update and said it was a huge success this year. Two negatives - there was no junior race and the Fell race wasn't sold out.

The response to the appeal for volunteers was very good and much appreciated. It was a learning curve and PR hadn't quite realised how much was to be done after the race - this can be addressed next time with more volunteers for those roles.

246 people took part

£2,646.58 was taken for entries including £187 for the Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue - which was optional on the online entry form. 298 people entered online. Officially, there were no "on the day" entries and the plan is to stick with that. After expenses there was a profit of £1,164.89

The commercial stalls there on the day were disappointed there wasn't a junior race as it definitely impacted on their takings.

PR asked the committee for feedback.

Did he think not taking entries on the day was detrimental to the number of entries?

PR said we didn't have on the day entries last year and it sold out. It was advertised the same.

He said on the day entries are tricky to do and do add extra work.

He agreed that not having the juniors definitely impacted on the crowds and therefore merchandise sales.

JT said it was unfortunate there was no Juniors race this year but it didn't happen for various reasons - personnel changes and other commitments.

Hopefully the junior fell race will be back next year with help from others. And PR said it would be great to get a core team together for the Fell race that could hopefully help for years to come.

JT thanked Peter and his team for all their efforts.

There was also some feedback about the IMFR ladies winner having potentially looked to join the Junior Harriers but this needs further detail.

Expenses

JG & PS produced a draft expenses policy for the meeting to discuss.

There was much discussion and debate on this matter. Everyone agreed that if you pay for something that benefits the club (ie safeguarding/run leaders course/first aid) then you should be re-imbursed.

Where it was less unanimous was the expenses incurred for racing ie relays/overnight accommodation/petrol etc

The meeting was a long way off from agreeing which races (if any) should be included for re-imburement/exes and whether we pay accommodation. We were left with too many undecided elements. This subject needs to be re-visited and discussed again.

Running groups:

Juniors

AO said Harriers are leaving juniors at 16 and not joining the seniors - there is a disconnect between the two.

AO is hoping to start a 16+ juniors session at the Club on a Tuesday night. This was well received by the meeting and would be a great way of bridging the gap between the two.

David Ibbotson has stepped down from leading a group on Tuesdays - Dawn Turner and Alex Hyde will share this role. JT thanked David for his efforts over the years.

Jeffing group - a deputy is required to fill in when Jo-Ann is unavailable. JT to email all members about this and other vacancies (see below).

Caroline Howe / Jack Wood: Both are stepping down from their organising roles of the Addingham Gala Race and the Ilkley Incline respectively, leaving huge gaps.
Petra also wants to step down from her XC role as does Mike AC from Tuesday evenings.

First Aid course feedback

Main point was how did it impact on our running on the moors?

We need to ensure our run leaders' kit bags are in good order and look at sourcing good quality blankets. Underlined by Paul Sugden's recent fall and leg break - when the blanket really helped.

DT to do this.

RB suggested downloading the St Johns Ambulance app - which condenses around 50 hours of training to one app.

Pete Shields Trail Race

Everything is on track. Poster nearly done, RaceBest ready. Neil is going to do a promotion drive via emails. NC suggested we do a Gazette article too.

Incidents

Paul Sugden - as discussed.

Phil Joyner - incurred a back injury during Sat am efforts but making good progress.

AOB:

SOAR vests: High quality running vests at £70 each - no interest from the committee given various other challenges with the two club vest designs.

Thanks to Bernie for the Predictor.

Next meeting 2nd May 2023