



Minutes

ARR Committee Meeting Wednesday 9th September

19:00 The New Inn, Walton

Present

Dave Hughes	Chair	DH
Dawn Sketchley	Secretary	DS
Paul Bernado	Treasurer	PB
Mark Leadbeater		ML
Joe Worthington		JW
Jane Illingworth		JI
Dave Wallace		DW
Lucy Vamplew		LV
Ben Tanguay		BT
Cate Allen		CA
Alison John Baptiste		AJB
Debbie Worthington	Minutes	DWo
Shaun Furzer	Observer	

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence DS(?), JH
3. Minutes of the meetings held on August 11th and matters arising All
 - Vets' Race Licensing to be arranged. Action BT
 - Awards Night 2027 event Action CA and DH
 - DS to write to the correspondent about a membership issue. Action DS
 - Ken Bingley:
 - Marshal points given to each marshal in what3word format together with a contact number for emergencies. Action BT?
 - DS to purchase bananas, more flapjack and water. Action DS
 - DW to collect equipment from storage. Action DW
 - Pram Race: QR code to website, membership enquiries and kit on view. Action JI/CA
 - Outcome from contact with Tuff Action JH
 - Approach for alternative kit suppliers Action JW
 - LCW payments from runners. Action LV
 - Alternative options for Autumn Handicap. Action CA

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

4. Chairman's Update - matters arising? David Hughes
 - August was good; York 10k, Temple Newsome Restoration 10k, Hull parkrun GP events were well attended.
 - The Ken Bingley 10k received good feedback and a strong profit was made to donate to the family's chosen charities.

- Pramfest, was good fun and the addition of an ARR stand was well supported and received by the local community.
- Dave Wallace completed the Leeds- Liverpool canal race and Nev supported. Well done Dave!
- Trail series completed with the eclipse edition of Stans' Toffee run and a couple of Trunce races.
- Thanks to Dawn for organising the London Marathon Draw and congratulations to
- Jane organised a Ladies weekend and successful orienteering evening.
- A fun Tech session was lead by Ruth and Mark.

5. Treasurer's Update

Paul Bernardo

- Priory 10K profit = £2452.29, therefore proposed payment to NT of £1200.00.
- KB 10K profit = £1050.32, therefore proposed payments to YAA and MS Trust of £500.00 each.
- **Charity payments agreed and to be made. Action PB**
- Website domain name transferred to Spaceship, hence increase value in that category.
- Deposit has been paid to Burntwood for 2027 Awards night.

6. Secretary's Update

Dawn Sketchley

- I wrote to the person who raised a query about Social Members, and he was happy with the reply.
- Pontefract Racecourse for PECO #2 (13th Dec), Licence applied for.
- Fitzwilliam for Yorkshire Vets race (4th Oct)
 - **Lucy to call for Marshals. Action LV**

7. Membership Secretary's Update

Mark Leadbeater

- 1 new member has joined as first claim since the last meeting - John Hawley. He has been welcomed on the Ackworth Road Runners members facebook page and registered with England Athletics.
- We have a few people trialling the club and expect more after the ARR PramFest stand, as we had several enquiries and people coming to test training already.
 - As at 1st September 2026:
 - Membership now 335 members
 - First claim = 310 (32 Concession)
 - Second Claim = 2
 - Social = 19
 - Students = 3
 - Honorary = 1
- All running smoothly with membership no issues reported.
- We need to vote and put in place a new fee proposal below:
 - Membership fees for concession members. They only pay £32 and £23 goes to EA, so the club only gets £9 Social members pay £10 so they actually contribute more to the club. A fairer fee for concessionary members in 2027 is £35. (Any new concession members after 10 years now have to be 67).
 - Social membership also £12 a year for 2027. The club would get £12 from concession members which equates to £1 a month
- For the record, of the 32 concession members, 22 will be aged 67 or over in Jan 2027 and 2 more will be added in 2027 so 34 in total.
- We should also put a statement that fees are subject to change in case England Athletics changes for yearly membership from £23.

- Proposed: New members part way through the year, £15 without EA, full price EA option – Passed by acclaim
 - **Check insurance for non-EA members and Students - is this covered by the £200 fee the club pays to EA? Action: DS**

8. GP 2027

All

First draft of the 2027 GP list below for discussion. This has been based on 3 x half marathon and 3 x 10 mile races, with the other distances then fitted in the gaps.

Notes:

- Some comments at club regarding rules of having to do a longer distance to win your league - can this discussion please be done separate to the GP finalisation please.
- All of the suggestions have come from the FB group recommendations so gives us a solid start on giving the members what they would like to see.
- Jane Tomlinson Canal Series - best time across the 3 races to count. We got a fantastic turn out this year and feedback from Methley was incredible.
- Autumn handicap- moved to October to fit in better around other suggestions. Previous talk of making it an evening- would need to be August or early September due to sunset timings if we were to do this? Then is no longer an "Autumn" handicap.
- PECO- slotted in due to no other options in December- would require discussion with PECO to move us away from #2 as this was our event this year.

Discussion with SF, who is interested in taking on the role of GP coordinator:

- Parkrun – query over Jan course due to icy weather/cancellations at that venue.
- Some notable historical local events omitted – members may have thought they were guaranteed to be included: Pontefract, Darrington, Wakefield and Doncaster 10k's
- PECO #2 is the event that we host, so expect our members to volunteer, meaning inclusion on the GP may be conflicted.
- Committee agreed to V2 including historical events and suggestions for additional trail races if Trail Series is not included next year. **Action SF, JH & JW**
- Nomination for Shaun to be co-opted onto the committee to manage the 2027 GP: Nominated by ML, Seconded by CA. Passed by acclaim
- Structure change review is welcomed and supported by the committee, but not for 2027 series. **Action SF in 2027**
- Jess was thanked for her hard work on pulling together the list so far.

9. Events Updates/Reviews

All

- KB10k
 - Thanks for input into the event extended to Ben, Jane, Mark and Dawn.
 - Mention to Rob Newsome for facilitating new club 10k pacing bibs, paid for by the club prize for winning the Jane Tomlinson Canal Series Club Attendance award.
 - Increase in numbers and charity donations year on year.
 - Request registration has a list format.
 - Y5 will be on Ken's Bingley's Birthday – consider that to be the last year in its current format.
 - Suggestion to change to 5m at Pontefract park (big decrease in licence fee and option to include Ken's corner), mid week in Summer.
 - 3 month lead time for permission with WMDC – **Discuss further in Nov. Action DS**
- Pram Race

All

- Thanks to Jane and Mark for their hard work to organise marshals and an attractive stand.
- ARR Marshals this year made the event go ahead, talk of cancelling before we stepped in.
- Great for members and community awareness.
- Want a team in next year!!!
 - Need a pram – **look out for freecycle things to build it. Action All**
- ML suggested adding in a Junior element/games
- **Plan discussion for June 2027. Action DS**
- LCW Lucy Vamplew
 - Committee agreed another great event
 - Thank you to Lucy for organising!
 - Suggestions for next year: team captains, reserve list.
 - Agreed that we enter LCW again next year
 - **Plan discussion for June 2027. Action DS**
- Autumn Handicap Cate Allan
 - Webscorer in place (cut-off 13th Sept for handicapper(BW)).
 - Route (Frickley) published.
 - Scoring by parkrun app
 - **Marshals call-out: John Bailey (with gate keys) Action DH on FB, CA to co-ordinate**
- Vets' Race, 4th Oct Dave Hughes
 - £250 for food. **Check value set by YVets. Action CA**
- PECO Ben Tanguay/Dawn Sketchley
 - Ponte park location, licence in progress.
 - Rothwell in support – ask them to provide marshals.
 - **Discuss detail in Oct. Action DS**

10. Llama League - does anything in the format need to change for next year? DWO/All

- Ken Bingley – 32 volunteers
- Pramfest – 23 volunteers
- 5 new run leaders in Q3 (so far): Denise, Kev W, Adie, Rebecca G and AJB
- 286 volunteer points awarded to 117 members
- Ideas for raffle prizes with a £100 budget passed
 - Walk a llama experience?
 - Club prizes – club events, kit etc
 - **DWO to co-ordinate raffle prizes. Action DWO.**
- DW added that in a recent call with other club EA Safeguarding leads, his mention of the volunteering league received positive feedback and a pledge from some clubs to implement something similar.

11. Popular Trail series – to continue in 2027? All

- Now completed the series, with the last race on Monday 7th (the final, fancy dress Trunce)
- Over 70 members taken part in at least one race, and 16 took place in at least 4 through the series.
- Another great turnout (results have been harder as 15-20 members did not register for handicaps so no guide times). Also spotted a couple of people who weren't registered under the club name, so may have missed others.

- Lots of age category prizes throughout the series, which is always great to see and good social events supporting local clubs' events.
- **JW has put together results for each race and will share this week. Action JW.**
- Request to include more trail races in the GP (see GP action above) and retire the Trail Series.

12. Kit Update

CA

- Each item is made to order with 6-8 week lead time, same with Scimitar.
- Suggestion to have popular sizes in stock, held by someone who comes to training frequently (JI & ML).
- Proposed move of supplier in early 2027, stay with Tuff for Christmas presents and move to Scimitar in the new year.
- Scimitar – different ranges, what stock to hold?

DS to share data on Anniversary T-shirts and JW on Hoodies. Action DA & JW

13. Succession planning commences

DH/DS/All

- AGM notice for 1st December, need nominations
- DS stepping down as Secretary
- ML, JI, SF, D, LV, DWo, BW, PB, AJB, BT & DH willing to stand in current roles, JW undecided.
- Role descriptions needed to clarify responsibilities following learning from this year.

14. AoB

All

- JI: Training – Back to School pub run.
- JI: Ideas welcomed: Bleep test & track night (ML), Christmas parkrun social (JWo)
 - More notice requested for social events
- SF: parkrun meetup/league/scavenger hunt/challenges. **Discussion requested for October. Action DS**
- DWo: **Permission to promote ARR discounted yoga on FB sought. Action DWo & ML**
- BW: GP events to be updated: York, Temple Newsome and Hull parkrun
 - BW to volunteer as GP back-up. **Action: BW to contact ES**
- BT: Chip timing – possible purchase of own equipment £4k outlay, compared to £1k to external company each time. Rental would be £300- £400.
 - Yorkshire sport Foundation match funding?
 - Discuss with other clubs – part ownership?
- JW: Christmas do/meal
- CA: Awards raffle to go to club funds – Passed by acclaim
 - £250 raffle prize budget

Dates of meetings 2026/7: October 14th, November 11th, December 9th, January 13th, February 10th, AGM February 17th