



Ackworth Road Runners Committee Meeting Minutes

July 8th 19:00

The New Inn, Walton

Present:

Dave Hughes, Chair	DH	
Paul Bernardo, Treasurer	PB	
Dawn Sketchley, Secretary	DS	
Mark Leadbeater	ML	
Joe Worthington	JW	
Lucy Vamplew	LV	(left at 08:10)
Jane Illingworth	Jl	
Ben Tanguay	BT	
Dave Wallace	DW	
Jess Hall	JH	
Alison John-Baptiste	AJB	

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Bill Winder, Cate Allen and Debbie Worthington

2. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

- 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: Jl**
Another rounders match to be arranged on a Tuesday evening. **Action Jl**
- Ken Bingley Licensing obtained. Invoice needs to be paid. BT agreed to ask the Land Trust about the possibility of a longer term /lifetime licence. **Action BT/PB**
- Attracting and organising Summer Handicap marshals. **Action CA/DWo**
- Next pen profiles to be posted by PB and DW on FB. **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 (not sure whether this is active now?)**
- JW will approach potential pacing team for Ken Bingley 10k. Agreed to look at pacing team and a tail runner and to purchase pacing bibs at a cost of £50 **Action JW**
- Ken Bingley story with family. **Action transferred to DS**
- Vets' Race Licensing to be arranged. Now waiting to hear from EA. **Action BT**
- Further discussion on GP dates required. JH offered to canvas opinion and to produce a proposal for 2027. **Action JH**

Several members had posted the details of Castleford 10k on Sept 20th on the members' FB page but the Committee agreed to retain the date for Autumn Handicap as this has already been shared with members. JW suggested the Autumn Handicap move back to a weekday evening in 2027. Noted.

- Awards Night of 2027 event **Action CA and DH**

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

3. Chair's report

June was another busy month for ARR. It started with Mark retiring. Congratulations, Mark. And there has also been lots of racing activity including, in the trial series, the second Methley Canal Race and the Burbage Skyline Fell race. We had our 11th Grand Prix Park run in York on the 6th. Alex ran the GB Ultra's Scotland race and Simon and Rachel Speight marshalled. We had members taking part in the Four Men Tourer trail races. Isla Guy ran her rainbow run.

We had three teams in the Barnsley Boundary Relay. Thank you to everyone who took part and a special mention to Joe Worthington for organising the teams and to Simon Bennett who stood in at the very last minute when Lucy had to pull out due to the birth of her grandson. Congratulations, Lucy. We had members taking part in the Jane Tomlinson Leeds 10K, the Yorkshire vets race, the Quacky Duck trail race at Newmillerdam and the Higham Hurtle trail race.

The 20th June saw our 12th Grand Prix run the Darrington Five Mile race. We had five medal winners and Shaun Yates was the first person overall. Alex and Joe also took part in the Ultra Trail Snowdon race. On the same day, at the Penistone 10K we had a number of runners and Jim Needham took the V-60 prize.

June 24th saw our 13th Grand Prix race of the year and the third handicap race of the year. We held our summer handicap in high temperatures. That's nearly 80 runners enjoying the evening. Thank you to all the marshals and to Cate for organising the event and the prizes and well done to all our prize winners. Thank you also to Goole Viking Striders who made the trip over to join us for this event. And thank you to the Cricket Club for laying on a good feed for us.

On June 27th, we did a Nostell parkrun takeover. We had pacers from 20 minutes through to 40 minutes and the event went very well. We had a number of runners at the Total Warrior event in Bramham Park and I managed to break my shoulder. Thank you Will for inviting me along. Dave Wallace got his 100 mile t-shirt at Endure 24 on the same day. On Sunday 28th there were both the Round Sheffield run and the Barnsley 10K and we had members taking part in both.

As is so often the case in June, it's been a really busy month. With great weather, sometimes too hot and lighter nights giving everyone lots of opportunities to attend races and social events.

4. Treasurer's report

The bank balance remains healthy, with routine income and expenditure recorded for the month.

Items to note:

- Donation has been made to the Weston Park Cancer Charity to cover the use of storage facilities for the club.
- The Priory 10K mementos made up the bulk of the large race expense item this month.
- Payment for Summer Handicap food has only just been paid so will show up on next month's report. Committee agreed to review this next year as it is becoming increasingly expensive.

PB also explained that the HMRC return still needs to be submitted. There is a fee now. Noted.

5. Secretary's report

Thanked DWO for taking and writing the minutes at the last meeting. Otherwise nothing to report.

6. Membership Secretary's report

8 new members have joined as first claim since the last meeting.

Full details are held in the club's membership records.

All new members have been welcomed on the Ackworth Road Runners members facebook page and registered with England Athletics.

We also have had another 4 or 5 people trialling with the club as potential new members.

As at 1st July 2026

Membership now 329 members

First claim = 304

Second Claim = 2

Social = 19

Students = 3

Honorary = 1

It was agreed that any non member joining us at training would be introduced to JI or ML for the recording of ICE details, insurance and attendance tracking purposes.

A club discount for clothing now in place at J's in Pugney's CP. Shared on FB page. ML to approach them about sponsorship and prizes for KB 10k. **Action: ML**

7. Training

JI has cleaned up the FB group.

Training away day at Pugney's CP to be investigated.

A proposal that training be cancelled and run leaders stood down in the morning of a scheduled training session if forecast 'feels like' temperature at 18:00 in Low Ackworth is in excess of 30 degrees C was carried. JI decision on the day is final. She will notify the Cricket Club for staffing purposes. JI to post on members' FB page. **Action JI**
BW to add to website page. **Action BW**

8. Applications for funding

BT advised that the change of administration at WMDC means that all funding is currently on hold even though funds have been provided by Sport England. There is some concern that we should consider carefully whether we can commit to any new initiative as a club before any firm commitment is made.

9. Update from Ackworth Town Council

DH advised that nothing further had been heard from Ackworth Town Council since the last meeting.

10. Event updates and Reviews:

- Trail Series going well. 60 members have joined at some point
- Barnsley Boundary Relay. We were close to a prize. Members enjoyed it.
- Summer Handicap. Water and hose helped. 80 members from 120 registered took part. Results were a bit delayed due to technical hitch. Expensive in terms of catering and other options to be considered with a decent lead time in 2027. Tail runner/cyclist role should be added.
- Priory 10k - 376 entries
JI to organise marshals and buy water.
DW to collect equipment and water carriers for water stations.
Stewart Haigh and Chris Taylor will set up course.
Wash up meeting after training on July 21st at the CC to learn lessons and prepare for KB 10k. Consider a sub committee for this event in 2027
- KB 10k
JH to produce flyer to hand out at Priory 10k **Action: JH**
- Vets' Race
DH needs to speak to Chris Taylor **Action: DH**
- LCW names slowly coming forward. Webscorer up and running. Probably 2 teams, one competitive, another more relaxed. Payment due by 31/07.
Action : LV

11. Kit

Problems with quality, service and lead times. JH proposed that we move away from Tuff although lead times will continue to be a problem. JWo had obtained some samples and offered to investigate lead times with the suppliers. There was a suggestion that we do a bulk order and have kit available on training nights. ML offered to store it. This is to be investigated. **Action JH/JWo (?)**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:15.

Dates for your diary:

2nd Wednesday of each month with the venue being confirmed nearer the date.

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