



Minutes

ARR Committee Meeting Wednesday 14th October

19:00 The New Inn, Walton

Present

Dave Hughes	Chair	DH
Dawn Sketchley	Secretary	DS
Paul Bernardo	Treasurer	PB
Mark Leadbeater		ML
Jane Illingworth		JI
Dave Wallace		DW
Lucy Vamplew		LV
Ben Tanguay		BT
Cate Allen		CA
Alison John Baptiste		AJB
Bill Winder		BW
Shaun Furzer		SF

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence: Joe Worthington, Debbie Worthington
3. Minutes of the meetings held on September 9th and matters arising All
 - Vets' Race Licensing to be arranged. [Action BT/DS](#)
 - Outcome from contact with Tuff [Action CA](#)

It would appear that staffing delays have lead to delay in the receipt of a small number of orders but that, coupled with comments about fit and quality lead the Committee to agree that we should change suppliers with the pre condition being that whoever we choose has an online shop. CA to obtain 2 examples of each tier of kit from JWo or Scimitar. [Action CA](#)
 - Samples from alternative kit suppliers [Action JW](#)
 - EA insurance – non members and insurance – see secretary report [Action DS](#)
 - PECO licence [Action DS/BT](#)

The landowner's permission has been applied for. Race licence will be finalised once with EA once this is obtained. BT will call for marshals in November.
 - Anniversary t-shirt sizing details DS to JWo [Action DS](#)
 - Purchase of a chip timer [Action BT/PB](#)

Grants and external funding to be explored. PB will look at budgeting over a 2/3 year time frame.

The minutes from September were accepted by those who attended and have been published.

4. Chairman's Update

David Hughes

September proved to be another exceptionally busy and successful month for Ackworth Road Runners, packed with events, Club Grand Prix fixtures, and outstanding individual achievements across all distances. The month kicked off in style with two teams taking on the Leeds Country Way Relay—a brilliant day out for the Club, with huge thanks to Lucy for her excellent organization.

On the local racing front, our members turned out in force for the inaugural Castleford 10k, the Wetherby 10k, the Great North Run, Vale of York, and the Wistow 10k, as well as our inaugural Autumn Handicap at Frickley with Dan Applebee coming in first. We also saw the conclusion of the popular Trail Series, with podium finishes for Joe, Michael R, and Dave W.

There were some strong outings at the Tissington Half (including age-category podiums for Sue Francis, Roy Simpson, and Martyn Stearn) and we had an Over-75s team representing the club with pride at the YVAA Cross Country Championships in Penistone.

Last month also saw a lot of endurance runs: Joe and Michael tackled the brutal Ring of Fire and Firelighter ultras in Anglesey, Dave Wallace completed the Robin Hood 100-miler, Caroline and Rachel took on the Punk Panther 20-miler for marathon prep, and Simon Bennett conquered the epic 330km Tor des Géants in the Alps—supported by Gill Bennett, whose regular, fb updates kept the club spellbound.

Rowan Winks put in a phenomenal effort to complete his first Ironman in Italy. We also celebrated a fantastic series of age-category victories, including Jim Needham (1st M60, Vale of York Half), Lucy (1st F40, Trunce) and (2nd overall and 1st in age category in Kefalonia), Janet Davies (1st age category, Humber 10k), Liane Warren and George (Trevor) Nichol (1st in category at Castleford), Christine Hall (1st F70 trophy winner, Humber Coastal Half) and Alison John Baptiste and Sean Hewis competing in the iconic Berlin Marathon. To top off a brilliant month, huge congratulations go to Stewart Haigh, who was awarded a hugely deserved Contribution to Athletics Community prize at the England Athletics North awards night.

5. Treasurer's Update

Paul Bernardo

The bank balance on 30th September was healthy.

Items to note:

- KB 10K profit has been donated to the two charities.
- Scarborough coach has again been popular making us a small profit.

6. Secretary's Update

Dawn Sketchley

- Successful YVAA event. Massive well done to Ben and thanks to everyone who volunteered. We had good feedback.
- PECO landowners permission applied for so that BT can organise the licence through EA. Chris Taylor will be approaching Pontefract Racecourse contact regarding toilet facilities.
- Anniversary t shirt sizing information has gone to JWo.
- I will be starting the administration for AGM next month. My understanding is that vacant positions are Men's Captain (possibly) and Secretary. GP coordinator will need to be elected to obtain full voting rights. Please let me know if my understanding of vacancies is not correct.
- I looked at EA insurance. The Club has £50 million Public Liability Insurance cover and trialists are deemed to be temporary members of the club during a trial session and are therefore covered by the policy.

- We won a place in the Clubs Ballot for Brass Monkey. We will draw from those who have shared their rejection letters on Tuesday 20th Oct at training.

7. Membership Secretary's Update

Mark Leadbeater

9 new members have joined as 8 first claim and 1 student since the last meeting.

Alex Robson has moved clubs as he lives in Cumbria now.

Upgraded from Social to FC: Jonathan Routledge, Ella Moxon.

They have all been welcomed on the Ackworth road runners members facebook page.

As at 30th September 2026

Membership now 343 members

First claim = 319 (32 Concession)

Second Claim = 2

Social = 17

Students = 4

Honorary = 1

All running smoothly with membership no issues reported.

Membership fees for 2027 agreed at the last meeting

First Claim £40 with £23 England Athletics affiliation

Concession £35 with £23 England Athletics affiliation

Second Claim £25

Student £10 (or £33 if they want England Athletics affiliation)

Social £12

The Committee unanimously agreed to extend the deadline for 2027 subscriptions to March 31st 2027 to allow members to budget after Christmas and the Awards Night.

BW to post on website. **Action BW**

New Members who join from August 2027 for the rest of the 2027 year = £15 (or plus an extra £23 if they require England Athletics affiliation) at ML discretion. Unanimously agreed.

8. GP 2027

All

Jess Hall and Shaun Furzer were thanked for their hard work in pulling together the list so far. We are almost ready to publish to members. The only outstanding event being a longer one in February.

A sub committee to look at the rules and leagues for 2027 to be established – SF, BW. The experience of previous GP organisers may also be considered. **Action : SF, BW**

9. Events Updates/Reviews

All

- Autumn Handicap went well. Thanks to all organisers, handicappers and marshals. The coffee lady is happy to support future events.
- Vets' Race – see previous notes.
- PECO – call for marshals in November. **Action BT contact Rothwell Harriers.**
- Awards Night Feb 5th 2027. We agreed that a refresh is needed for 2028 but we have been overtaken by events this year. A subcommittee will be set up and members' opinions gathered for 2028. Menu, costs and save the date for 2027 to go out asap. **Action: CA**

- A Webscorer page to be set up so that people can opt out of receiving their age grading awards if they do not wish to receive them as we still have medals in stock from previous years. **Action BW**
- Once this has been done, awards to be ordered along with additional ribbons to adapt existing stocks. **Action CA**
- Dates for the diary – Hallowe'en parkrun October 31st Nostell children, fancy dress and children in fancy dress welcome, Christmas pub run Thurs 17th December, Fuddle Tuesday 22nd December, Christmas parkrun Nostell December 19th. **Action: CA publicity via FB**
- Webscorer to be opened for Winter Handicap. **Action DH**

10. AoB

All

- SF: parkrun meetup/league/scavenger hunt/challenges. Discussion requested for November given plans for Hallowe'en and Christmas. **Action DS**
- Trail league organiser post will need to be removed from Committee posts at 2027AGM.
- Caroline Crutchley's actions as an unsung hero noted and the committee agreed to buy her a replacement t shirt.
- Consideration of a new open race and what we will give up as a club to go to a future meeting – **November or after the AGM????? Action DS**
 Dates of meetings 2026/7: November 11th, December 9th, January 13th, February 10th, AGM February 17th