



Ackworth Road Runners
Committee Meeting Summary
November 6th 2024

The Mason's Arms, Ackworth

Present:

Stewart Haigh	Treasurer	SH
Dawn Sketchley	Secretary	DS
Steve Berry		SB
Helen Wainwright		HW
Ruth Walker		RW
Dave Hughes		DH
Joe Worthington		JW
Cate Allan		CA
Emma Flanagan		EF
Nicola Thomson		NT

1. Apologies for absence

Chris Taylor, Vicky Burch, Mark Leadbeater, Melanie Owen, Dave Allison, Adam Callow

2. Election of Chair

SH was elected as Chair.

3. Previous Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on October 2nd were accepted as a true record.

4. Chairman's Slot

In his absence, SH shared CT's reflections on events in October. These included a GP event at a wet Sherwood Pines, successful trips to Scarborough 10k and a HM at Monsal.

The Club hosted Yorks Vets Race which was well received, though there was a disappointing turnout from ARR members. Thanks were recorded to the catering team and marshals.

Currently 31 members have entered the PECO series. We would like to encourage wider participation from the Club and are asked to publicise proactively. **Action : DH/JW/VB/NT/RW.**

A licence has now been issued for the 2nd PECO event which we are hosting at Pontefract Park in December 1st. A call for volunteers will be going out shortly.

5. Treasurer's Slot

The bank account is healthy and funds have been issued for coaches to Scarborough and Monsal.

The Club welcomed 7 new members in October – Annie Nurse, Ben Hall, Fallon Horsfield, Faye Maloney, Leanne Wilson, Lorraine Hawley and Lucy Whale. Total Membership now stands at 348; 302 first claim, 23 concessions, 1 honorary member, 5 second claim, 13 social members and 4 student members.

6. Secretary/Correspondence

DS shared a paper proposing standing orders for the running of Committee Meetings going forward and this was unanimously accepted by the Committee. It was agreed that Minutes will be published on the website after being accepted as a true record by the Committee at the following meeting. **Action: DS/SB.**

DS had received formal resignation letter from Pat Wood. **Action: DS to formally acknowledge this.**

It was agreed that we would not purchase a portable defibrillator due to maintenance issues and the close proximity of existing ones in Ackworth.

7. ARR Juniors

Funetics training for adult coaches took place on October 20th at Ackworth School and the coaches have completed safeguarding and some first aid training which is good news as it gives the Junior more resource options.

8. Captains' Slot

It was agreed to remove reporting of achievements from the Committee Meeting minutes on the basis that they are regularly reported on social media and that the change in timescales around minute publication means that they are out of date by the time they go live.

9. 2025 Subscriptions

In the light of EA affiliation increases (£1 for each member and £25 for the Club), it was agreed to levy subscriptions for 2025 as follows:

- 1st claim £36
- 2nd claim £25
- Concessions £28
- Juniors £10
- Social members (ie non runner including at training) £6

Action: SH to approach any members with anomalies; SB to publish in AGM notice.

10. Safeguarding and DBS

EF shared the details of her recent training and of guidance about how to deal with any disclosure or complaint from an adult member. It was agreed that we should also have a nominated male who members can approach with any safeguarding issues. SH is currently listed in this role but it would be good to consider someone in the wider Club Community as part of succession planning. Action: All to consider possible candidates.

The Junior Representatives also agreed to consider this as the protocols are different for u18s. Action RW/DH.

11. Role Descriptions and Committee 2025

DS advised that she will formally be asking whether Committee members wish to continue to serve in 2025/6 at the December meeting. She suggested that roles be formally established in advance of this and it was agreed that CT/SH/DS/SB and RW would form a steering committee which will review the roles we need as a Club and report back to the next meeting. Action: CT/SH/DS/SB/RW.

12. Any other business / Matters not already covered

- Track sessions to be organised over the winter at Dorothy Hyman Stadium Action: JW.
- JW had obtained confirmation that club members can participate in S Yorks league next year.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday 4th December at The Mason's Arms.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:10.