



Ackworth Road Runners Committee Meeting Minutes

June 10th 19:00

The New Inn, Walton

Present:

Dave Hughes	Chair	DH
Mark Leadbeater		ML
Joe Worthington		JW
Jane Illingworth		JI
Dave Wallace		DW
Jess Hall		JH
Debbie Worthington	Minutes	DWo

1. Apologies for absence

Dawn Sketchley (Secretary), Bill Winder, Ben Tanguay, Lucy Vamplew, Cate Allen and Paul Bernardo (Treasurer)

2. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

- A vest still needs to be passed to Up & Running. **Action: DS/CA**
- 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**
- JW needs revised handicap targets from Spring Handicap. **Action BW/JW**
- JI to mention Barnsley Boundary at training, all welcome to participate. **Action JW/JI**
- Takeover at Nostell parkrun on June 27, publicise and arrange pacers. **Action JW**
- Rounders match. Date(s) to be explored with the Cricket Club. **Action: JI**
- Ken Bingley Licensing in progress. **Action BT**
- Attracting and organising Summer Handicap marshals. **Action CA/DWo**
- Next pen profiles to be posted by PB and DW. **Action PB/DW**
- PB has the retired trophies. Pass to Leah Taylor for the cabinet in the Cricket Club. **Action: PB**
- Age grading awards support system needs reviewing so that emails reach the correct person. BW to discuss with Ellen and launch on website. **Action: BW/ES**
- JW will approach potential pacing team for Ken Bingley 10k. **Action JW**
- Ken Bingley story with family. **Action BT/DW**
- Vets' Race Licensing to be arranged. **Action BT**
- Further discussion on GP dates required. **Action JH and all**
- Awards Night of 2027 event **Action CA and DH**

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

3. Chair's report

Another busy month has flown by – with 'lots of weather' to keep things interesting! It seems implausible after last week but we've had spring showers, cold wind, heavy rain and a heat wave of 30c+ all in the space of 4 weeks. May has also seen lots more racing Grand Prix and socialising! We had a couple of notable ultra runs; Simon Bennett took on the Thames path 100, and Dave Wallace completed the Sherwood Dukeries Ultra and made a valiant effort at the Grand Union Canal – though the heat got the better of him a mere 20 miles from the finish. A number of members also had a weekend away in the lakes running over the hills from Chapel Stile to Coniston.

Members took part in the Furty Furlong – which received very positive feedback, Grenno Trail race, legging it for the library in Walton, SY Road League and the Yorkshire vets race #1 and the Fairfield horseshoe fell race. We had our 9th and 10th GP races at the Methley Canal Race 1 and the Pontefract 10k and the Trail series continued with the Scholes Coppice Trail race on the 27th which was enjoyed by all attendees.

We had a great turn out (30+ members) for volunteering at the water station and marshal points at the Rob Burrows Marathon. Well done and massive thanks to all who helped out and to Jane for organising and coordinating this.

A few members attended the Keswick Mountain Festival from the 15-17th, running a variety of distances and races, including James S, who successfully defended his 5k title from last year. Well done, James! Special mention also goes to Poppy Cooke, who was first lady overall at Trunce #3 on the 11th.

The 20th May saw a welcome return to the calendar for the first ADRC organised race in a number of years with the inaugural Bentley 5 race – attended by 19 members. Hopefully it makes a return next year and can be considered for the GP.

We also had around 10 members at the Silkstone Shuffle on the 21st enjoying an impressive 2miles uphill at the start of the 4.5mile race, which must be something of a local record!

Regular training, plus the C25K sessions have been on as normal, and continue to be well attended. We had a special rounders night on Thursday 28th which was enjoyed by all attendees – thank you Jane for organising. Lots more to look forward to next month and hopefully some kinder weather.

4. Treasurer's report

Treasurer's report to committee: 10th June 2026

The bank balance on 31st May was reviewed by the committee (figure withheld from public minutes).

The club's finances remain in good order. Key income for the month included membership subscriptions and strong sales of the new ARR branded hydration packs, which proved popular with members.

Outgoings covered routine items including training costs, committee expenses, bank charges, and website/email hosting. Race-related expenditure included marshalling

supplies for the Rob Burrow Marathon and a payment to Goole Viking Striders for the Spring Handicap. The club also met its England Athletics affiliation fee for the year. The charity donation in lieu of rent for our storage facility has now been processed. All other transactions were routine.

5. Secretary's report

Dawn gave her apologies for the meeting and advised committee that meeting Lock 11 at The New Inn Walton was booked for 19:00 on 10th June.

Update on Secretary's actions from May meeting:

- The ARR vest has been passed to up and running.
- A list of coaches and run leaders has been passed to Jane.
- Stewart Haigh has been nominated for the volunteer hero category in the Regional Awards Event as agreed.

6. Membership Secretary's report as at 9th June 2026

Total members 321

First Claim = 296

Second Claim = 2

Social = 19

Students = 2

Honorary = 1

We've had 10 new members join since the last meeting and 1 pending new member.

7. Captains' reports

Captains had reported to members via the FB page. Committee agrees that the coverage from both Club Captains is well balanced.

8. Training

- Same faces volunteering.
- £260 spent by club on each LiRF qualification, should see return on investment in first two years. Appreciation for changes in personal circumstances was shown.
- Recruiting new run leaders, confident run leaders to welcome interested members to shadow them and encourage regular runners in a pace group to back mark or support tech session delivery.
- **Action: JI to clean up the FB group and share above message re run leader recruitment**

9. Race Director's Report

- Priory 10k - 252 entries & 2.5k/5km 27 entries
 - DH has shared the previous routes
 - **Action: update on shorter routes required from BT.**
 - Memento – Travel mug, committee raised that mugs were recent and had lots left over and in own cupboards. Alternative could be branded socks for the race if they could be delivered on time and in budget

- Marketing – Posters need logos and professional touch; future support offered by JH
- Ken Bingley 10k - 29 entries
 - Frickley parkrun promo **Action: JH to speak with Frickley RD**
 - Promote at Priory with the goodie bags
- Licence is in process for all **Action: Does this include the Vet's race? BH**
- Land trust only allow one event for the licence
- Mementoes are being ordered this week – **Action: Just Priory or KB too? BH**
- Priory 10k currently 70% of entries are non UK athletics, need big push on entry for all events with all contacts at other clubs.
- Posters will be produced today for all events. See above re. logos etc.
- Couch to 5k has been a great success, largely due to the constant support of Mark Leadbetter. Some of our graduates joining me for a tech session last night and working incredibly hard.
- Could chair please thank all who supported C25k, BH will do a thank you post later today. **Done**

10. Event Updates and Reviews

- **C25K** – see Race Director's Report
 - Lessons learned from committee, BH thoughts welcomed in addition
 - 5.45 start, allow supporting members to participate in training and participants to meet other members post session
 - Agree a back marker in advance to miss training and show post run support, guidance etc
 - Align with Spring marathon training for members – Feb start?
 - Multiple leaders to share the load and cover – Male and Female
 - Agreed routes in advance – calendar would help on night
 - Goals for programme to be agreed in advance, in line with club ethos
 - Introduce committee members throughout programme
 - **Action: Review and plan 2027 C25K in November DH**
- **Priory 10k** – see Race Director's Report
- **KB 10k** – see Race Director's Report
- **Barnsley Boundary June 13th** JW has entered 3 teams
- **Summer Handicap:**
 - Volunteers in progress, good response
 - Numbers to Leah next week **Action: DH to contact Goole for their numbers**
 - Food choice TBC
 - Need recce for safety concerns – fly tipping on Dicky Sykes to Fitzwilliam path
- **Rob Burrow Marathon**
 - Acknowledged that free place has not gone to plan for ARR volunteers. Jane was thanked for her diligence in following up.
 - Run For All Leeds 10k – Request for marshals from RFA. We will not be able to support as a club at short notice (this weekend). **Action: Share public link to volunteer DH**
- **LCW** promote after Barnsley Boundary – Ruth and Lucy to lead. **Action DH to post teaser on Sunday following BB**
- **Vets' Race**
 - Nothing to report **Action: DH to contact Chris Taylor for advice.**

11. AoB

GP Dates (from – to) & Awards Night celebration

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. This ties into Awards night discussions that need CA to be present. **Action: Defer discussion to July meeting DS**

Takeover at Nostell parkrun on June 27: in celebration of our Club anniversary.

- ARR banner to be on display
- ML to be signposted for membership enquiries on night

Funding

- **Action: Info needed – Yorkshire Sports Foundation BH**
 - Deliverables and expectations on the club

Club Kit

- Feedback requested by JH on members page:
 - Lateness/lead time
 - Sizing
 - Personalisation
 - Communication with the club
- Alternative supplier contacted from the shortlist in 2025, samples expected this week
 - JW pledged support
 - **Action: JH, JW & CA to discuss before next meeting**

Storage

- Centralise all Club Kit at Eastwood Farm – amnesty for anything stored away from the Farm. Jane can act as a drop off point and deliver.
- **Action: JI to announce equipment amnesty**

Scarborough Coach

- PZ has provisionally booked one coach @ £700 for a 53 seater
- Consider extending time in Scarborough by 1 hour
- Seats £18pp
- **Action: Web Scorer for coach bookings and increase capacity if necessary DH**

Ackworth Parish Council - Village Sports Provision

- Club provided a written overview of our offering to the community
- Winter facilities focus of meeting
 - Parking and lighting

Track Nights

- Offsite: Dorothy Hyman or Thornes Park in Autumn
- School Field: Summer event – timed mile

Summer Social events

- Rounders @ Cricket Club – not a training night, Wednesday?
- Pub Run
- Winter Bleep Test

Club Socks

- Kimberworth and Penistone's club socks have been noted at local races. Investigated for ARR to have something similar.
- Club would need payment up front: 50% on order, 50% at dispatch to company (Spox)

Club Pacing Bibs for KB

- 10k numbers
- 5k numbers too, dependent on cost?
- **Action: JW to discuss with Rob Newsome**

Trail Series

- Results ready to share for first 3 races by end of week
- Action: JW to share interim results, based on Spring Handicap times

Run Leader Hi-Vis

- We have them... see equipment amnesty above.
- Jane to hold vests week on week and distribute/collect on night.

Volunteer League

- 60 members have qualified for the league so far by volunteering on one or more occasions
- 84 points have been awarded in total
- **Action: DW to share league figures with BW to publish on website**
- Next update at end of June will include the next quarter of run leader points and the Summer Handicap volunteers

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

Dates for the diary: July 8th at The New Inn, Walton (booked this evening) and generally 2nd Wednesday of each month with the venue being confirmed nearer the date.

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