

**HYDE PARK HARRIERS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
SUNDAY, 19 MARCH 2023 BY GOOGLE MEETS**

Present:

Amy Ramsden-Young (Chair)
Lorraine Beavis
Danny Clayton
Clare Evans
Laura Garratt
Richard Garratt
Katherine Kirkham
Curtis Ledger
Grace Roberts
Jonathan Spain

Apologies for absence: **Danni Bryant**

1 Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of Committee meeting held on 5th February 2023 approved.

2 Membership Update

CE reported that 163 existing members had not yet renewed. ARY agreed to remind members on the steps ahead of the next club run.

3 Finance Update

KK reported that some of the club's surplus would be used up by LiRF and CiRF courses. She noted that outgoings had been relatively high this year, some of which would be recoverable as caps, vests etc. were purchased. It was agreed to take some kit to the AGM to sell.

KK confirmed that the Yorkshire Vets invoice had now been paid.

It was noted that no money had yet been received from PECO but this was expected once all races were complete and should be received before the AGM.

4 Social

Awards evening

Details to be confirmed within the next day or two.

It was agreed to give items of kit as prizes. Kit would be available for winners to their prize, with some items available for sale at the end of the evening.

ARY planned a call with KJ on 27th March to confirm the recipient of the President's award.

Club trips

Agreed there would be no overseas trip this year and, going forward, overseas trips would be arranged every other year. Arrangements for several UK trips were in hand, led by various members.

Around the park around the clock.

This was arranged for 4th June. Those attending to be asked to bring an item of food for the picnic.

5 Volunteers

Leeds Marathon

Good response received to the call for volunteers so we should qualify for the financial contribution to the club and two vouchers for entry into future races, which would be allocated by draw if there was more interest than spaces available.

Summer Mile

JS anticipated sufficient volunteers but only he and Sam Dooley were available to organise. ARY agreed to do a call out for help with the organisation.

ARY

6 Competitions

Competitions for the current year now complete.

Marathon & Ultra

In view of limited take-up of these races during the two-year trial period, it was agreed that this championship would be discontinued.

Agreed to reduce the number of scoring races in the championship from six to five out of ten.

Consideration to be given to splitting age grading into separate groups according to the percentage age grade.

Parkrun championship

CL suggested this might be scored according to the number of participants at each run. CL to work on the numbers to see what difference this would make, if any, and further consideration would be given to the proposal for next year.

7 Awards

Chair

Agreed Abdu Ahmed.

President

List of nominees sent to KJ for consideration.

Ain't no barriers

ARY to discuss with KJ. Most likely candidate was Ed Shakespeare.

Rolf Neugebauer best photograph award

Anne Akers for the photo taken at the track day, which was Sharron's nomination.

Sue Smith award

ARY to send suggestions to those who knew Sue well, seeking their views.

8 Relays

Calderdale Way

KK to contact DB to find out the level of interest and, if this was sufficient, to enter the team.

Bradford Millennium Way

No team to be entered this year.

9 Club Standards

LB reported that the only point currently outstanding was for one coach whose DBS had expired; this was known to be in hand so should be resolved within the next few weeks.

Two updates had recently been included in the standards, both of which HPH were able to comply with:

- 1 Confirmation that at least three committee members were unrelated or not cohabiting.
- 2 Lead Welfare Officer to be named – CL nominated for this post.

10 PECO

All races complete, other than the relays, due to take place over the coming weekend.

11 Sessions

Coaches

All had been given a code to enable them to book CiRF training courses.

Intervals

Track to be used for this session on alternate weeks. Cost to members for the use of the track would be £4.50 each. ARY to put a reminder on the coaching group that leaders were required for these sessions, which would follow the plan used previously.

Hills

Feedback had been received that, if the session leader led from the front, slower runners were left behind, often alone, causing safety concerns. Agreed to consider again before the beginning of next season and, in the meantime, to open for discussion at the next leaders' evening.

Short laps session

Agreed to open this up to all levels, not just to group 1.

The ongoing shortage of leaders for groups 1-3 was noted and the importance of leaders completing the rota spreadsheet in advance was stressed.

ARY to organise an evening for training new leaders, separate from the general leaders' evening,

12 Summer Mile

Tickets to go on sale on 2nd April.

Sponsors confirmed as OTE, North Brewing, Yorkshire Runner, Coffee on the Crescent, and West Point Practice.

Charity still to be agreed. JS's suggestion would be to nominate Meanwood Valley Urban Farm again for this year, advising them that this would be the last year, and then decide on the nominated charity for next year.

13 AGM

Venue booked and paid for.

Nomination forms for new members to be sent out shortly.

14 Welfare

CE had attended the new EA training course for welfare officers, aimed at adults only clubs, which she felt was more relevant than the previous course which she understood focused almost entirely on safeguarding for junior members. As the club's 'lead' welfare officer, CL may also be required to attend this course, in addition to the course he had already attended.

15 Any Other Business

Noted that the club's policies were due for review/renewal.

The introduction to fell running discussed at the last meeting would be incorporated in one of the planned UK trips mentioned earlier.

16 Date of next meeting

Sunday, 16th April at 6pm, by Google Meets.