Minutes

ARR Committee Meeting Wednesday 11th November

19:00 The New Inn, Walton

Present

Dave Hughes	Chair	DH
Dawn Sketchley	Secretary	DS
Paul Bernado	Treasurer	PB
Mark Leadbeater		ML
Jane Illingworth		JI
Dave Wallace		DW
Bill Winder		BW
Shaun Furzer		SF

1. Welcome

2. Apologies for absence: Joe Worthington, Debbie Worthington, Cate Allan, Alison John-Baptiste, Lucy Vamplew

3. Minutes of the meeting held on October 14th and matters arising All

- PECO licence- later in agenda- Action DS/BT
- PECO marshals – later in agenda - (Rothwell Harriers) Action BT
- Website up date around membership fees 2027 Action BW
- GP 2027 – later in agenda- Action SF
- Awards Night Pricing – later in agenda- Action CA
- Webscorer for Winter Handicap Action DH

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

4. Chairman's Update David Hughes

October brought another busy month. Ackworth hosted the final race in the Yorkshire vets series. I was away – but by all accounts it seemed to go very well and was well received. Many thanks to everyone who stepped up and helped out.

We had our annual 'away day' on the coach to Scarborough for the 10k GP race – the 21st event of the GP this year. The weather was good and the race and coach travel proved popular as did fish chips and refreshments afterwards. Some people were even treated to dolphins in the bay!
Sadly our 22nd GP event (Worksop half marathon) was cancelled due to storms, as was the Eyri marathon. Nick Daudet ran Venice marathon.

There were lots of good costumes at the Halloween park run on 31st. We drew our Brass Monkey half marathon ballot place – thanks to the organisers for supplying that.

There was a lot of good running during the month, with runners at the Cardiff half (Ryan G), the last ever Sheffield 101010, Chester Marathon (Caroline L, Amie G), Chicago marathon (Jenny K and Dave C?), Yorkshire marathon and 10 miles to name just a few as well as our normal training nights. Gail Tombs managed a parkrun in Japan Sean Hewis managed one in Milan. There were a few runners at the run-a-way 10k at Doncaster airport.
You all did very well!

5. Treasurer's Update — Paul Bernardo

The bank balance on 31st October was healthy.
Items to note:

- Healthy income from the YVAA race we hosted.
- Nostell cashed their donation cheque.
- Age grading medals have been ordered for Awards Night.

6. Secretary's Update — Dawn Sketchley

- PECO landowner's permission applied for so that BT can organise the licence through EA. Chris Taylor will be approaching Pontefract Racecourse contact regarding toilet facilities.
- Administration for AGM starts next week. I have not received notification of resignations other than my own. Various people have been approached to fill the vacancy but there has not been a positive outcome. I will assume everyone is staying on the committee as per the precedent in previous years. SF and DWo will need to be elected to gain voting rights. Trail leader to be removed.
- Mark Leadbeater was drawn in the Brass Monkey Club ballot.
- I have chased London Marathon places but am advised by EA than it comes direct from the organisation and they haven't contacted any clubs yet. We are not the only Club to be asking.
- We need a venue for our December meeting – Spread Eagle suggested. Action: DS
- I have booked the New Inn for our meeting in January.
- Medals for Awards Night have been ordered.

7. Membership Secretary's Update — Mark Leadbeater

Membership = 347 members
First claim = 323 (32 Concession)
Second Claim = 2
Social = 17
Students = 4
Honorary = 1

From the last meeting we have had 5 new members join, and all have been welcomed on the Ackworth RR Facebook page: Eleanor White, Daniel Riley, Chris Graham, Kate Barker, Simon Bradley. We also have several people currently having taster sessions with the club and hopefully these will join in the coming weeks.

Membership fees for 2027 all agreed at the last meeting and these need to be updated on the website and will be announced with AGM notice:

- Senior (1st claim) £40 (includes £24 EA affiliation)
- 2nd Claim £25 (if 1st claim with another EA affiliated club)
- Concessionary (over 67 with 10 years continuous membership) £35

- Student 15-17 (non EA affiliated) £10
- Student 15-17 (EA affiliated) £34
- Social (not an active runner) £12

Club fees are due on the 1st of January to the 31st of March.

8. GP 2027 All

GP 2027 has been published and seems to have been well received. A PECO from Winter 26/7 and one from 27/28 have been included.
League table distribution is the next issue. Action: SF/BW
A sub committee to look at the rules and leagues for 2027 to be established. The experience of previous GP organisers may also be considered. Action : SF, BW, JW, LV

9. Events Updates/Reviews All

- 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. Still waiting for a price from Burntwood Court. The Committee agreed that full cost should be passed to members this year. Action: CA. Graham Beardsley to be asked to take photos etc with usual arrangements. Action: DS.
- Dates for the diary – Christmas pub run Thurs 17th December, Fuddle Tuesday 22nd December, Christmas parkrun Pontefract December 19th . Changed from Nostell due to NT decision around ANPR and charges for parking. Action: CA publicity via FB. Check fuddle is booked at CC. Action: DS.
- Webscorer to be opened for Winter Handicap. Action BW/DH Graham Beardsley to be approached as photographer. Action: DS.
- Early in 2027 organise a new members' evening to explain GP Action ML/SF.
- BT has already reached out to the contact at Nostell NT to check arrangements for parking at Priory 10k in 2027. Response awaited. Suggestion that we split profits 2:1 in our favour if parking fees have to stand. Action: BT.

10. AoB All

- SF: parkrun meetup/league/scavenger hunt/challenges. Action SF.
- Caroline Crutchley's actions as an unsung hero noted and the committee agreed to buy her a replacement t shirt. Action CA.
- Kit to move to new supplier from January. Get artwork to new supplier. Action: CA.
- Homework for next meeting bring suggestions for a new open race/series to replace Ken Bingley 10k in 2028 and suggestions for a memento for Priory 10k 2027. Action: All.
- Bleep Test to be organised for December 1st . Action: ML/DH/JI

Dates of meetings 2026/7: December 9th, January 13th New Inn, February 10th, AGM February 17th Ackworth CC