



Ackworth Road Runners Committee Meeting Minutes

April 8th 19:00

The New Inn, Walton

Present:

Dave Hughes	Chair	DH
Paul Bernardo	Treasurer	PB
Dawn Sketchley	Secretary	DS
Mark Leadbeater		ML
Bill Winder		BW
Joe Worthington		JW
Lucy Vamplew		LV
Ben Tanguay		BT
Dave Wallace		DW
Debbie Worthington		DW _o

1. Apologies for absence

Jane Illingworth, Alison John-Baptiste, Cate Allan, Jess Hall.

2. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

- A vest still needs to be passed to Up & Running. **Action: CA**
- PB has the retired trophies. DS to liaise with Leah Taylor and cabinet to be installed. **Action: DS**

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

3. Chair's report

The Chair welcomed DW_o as a co-opted member of the Committee and thanked everyone for their hard work over the last few weeks.

The Club has now reattained 7/7 against England Athletics Club standards and ML and DW were thanked for their hard work in achieving this.

The new website is almost ready for launch. Huge thanks to BW.

Arrangements for Spring Handicap 29/04/26 and Summer Handicap 24/06/2026 are in hand. Webscorer is open. Thanks to CA.

DW_o has done great work in preparing the Volunteers League as an addition to the GP leagues. It will be back dated to January 1st.

There has been positive feedback from our regular training nights with good support for the trail run night at Nostell NT (thanks to JW, Tom Macklam and Ruth

Walker) and lots of members racing happily locally, nationally and internationally on both road and trail surfaces.

The Get to Know Your Committee pen profiles are going well. BT to do the next one, then BW on website launch. **Action BT/BW**

4. Treasurer's report

Summarised transactions recorded for the month were:

Category	In	Out
Training		£108.00
Bank Charges		£24.58
Cashback	£1.83	
Misc	£4.50	
K Walker	£1.00	
L Stephenson	£3.50	
Subs 26	£2,160.00	£10.00
Transfer		£3.50
C25K 26	£80.00	
Donation		£640.00
MS Trust		£320.00
Yorkshire Air Ambulance		£320.00
Website\Email		£3.00
Kit Sales	£20.00	
Peco	£1,200.00	£300.00
Grand Total	£3,466.33	£1,089.08

Items to note:

- Submission of the 2025 HMRC Corporate Tax return has hit a blocker. On the 31st March HMRC removed the option to submit returns manually, therefore we will need to secure some software to do the submission for us. From my initial investigations it looks like this will not be hugely expensive (somewhere between £40 and £120 per submission depending on the chosen software). Ian Vogen is using his expertise to help choose the right software.
- Under the "Misc" category we had two rogue payments come into the club account. The first, from K Walker, had a description of "Footy card" – I had no idea who he or she was so have no way of returning the money. If anyone know who it could be please let me know. The second was from Laura Stephenson and was a juniors payment made into the wrong account – the Transfer line is the correction of this payment.
- Proceeds from the Awards night raffle have now been donated to the MS Trust and Yorkshire Air Ambulance equally.
- The England Athletic affiliation fees have now been paid for both our members and the club, and these will show on next month's report. Thanks must go to Mark L for his herculean efforts in getting this sorted out.
- The Peco income line relates to the money we were paid for hosting the Pontefract event. The £300.00 outgoing payment is the proportion of the money that we sent on to Nidd Valley for helping out.

- Payments for the C25K program are steadily coming in.

5. Secretary's report

Nothing to report.

6. Membership Secretary's report

307 members have renewed their membership. 7 subscriptions are outstanding. 44 have resigned their membership. Club membership to EA and individual memberships have been paid well in advance of the April 30th deadline.

The definition of social membership was clarified: no attendance at training on Tuesdays and Thursdays; not EA subscribed, therefore no discount for races or public liability insurance; not eligible to run in Club colours; runs at own risk.

7. Captains' reports

Captains had reported to members via the FB page. They are to liaise as to the best way to do this going forward as members clearly enjoy the sharing of information. Opinion was divided as to whether there should continue to be separate reports for male and female members or whether they should be reported as one. **Action: LV/JW**

8. GP

DWo discussed her proposals for the new Volunteer League which had been shared with a sub committee. It is now ready to go live and will be shared via the Members' FB page and the website with input backdated to January 1st. The Chair thanked her for her work.

CA has arranged the Spring and Summer Handicap dates with Goole Valley Striders. Webscorer is open. It was agreed that we would ask Leah Taylor at the Cricket Club to do the catering for the latter with either pulled pork and chips (plus special dietary requirements) or a buffet for 150 people. DS volunteered to liaise with Leah whilst CA is unavailable. The Chair thanked CA for her work and wished her well.

The Temple Newsam Restoration 10k will remain on the GP despite it being in August as some members may have already entered. It was agreed to add Wistow 10k to the GP for the month of September. Information to be shared with wider membership via FB and the website. **Action JH/BW.**

9. Event Updates and Reviews

- BT reported that **C25k 2026** is up and running. We have 10 participants – some new faces and some returning members. Good support from existing

membership. Some teething problems but generally going well. It was agreed that there will be a nominated person to do a debrief and cool down with participants at the end of each session. **Action BT (and JI for info).**

- **Priory 10k** 100 people have already entered. A pacing team is in place. We have Innovate joining us. Goody bag £7ph agreed.
- The Juniors race has 10 entries. DH and BT to liaise regarding the route. **Action BT/DH.**
- **KB10k** MS Trust offering some t-shirts. YAA have agreed publicity support. A 2 lap course entirely within the boundary of Frickley Country Park. Ken Bingley's family have been approached to explain Ken's story which will be used in the publicity. Goody bag budget £5ph agreed.

The Chair thanked BT.

- **Rob Burrow Marathon** we have agreed to run a sector and a water station at mile 15. 26 members have already volunteered. JI is taking the lead.

The Chair thanked JI.

10. Website developments etc

BW confirmed that the website is ready to launch. The Chair thanked him for all he had done so far.

New email addresses seem to be running well. Outlook and Hotmail SPAM filters are sometimes a bit over zealous.

We are to open our own Dropbox and to transfer files. Both DS and ML will need access. **Action BW/PB.**

It was agreed that a form to report non GP results (for age grading) to be available on the website so that members can record any results they wish to share for Age Grading Awards. **Action BW/Ellen Shepherd.**

The Chair thanked BW.

11. Events Updates and Review

- Storage of equipment. We do not have as much as initially thought. DS to contact Debbie East wood to fix a date for transfer. DW has offered his van. **Action: DS.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:30.

Dates for the diary: May 13th, 19:00 at **The New Inn, Walton** and generally 2nd Wednesday of each month with the venue being confirmed nearer the date.

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