



Ackworth Road Runners

39th Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 19th February 2025 7.30pm
Ackworth Cricket Club

Minutes

Attending: Chris Taylor, Stewart Haigh, Dawn Sketchley, Tracy Bridgett, Ian Hookham, Janice Hookham, Cate Allan, Emily Owen, Mel Owen, Adrian Byrom, Dave Hughes, Joe Worthington, Debbie Worthington, Cary Bernard, Nicola Thomson, Sarah Boylan, Peter Grimoldby, Paul Zywicki, Tracy Anastasiou, Catherine Warren, Sophie Falkiner, Sally-Ann Chapman, Nigel McKinnell, Amanda McKinnell, Karen Youel, Alan Tattersall, Roy Simpson, Martyn Stearn, Sue Francis, Mark Leadbeater, Paul Bernardo, Jim Needham, Lesley Needham, Ian Vogan, Helen Gommersall, Jessica Hall, Darren Horobin, Jon Routledge, Gail Tombs.

1. Apologies for Absence

Steve Baker, Emma Bird, Christine Hall, Ann Rhodes, Ruth Walker, Helen Wainwright, Steve Berry, Wendy Berry, Michelle Marshall, Nev Marshall, Vicky Burch, Amie Gardner, Lucy Vamplew, Jonathan Hookham, Emma Flanagan, Sarah Rose, Dave Allison, Debbie Barton, Paul Barton, Julie Swanepoel, Jurie Swanepoel, Ian Hill, Paul Farrell, Colin Tanswell.

2. Minutes of the 38th AGM and Matters Arising

Read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed by: Roy Simpson

Seconded by: Mark Leadbeater

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

Chris Taylor read out his final, previously circulated, report as Chair and thanked Mel Owen for organising the catering and Steve Berry who had prepared all the papers and notices for the AGM.

4. Treasurer's Report

Stewart Haigh read out his final, and previously circulated, report as Treasurer. He thanked Su Smith for fulfilling the role of reviewing the accounts.

5. Junior Section Representative's Report

Dave Hughes read out Ruth Walker's previously circulated report in her absence.

6. Men's Captain's Report

Dave Hughes read out his previously circulated report.

7. Ladies' Captain's Report

Debbie Worthington read out Vicky Burch's previously circulated report.

8. Revisions to the Club Constitution

The Secretary explained the background to and proposed the following amendment to the Club Constitution:

Amended Section 4 – Management – Proposed amendment to paragraph 1:

The management of the Club shall be vested in a Management Committee which shall consist of Chair, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, who shall be officers of the Club, together with a committee of at least 6 members which shall include the Membership Secretary, Captain of the Male section, Captain of the Female section, Welfare Officer, Coaching and Training Co-ordinator, Kit Co-ordinator, Social Secretary, Trails Lead and Social Media, Website and Policy Officer.

Proposed by: Tracy Bridgett

Seconded by: Amanda McKinnell

Carried unanimously.

Amended Section 4 – Management – Proposed amendment to paragraph 3:

The Management Committee shall meet monthly or when otherwise required. For any such Committee meeting to be quorate, 50% of those Committee members elected at the AGM (subject to a minimum of 6 Committee members) must be present.

Proposed by: Tracy Bridgett

Seconded by: Amanda McKinnell

Carried unanimously.

Amended Appendix A - Subscription rates for 2025.

Proposed by: Tracy Bridgett

Seconded by: Amanda McKinnell

Carried unanimously.

9. Election of Officers:

Chris Taylor stands down from his role as Chair with effect from the date of this AGM.

Stewart Haigh stands down from his role as Treasurer with effect from the date of this AGM.

Nominations:

- Chair Stewart Haigh
Nominated by Steve Berry, Seconded by Chris Taylor
- Treasurer Paul Bernardo
- *Nominated by Stewart Haigh, Seconded by Dawn Sketchley*
- Secretary Dawn Sketchley (unopposed)

All duly elected.

Dawn Sketchley congratulated Stewart Haigh and Paul Bernardo.

10. Election of Committee:

Stewart Haigh thanked everyone who had served on the Committee and noted that

- Dave Allison stands down from his role as Kit Secretary with effect from the date of this AGM.
- Vicky Burch stands down from her role as Ladies' Captain with effect from the date of this AGM.
- Adam Callow stands down from his role as Coaching and Training Coordinator with effect from the date of this AGM.
- Mel Owen stands down from her role on the Committee with effect from the date of this AGM.
- Nicola Thomson stands down from her role as Ladies Vice Captain with effect from the date of this AGM.
- Helen Wainwright stands down from her role on the Committee with effect from the date of this AGM.
- Ruth Walker stands down from her role as ARR Juniors rep. with effect from the date of this AGM but remains on the Committee.
- Joe Worthington stands down from his role as Men's Vice Captain with effect from the date of this AGM but remains on the Committee.

Nominations:

- Dave Hughes (Men's Captain) (unopposed)
- Emma Flanagan (Welfare Officer) (unopposed)
- Lucy Vamplew (Ladies Captain)

- *Nominated by Cate Allan, Seconded by Carol Middleton*
- Joe Worthington (Trails Lead)
 - *Nominated by Ruth Walker, Seconded by Dave Hughes*
- Ruth Walker (Coaching & Training Co-ordinator)
 - *Nominated by Steve Berry, Seconded by Dawn Sketchley*
- Cate Allan (Kit Co-ordinator))
 - *Nominated by Alison John Baptiste, Seconded by Vicky Burch*
- Mark Leadbeater (Membership Secretary)
 - *Nominated by Joe Worthington, Seconded by Ruth Walker*
- Steve Berry (Social Media, Website and Policy Officer)
 - *Nominated by Dave Hughes, seconded by Joe Worthington*

Proposed by Paul Zywicki

Seconded by Karen Youel

All duly elected.

Stewart Haigh welcomed new members to the Committee. He explained that he planned to serve as Chair for the coming, 40th anniversary year and then stand down himself. He explained that there are still vacant Committee posts, namely GP lead and Social Secretary and non Committee posts, namely Handicap Organiser and Club Open Races Coordinator. He called on all members to consider whether they can join a sub committee to share some of the organisation for the events planned for the year ahead.

11. Motions for Consideration

Martyn Stearn:

“Members who use the Cricket Club are required pay the annual subscription to use the bar to keep within the regulations of the Cricket Club’s licence. Whilst many members pay this subscription, some do not. There may be various reasons such as, not having money on training nights or not having the opportunity to pay when the bar is busy; but the most unlikely is that it is too expensive! To ensure that all members who wish to use the facility, even though for some it may only be at the Christmas Fuddle, after a handicap or at the AGM, I propose that the cricket club membership should be added to ARR annual subscription as from the beginning of 2026. There should be an option on the membership form to 'opt out' of this payment if members feel that they do not attend training or any other function at the cricket club.”

This was also raised in writing to the Club Secretary by Jonathan Hookham prior to the AGM.

This motion prompted discussion and the outcome was to mandate the Committee to approach the Cricket Club to negotiate a reduced Cricket Club membership fee which would then be included in the membership subscription from 2026 onwards and to be paid by the Treasurer of the Club as a block payment from Club subscriptions.

12. Any Other Business

- Paul Zywicki referred to the forthcoming 40th Anniversary of the Club in 2025. Members are invited to make suggestions for ways to mark the occasion.
- A proposal to mark the Anniversary with a special gathering and a momento was warmly received and the Committee was mandated to investigate further.
- Tracy Bridgett suggested that the Club consider having a physical record of Club Chairs and Award Winners through the years and it was agreed that this be considered by the Committee.
- Dawn Sketchley explained that the Cricket Club has been approached to host a trophy cabinet (paid for by Ackworth Road Runners) to display our perpetual trophies, rather than members keeping them in their own homes for a year.
- The Chair thanked Leah from Ackworth Cricket Club for providing the venue and bar facilities.
- With there being no other business, the Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 20:55.