



**HYDE PARK HARRIERS AGM 8th MAY 2021
HELD BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Present - Committee:

**Amy Young (Chair)
Naomi Adkins
Lorraine Beavis
Richard Edwards
Clare Evans
Rebecca Gray
Robyn Johnson
Xenia Perry
Jonathan Spain**

Members:

See attached list

Welcome and Introduction

AY welcomed everyone to the meeting, explaining that the Chair's report which would usually form part of this meeting, would be presented at the Awards event following this meeting.

1 Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM, held on 19th May 2020, were approved.

2 Election of new members

AY advised that the following members were standing down from the Committee:

- Richard Edwards after eight years;
- Rebecca Gray after five years, including two as Treasurer;
- Phil Hammond after two years.

The following, having served a two-year term, had submitted nominations for re-election to the Committee:

- Xenia Perry – Richard Edwards proposed, Emily Tasker seconded and XP's nomination was unanimously approved.
- Clare Evans as Membership Secretary – Julie Robson proposed, Andy Judd seconded and CE's nomination was unanimously approved.
- Lorraine Beavis as Club Secretary – Laura Garrett proposed, Katherine Kirkham seconded and LB 's nomination was unanimously approved.

The following had submitted nominations to join as new members:

- Danni Bryant as an ordinary member – Xenia Perry proposed, Lizzie Coombes seconded and Danni's nomination was unanimously approved.

- Curtis Ledger as an ordinary member – Kay Jefferies proposed, John Pratt seconded and the nomination was unanimously approved
- Katherine Kirkham as Treasurer – Graeme Miles proposed, Jaz Bangerh seconded and the nomination was unanimously approved.

3 **President**

KJ welcomed all new members who had joined the club in the last year and thanked **all** members for supporting one another during this difficult time, making the community even stronger. She extended a big thank you to AY and the Committee for everything they had done during a year that had brought so many different challenges, with the dedication of everyone involved enabling the club to work through those challenges. KJ offered a personal thank you to AY who had taken on the role of Chair at a particularly difficult time; she went on to thank those committee members standing down and to welcome the incoming committee members.

4 **Proposed amendments to the Club Constitution**

The following proposed amendments, which had been circulated to attendees ahead of the meeting, were approved:

Paragraph 5.7 – reference to ‘the above six meetings’ to be deleted.

Paragraph 11 – Regulation of Committee meetings – the constitution as currently drafted states that minutes will be distributed to all members within two weeks of the meeting. As minutes are approved at the following committee meeting, this is not practical; wording therefore to be changed so that minutes will be distributed ‘as soon as reasonably practicable’.

Paragraph 12 – wording to be amended to ‘Members are invited to contact the committee to raise any issues for discussions at any time. Enquiries and issues will be discussed within the committee as soon as possible, and members will be updated in due course.’ rather than members being specifically invited to submit items for discussion prior to each meeting.

5 **Treasurer’s Report**

The balance sheet and income & expenditure statement had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and RG reported on key points as follows:

- Activity in the year had been minimal;
- Funds set aside for courses had not yet been used;
- Surplus of £2,500 as expenditure had been low;
- LiRF courses were currently being held virtually but these had not been well received so attendances would be deferred until in-person courses returned;
- Income from the Summer Mile expected in 2021;
- Summer Mile medals purchased for 2020 could be used in 2021 as no date was shown on the medal and reference to the 10th event was still valid.
- Cash in bank higher than usual due to COVID, although included some triathlon club funds to be transferred over.

6 **Membership Report**

CE reported a busy year for new memberships, with numbers increasing from 160 at this time last year to 203 to date, i.e. back to 2019 levels. Of the current membership, 101 were male and 108 were female, with a good spread of age ranges and some who had continued their membership, even though they no longer lived in the area.

7 **Updates from subcommittees & workflows**

Lucy Rider gave an update on Run & Talk and Coaching.

Run & Talk had been particularly challenging in the circumstances although some zoom sessions and challenges had been held. Current Run & Talk ambassadors were Lucy, Xenia Perry, Robyn Johnson and Sara Scholes, who were all looking forward to running and chatting with people face to face. In the meantime the ambassadors were available to anyone who wished to chat. Any ideas for what people would like to do or interested in becoming a Run & Talk Ambassador would be very welcome and could be addressed to any of the current ambassadors.

Coaching had also been challenging, although LR had put together some isolation sessions available in the HPH documents, together with a return to running plan and any questions could be sent to LR. LR had also produced some Summer Mile training sessions, to be discussed later in the meeting.

LR advised that she was also available for marathon coaching for anyone who would find this helpful.

AY thanked LR for her contribution and agreed to share the links to the sessions LR had mentioned.

AY advised that the Committee was aware that it had been a difficult year from a welfare point of view and had considered the appointment of a dedicated welfare officer. However, the Committee thought it was too difficult a task for one person, so responsibility for checking in with members from time to time would be shared amongst all Committee members. Anyone experiencing welfare issues was therefore asked to speak to any Committee member as soon as possible.

8 Competitions

Although there had been no races during the last year, it was good to see so many people doing virtual events. Although races were beginning to return it had been decided it would be unfair to reinstate a championship at this stage, with races remaining uncertain and some members possibly not yet ready to return to competing.

9 Triathlon

Graeme Miles gave an update on the Triathlon section, where some sessions had returned and social bike rides were taking place on Saturday mornings.

Some events had also returned, including the Yorkshire Duathlon in April.

GM reported that HPH Tri currently holds the Yorkshire, National and European Championships and had teams entering the world championships this year.

Coached swimming was due to return on 19th May, with all sessions for paid-up members only, although it was hoped that this could be relaxed in due course; a transition session was planned on 23rd May at 3 pm. GM noted that membership was available at £20 a year.

Particular thanks were due to John Pratt for setting up Zwift sessions and devising training plans; thanks also to the committee as a whole.

The Tri-club AGM would take place on 27th May and certain committee positions were available.

AY thanked the Tri-club for everything that had been organised during the year.

10 Thursdays and Intervals

Thursday sessions had been put on hold during the last year and the Committee had been unwilling to overload leaders with requests for their time. However, some trial sessions were planned and for six weeks prior to the Summer Mile sessions would be held on a Thursday evening with specific training for the Summer Mile. Details would be released on

Spond and the number of places would be limited. If the sessions proved to be popular, additional sessions may follow so any feedback would be welcomed.

AY advised that the Committee would be considering a return to our usual sessions in June. In the meantime, groups of six (which may be increased slightly at the discretion of the leader) would continue.

11 VMLM Ballot

It had been confirmed that the club had one place available in the 2021 London Marathon and those who wished to be entered had submitted copies of their rejection letters. The winner, who was chosen by an on-line random draw, was announced as Ralph Kidner.

12 Any Other Business

Summer Mile

216 entries had been received so far, which was the highest number ever at this stage.

Special prizes would be available on this occasion, with gold and silver medals awarded for specific times.

SD announced that Tom Bosworth would be taking part in the race-walking heat before going to the Olympics and would be timed for a world record attempt.

It was confirmed that Leeds City Council had given permission for the event to take place, subject to tier three regulations. The position would be reviewed the week before the event to ensure full compliance with the requirements at that time.

SD offered to organise training sessions for anyone wishing to take part in race-walking.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

Attendees:

Toby Adkins

Andy Judd

Julie Robson

Graeme Miles

John Pratt

Emily Tasker

Curtis Ledger

Kay Jefferies

Jaz Bangerh

Paul Sawyer

Mark Haddrill

Claudia Bauer

Katherine Kirkham

Oliver Clarkson

Sophie Jackson

Danni Bryant

Caroline Sanders

Joseph Elmes

Paul Farmery

Tilly Rhodes

John Blatherwick

Caroline Young

Lucy Rider

Lizzie Coombes

James Tarbit

Richard Garratt

Laura Garratt

Ralph Kidner

Muhang Yu

George Anderson

Clare Maxwell

Louise Gardham

Naomi Kellett

Grace Roberts

Trevor Raddings

Sam Dooley

Helen Bedow

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