Ackworth Road Runners
Committee Meeting Minutes
March 4th 19:30

The New Inn, Walton

Present:

Dave Hughes	Chair	DH	
Paul Bernardo	Treasurer	PB	
Dawn Sketchley	Secretary	DS	
Jane Illingworth		JI	
Mark Leadbeater		ML	
Bill Winder		BW	
Joe Worthington		JW	
Lucy Vamplew		LV	left at 21:05
Cate Allan		CA	
Ben Tanguay		BT	
Alison John-Baptiste		AJB	arrived at 19:40
Dave Wallace		DW	

1. **Apologies for absence**
   Jess Hall.

2. **Previous Minutes and Matters Arising**
   - PECO participation is being encouraged by our Captains. We have 2 teams for March 8th.
   - CA has emailed Goole Valley Striders and suggested a date of April 29th but has not yet received a reply.
   - A vest still needs to be passed to Up & Running. **Action: CA**
   - A gazebo has been purchased and used.
   - The Volunteer League is still work in progress.
   - PB has the retired trophies. DS to liaise with Leah Taylor and cabinet to be installed. **Action: DS**

   The minutes from February were accepted by those attending the last meeting and can be published. **Action: SB/BW**

3. **Chair's report**
   The Chair's recent pen picture, shared on FB has been well received. All Committee members to prepare one. **Action: All**

   The Chair observed that recent races had gone well.

He thanked Steve Berry for all the AGM preparation. The meeting was well attended.
He congratulated BW and Ellen Shepherd on the running of the GP and the timely publication of race results.

4. **Treasurer's report**

Items to note:

- 2025 accounts successfully passed review.
- Submission of the 2025 HMRC Corporate Tax records are under way and Ian Vogan is assisting.
- The transfer line in the above grid relates to an error which has now been corrected.
- Steve Berry has arranged the transfer of administration of the Ionos email account from him to the treasurer and bills will come directly to the club account from now on.
- Awards night raffle takings have been collated, but payments of the net profit to YAA and MS Trust are still to be made.
- Replacement gazebo has been purchased.

Email addresses for Committee members to be considered – Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Events, Results – any other suggestions to PB, please. **Action PB/BW.**

5. **Secretary's report**

A suggestion from a member regarding a revision to the GP was discussed. The Committee resolved unanimously to keep the schedule and principles set for 2026 and to review them before planning 2027. **Action: DS to revert to member.**

It was noted that the Temple Newsam Track Restoration 10k date has still not been published and might be an issue to address in due course – **Note: JH.**

The Committee agreed that the Costco membership will not be renewed.

The Committee agreed that minutes will be shared with members more quickly after each meeting and that 6 Committee members agreeing by email that they are accurate is sufficient ratification. DS to amend the standing orders. **Action: DS.**

The background to DW's difficulties with registration for Safeguarding Courses was explained.

6. Membership Secretary's report

230 members have renewed their membership. 112 subscriptions are outstanding. A handful of people have resigned their membership. ML will delete retiring members from the FB page. **Action: ML**

Captains and GP organisers to gently remind members that Club colours should be worn when members run in races having claimed the EA discount. **Action: LV/JW/JH.**

The Committee agreed that 2027 membership fees should be paid by February 28th 2027. DS has checked whether this is a Constitutional issue for the AGM. It is not as it is picked up under Appendix A relating to subscriptions.

7. Captains' reports

Captains are considering a regular newsletter to share good news.

JW has contact the National Trust to establish training runs from Nostell Priory on March 17th. Details to follow.

A reminder Truce starts on March 30th.

8. Website developments

BW shared his proposals for a new website hosted on WordPress which was enthusiastically accepted. DH thanked BW for all he had done so far.

9. Events Updates and Review

- Thanks go to Debbie Worthington for organising Menopause Cafe event for March 2nd. Approx 35 attended. Cost to the Club was £36 to cover room hire.

- C25k BT reported that 3 have paid, 6 existing members have signed up, 3 others have made enquiries. 25 existing members have offered to support including Olivia Holmes who would like to do LiRF training - Agreed. BT is to approach attendees from 2025 to see whether they would write a pen picture – what C25k did for me – by way of publicity. **Action: BT**

- Priory 10k a date of Wednesday 15th July agreed with The National Trust. 2k for 5 -12-year-olds, 5k for 12+ year old including adults, 10k.
  Entries open. JW investigating a pacing team. Video of the course to be shared.

- Ken Bingley 10k a date of Sunday 16th August has been agreed. Coffee van and ice cream supplier secured. Licence from Land Trust still to be obtained. 4 entries to date. MS Trust and YAA to be approached to help with publicity.

- CA will provide a Club vest to Up and Running as they currently have a long-sleeved top which is out of keeping with kit provided by other clubs. **Action: CA**

- A subcommittee meeting to be set up to explore a Volunteer League to include CA and Debbie Worthington. Debbie to be approached with a view to co-option to the Committee. **Action: CA/DH**

- Storage of equipment. DS to arrange a date for the full investigation of exactly what we have in storage at the CC, then to liaise with Ruth Walker and Debbie Eastwood to arrange transfer to a new storage facility. The Committee agreed to make a donation of £100 to The Weston Park Cancer Centre in Sheffield. **Action: DS.**

10. Communication:
Committee policy to be positive, considered, upbeat FB messaging.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:30.

Dates for the diary: April 8th 19:00 at The New Inn, Walton and generally 2nd Wednesday of each month with the venue being confirmed nearer the date.

May 13th, June 10th (apologies DS), July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th, November 11th, December 9th, January 13th, February 10th, AGM February 17th.