



**Ackworth Road Runners**  
**Committee Meeting Minutes**  
May 13<sup>th</sup> 19:00

The Catchpenny, Fitzwilliam

**Present:**

Dave Hughes	Chair	DH
Paul Bernardo	Treasurer	PB
Dawn Sketchley	Secretary	DS
Mark Leadbeater		ML
Bill Winder		BW
Joe Worthington		JW
Jane Illingworth		JI
Ben Tanguay		BT
Dave Wallace		DW
Debbie Worthington		DW <sub>o</sub>

**1. Apologies for absence**

Lucy Vamplew, Alison John-Baptiste, Cate Allan, Jess Hall.

**2. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising**

- A vest still needs to be passed to Up & Running. **Action: DS/CA**
- PB has the retired trophies. Pass to Leah Taylor for the cabinet in the Cricket Club. **Action: PB**
- Next pen profiles to be posted by PB and DW. **Action PB/DW**
- Dropbox now set up. Obsolete documents need to be pruned to free up space. Thanks to BW
- Age grading awards support system needs reviewing so that emails reach the correct person. **Action: BW/ES**
- Volunteer League set up and has been well received. Thanks to DW<sub>o</sub>
- Junior/5k Priory event. Route to BT. **Action DH**
- Donation to Weston Park Cancer Charity in lieu of rent for our storage facility needs to be processed. **Action DS/PB**

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

**3. Chair's report**

April was another busy month, with lots of racing activity including everything from 5ks to 50 mile ultras. We're finally enjoying some more consistent better weather and lighter evenings – so it's wonderful that evening races have returned with Hartcliffe

Hill, the South Yorkshire road league and the spring handicap. And of course, being April, lots of marathon activity. We had 10 members at London including our ballot winners Sally and Vicky. Andrew H was our first finisher in 2:44. Members also ran marathons in Paris, Newport, Manchester and Whitby. A spring marathon takes a huge amount of training and commitment during the long, dark, cold winter months – so massive congratulations to everyone. You all did very well.

We had lots of runners at GP races 7 (Selby PR) and 8 (Spring handicap). The Goole spring handicap was a very successful evening. 111 ran in total, including 86 Ackworth. It was a great social evening with good food afterwards and moving the event until later in April seemed to work well from the perspective of the wind and temperature. Thanks to Goole for organising, hosting and catering and to Cate Allan for her work setting it up from the Ackworth side. There were a few teething issues with the Ackworth times, but I think we got there in the end and learned a couple of lessons along the way. Thanks to Bill and all members for their help in resolving these. Also extra special thanks to Andrew S and Bill for their work in setting the handicaps. The publication of the ‘meet the committee’ pen-pictures continued in April, with Ben, Bill and Debbie all introducing themselves. The new website and the Karma Llama volunteering league both launched and have been well received. Thank you, Debbie, and Bill!

Sign-up for the Priory 10k is building nicely – thank you to Ben and all who have been promoting the race on Facebook. The new training session sign-up procedure started in April and seems to be going very well and is saving Jane a huge amount of time. I know that members who are not on Facebook really appreciate the weekly sessions being shown on the website. Thanks to Jane and Bill for their hard work on this.

We held a bleep test which seemed popular with attendees. Thank you to those involved in clearing out the container at the cricket club and moving our kit into the new storage – thank you to Ruth W for arranging. The juniors also held their annual awards night with over 40 members attending. It was a great evening celebrating the achievements of our junior members. Thanks to all who came, to the Cricket Club for catering and to the juniors’ coaches for organising.

#### 4. Treasurer’s report

The bank balance on 30<sup>th</sup> April was £13,821.03. Summarised transactions recorded for the month were:

Category	In	Out
<b>Training</b>		<b>£108.00</b>
<b>EA Courses</b>		<b>£37.50</b>
<b>Bank Charges</b>		<b>£23.00</b>
<b>Cashback</b>	<b>£2.25</b>	
<b>Subs 26</b>	<b>£320.00</b>	
<b>EA Affiliation</b>		<b>£6,328.00</b>
<b>C25K 26</b>	<b>£40.00</b>	
<b>Website\Email</b>		<b>£22.74</b>
<b>Kit Sales</b>	<b>£10.00</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£372.25</b>	<b>£6,529.24</b>

Items to note:

- Ionos email account cancellation request has been submitted now that new Spaceship accounts are in place. The account will be cancelled on 19th May.

- £250 has been paid to Goole Viking Striders as a contribution to the Spring Handicap costs.

## 5. Secretary's report

Equipment has been transferred to Wragby. Thanks to Ruth Walker who made the initial enquiry and to Dave Wallace, Mark Leadbeater and Jane Illingworth who moved it all and then created an inventory. Dave has offered to arrange for storage boxes to keep it clean and tidy.

The ARR vest has still not made it to Up and Running in Leeds largely due to Cate and myself not being in the same place at the same time.

The CC have agreed that we can house our trophies on a shelf in their trophy cabinet.

## 6. Membership Secretary's report

Total members 311

First Claim = 286 (2 new first Claim members in April to date: Sally Farrell, Colin Turner (rejoining).

Second Claim = 2

Social = 19

Students = 2

Honorary = 1

5 still undecided so I've resigned them for now and they can be reinstated if they change their minds.

New Dropbox membership updated with all the above.

It was agreed that new members will always be welcomed by a Committee member at their first training session.

## 7. Captains' reports

Captains had reported to members via the FB page.

## 8. Training

Whilst it is acknowledged that the training structure is strong thanks to RW and JI, we are struggling to source run leaders for training nights. JI to reach out to those who haven't volunteered for a while to ask what the barriers are. DS to check EA portal for up to date list of LiRF and CiRF qualified run leaders and pass to JI. A suggestion that those who have qualified at Club expense and not led groups regularly be asked to reimburse their fees was not supported. **Action DS/JI**

A suggestion of publishing popular routes around Ackworth on the FB site/website to encourage run leaders who don't live locally was supported. **Action BW**

It was agreed that, for the next 3 weeks, C25k will start earlier and we will wait for them to return to the Club before groups go out so that no C25k supporters are disadvantaged. **Action: JI/BT**

## 9. Event Updates and Reviews

- BT reported that **C25k 2026** is going well. Graduation will be on June 4<sup>th</sup> at Winterset for those completing it. Medals to be sourced. Potentially 6 new Club members. **Action BT (and JI for info).**
- **Trail Series** JW needs revised handicap targets from Spring Handicap. **Action BW/JW**
- **Barnsley Boundary June 13<sup>th</sup>** JW has some entrants but more welcome. JI to mention at training as all welcome to participate. **Action JW/JI**
- **Summer Handicap** catering provisionally booked. Webscorer open. CA to liaise with Leah Taylor around numbers and dietary requirements. DH to get numbers from Goole VS no later than 8 days before. DWO volunteered to attract and organise the marshals. **Action CA/DH/DWO**
- **Priory 10k** 200 people have already entered. 20 junior/5k entrants. 31 marshals. Licensing still outstanding. 5k route from DH/PB to BT please. **Action BT/DH/PB**
- **KB 10k** 20 entrants. YAA have agreed publicity support. KB story being developed with support from his family. Licensing still outstanding. JW will approach potential pacing team. **Action BT/JW**  
The Chair thanked BT.
- **Rob Burrow Marathon** JI was thanked for taking the lead. Great support and an excellent day. Excellent feedback from the Run for All team and runners. We did ARR proud. Massive thanks to everyone who took part and to JI who will lead again in 2027.
- **LCW** carried forward to next meeting. **Action DH in DS absence**
- **Vets' Race** Licensing to be arranged by BT. Event lead DH. **Action DH/BT**

## 10. AoB

**GP:** JH was not in attendance. There was a suggestion that it runs for 10 months rather than 12 next year to allow for age grading medals and league table medals to be ordered and delivered. Further discussion required. **Action JH and all**

**Awards Night:** CA was not in attendance. In the light of feedback from last one, format of our 2027 event to be carried forward to next meeting. **Action CA and DH in DS absence**

**Takeover at Nostell parkrun on June 27:** in celebration of our Club anniversary. DS has cleared with Nostell parkrun Core Team. **Action: JW publicise and arrange pacers.**

**Socials:** we have been asked to organise the ever popular rounders match. Agreed. Date(s) to be explored with the Cricket Club. **Action: JI**

**Away Day:** the option of arranging a (few) training nights away from Ackworth over the summer possibly at Frickley, Brodsworth and/or Rabbit Ings was well received and

will be explored if we can arrange the relevant licence with the Land Trust as part of the KB 10k licensing.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:25.

**Dates for the diary:** June 10th **at The New Inn, Walton** and generally 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month with the venue being confirmed nearer the date.

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