



Ackworth Road Runners Committee Meeting Summary

6th September 2023, 7.30pm

The Mason's Arms PH

Present:

Chris Taylor	Chair	CT
Stewart Haigh	Treasurer	SH
Steve Berry	Secretary	SJB
Dave Hughes		DH
Nicola Thomson		NT
Joe Worthington		JW
Ruth Walker		RW
Cate Allan		CA
Adam Callow		AC
Mel Owen		MO
Helen Wainwright		HW

Apologies for absence

Dave Allison, Emma Flanagan, Mark Leadbeater.

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th August were accepted as a true record with no matters arising.

Chairman's Slot

CT commented on the excellent turnout at the Ken Bingley Memorial 10k and also thanks all those who had volunteered. He also commented on the ARR Ackworth pram race win, our 2 teams who competed in the Leeds Country Way and the 90 finishers at our Autumn Handicap.

Treasurer's Slot

SH reported that the Ken Bingley 10k realised profits of £285. It was decided that £100 of this would be donated to a charitable cause yet to be decided.

There is a substantial quantity of souvenir bags from the KB10k and these will be sold for £3 each.

Secretary/Correspondence

SJB reported that Chris Field had tendered his resignation from the Committee with immediate effect. He recorded thanks on behalf of the club for his service during his time on the Committee.

He also reported that a letter was received from Northern Athletics encouraging us to affiliate to them. Our reasons for not doing so are well documented and the terms of affiliation have not changed.

JW also reported that ARR members are now eligible to enter the Dan Flask Relays in Sheffield which will next be held in June 2024. This event had previously only been available to members of South Yorkshire clubs.

ARR Juniors

RW reported that indoors training would commence shortly. Approximately 30 are attending weekly training sessions. She also reported that an alternative venue to the Xscape overflow car park is being sought for outside training for the older junior members due to instances of anti social behaviour. JW said he would enquire at Dorothy Hyman Stadium in Cudworth.

Captains' Slot

NT reported August's list of notable achievements:

- Roger Waterhouse – 200th parkrun
- Cary Bernard 250th parkrun
- Annabelle James 300th parkrun
- Wendy Berry 350th parkrun
- Sarah Hunter
 - 3rd Female Run for all York 10k club record F35
 - 3rd Female 1st F35 and 5k club record at Ellesmere Port RC Road Race
 - 2nd F35 Mid Cheshire 5k beating previous club record
- Branches and Bays Trail 10k – Joe Worthington 3rd, 1st M40
- Ken Bingley Memorial 10k – 59 members
- Trunce #8 – 15 members
- Feile 10k – 3 members
- Run for all York 10k – 6 members
- Islay Half – Maya McCormack
- Cybi Coastal Marathon – 8 members
- Lotherton Hall Trail 8.5k – 8 members
- Helen Morgan 5k F50 club record at Selby Parkrun
- Higham Hurtle 8 members - Joe Worthington 3rd place
- Pennine Trail Marathon – Tammi Gaines and James Davey
- Antrim Coast Half Marathon – Georgi Newton
- Denby Dash – 3 members
- Pram Race – 2 teams, 1st team won
- Leeds running festival 10k – Elly Roberts
- Escrick 10k – Mark Torr, Georgi Newton
- Leeds Country Way – 24 members, 2 teams
- Heights 10k – Paul Farrell, Joe Middleton

Curry and Music Night

SJB reported that following the success of last year's event, another Curry and Music Night will be held in the Marquee at ACC on Friday 13th October. Tickets on sale now via Webscorer for £20 – non members welcome.

10 Mile GP Event

CT and SH reported that 35 entries had been received for the 10mile GP event on Sunday 10th October and that all arrangements were in hand.

Online Kit Shop Options

CA described online shop options currently available from New Balance.
Action: CA to forward the links to SJB for circulation to Committee members.

2024 GP Format

A discussion took place regarding returning to the 2022 GP format for 2024 and potential alternative systems.

It was agreed to re-agenda this item for November 2023 when a more complete set of data would be available from this year's GP programme. 2024 GP races will be discussed at October's meeting.

Any Other Business

- HW – short discussion re the next social run. Nothing finalised as yet.
- JW – 2023 Christmas meal. Various dates and options were discussed.
- DH – KB10k. DH informed the meeting the marshal point 4 at the KB10k required a physical marshal in future, not a directional sign.
- DH – Leeds Country Way. DH reported that Andrew Smith will assist in organising our 2024 team entries.
- AC – ARR Dusk til Dawn style event. AC has prepared 4 route option for a possible event in Oct/Nov using the ACC cricket field for tent pitching etc. It was decided that a subcommittee should be formed to organise this event.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2120.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 7.30pm at The Mason's Arms PH.