



**HYDE PARK HARRIERS AGM 6th MAY 2022
HELD AT THE NEW HEADINGLEY CLUB, LEEDS**

Present - Committee:

Amy Ramsden-Young (Chair)
Lorraine Beavis
Danni Bryant
Clare Evans
Laura Garratt
Richard Garratt
Katherine Kirkham
Curtis Ledger
Jonathan Spain

Members: **See attached list**

Welcome and Introduction

ARY welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that a quorum was present.

1 Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM, held on 8th May 2021, which had been posted as a draft on the Club's website and a copy circulated prior to this meeting, were approved.

2 President's Report

KJ gave a brief round-up of the year to date, highlighting everything that she believed made the club special.

KJ then thanked each of the Committee Members in turn, with special thanks to Naomi Adkins, who was standing down following this AGM but had made a significant contribution to the Committee and would be missed. Special thanks were also due to the Chair for her outstanding leadership in what had been another difficult year.

3 Chair's Report

AR-Y mentioned the following highlights in her summary of the year:

- 102 Hyde Park Harriers taking part in the first PECO.
- A club member winning the Leeds Half Marathon.
- HPH representation at the British Fell Races.
- Tuesday sessions had returned to the Edge during the year, including Run & Talk on the first Tuesday each month.
- Thursday S&S were replaced with Kirkstall Hills over the winter.
- Occasional Sunday long runs had started during the year.
- A great performance at PECO, including winning the relay.

Future highlights included:

- The Summer Mile on 29th June.

- Club trip to Munich in October.
- 5K PB plan supported by a £500 grant received from England Athletics which would go towards the hire of a track for the day.

4 Amendment to Club Constitution

AR-Y explained that each Committee member served a two-year term and the Club constitution currently allowed for four officers and six ordinary members. Because the club had grown so much, AR-Y proposed a change to the constitution so that the maximum number of ordinary members be increased to eight, giving 12 members in total. If approved, this would result in following change to the constitution:

Paragraph 4.1 to read: *'The day-to-day management of the Club shall be deputed to a Committee consisting of four Officers of the Club and not more than eight Ordinary Committee Members'.*

AR-Y's proposal was seconded by Trevor Raddings and carried unanimously.

5 Election of Committee Members

AR-Y noted that Naomi Adkins was standing down from the Committee and added her thanks to those of KJ for the significant contribution NA had made during the three years she had served.

Nomination forms for all those wishing to join or re-join the Committee had been circulated in advance of the meeting for members' consideration.

AR-Y had put forward a nomination to continue as Chair. LB proposed the re-election of AR-Y as Chair, RG seconded and the proposal was carried unanimously.

As allowed by the Club's constitution, two members (Laura Garratt and Richard Garratt) had been appointed by the Committee to fill mid-term vacancies and their appointments were now put to the meeting for formal approval.

The appointment of LG as an ordinary committee member was proposed by Kay Jefferies, seconded by Sarah Underwood and carried unanimously.

The appointment of RG as an ordinary committee member was proposed by CL, seconded by LB and carried unanimously.

Jonathan Spain had put himself forward as an ordinary committee member for a second term. His appointment was proposed by Paul Ramsden, seconded by Lucy Rider and carried unanimously.

The following had submitted nominations to join as new ordinary committee member:

- Danny Clayton – proposed by Emily Tasker, seconded by LG and carried unanimously.
- Grace Roberts – proposed by Debbie Brown, seconded by Clare Maxwell and carried unanimously.

6 Committee Membership Fees

A proposal had been put forward that, in recognition of their contribution to the club, Committee Members should be exempt, in future, from paying membership subscriptions for the duration of their term. The proposal was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

7 Amendment to Constitution

Subject to approval of resolution 6 above, the following amendment to the Constitution was proposed:

Additional point 4.6 to read:

'Committee Members are not required to pay the England Athletics membership fee and are also exempt from payment of annual Club subscriptions.'

The proposed amendment was put to the vote and approved unanimously.

8 Treasurer's Report

The balance sheet and income & expenditure statements for 2019 - 2022 had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and KK reported on key points as follows:

- Funds were available for training so any proposals for training would be welcome.
- The accounts currently showed a healthy surplus, with the greatest increase in revenue being due to the increase in membership numbers.
- Although the majority of the fee paid by members was passed on to EA, the club made a small profit from subscriptions.
- It was anticipated that the surplus would reduce as club activities returned to normal.

9 Membership Report

CE reported that membership numbers had grown to 308 in the last year; the number of first claim members who had renewed so far this year was at 213. Although this appeared a significant drop, it was the highest number ever at the time of the AGM.

CE explained that membership fees had been increased this year to reflect the increase in EA fees.

The split by gender was roughly even, with 114 males and 105 females, ranging in age from 21 to mid-70s.

With regards to the London Marathon, club places had previously been allocated based on membership numbers. However, for this year, because of the number of deferrals from previous years, we had been advised that no club places would be allocated. There had been no indication yet of 2023 places.

AR-Y mentioned that there was an option to get a good for age place and suggested that anyone interested speak to her.

It was noted that, in the interests of inclusivity, our membership application forms had been altered to reflect the EA's question regarding assigned sex at birth.

10 Updates from subcommittees & workflows

Sessions

The following points were highlighted:

- An average of 125 people had attended each Tuesday.
- Anyone interested in leading should contact a group leader to be invited to join the leaders' Facebook group. LiRF courses were still being delivered online and, although an in-person course was preferable, the online option was available to anyone who wished to take it. It was noted that the LiRF qualification was not essential in order to lead.
- Spond had been adopted during lock down and had proved to be very helpful, so that leaders knew in advance who was attending. The system had been continued following the return to regular running but it was limited to 500 members so it may be necessary from time to time to remove inactive members. Anyone removed for this reason could easily re-join at any point.

- Sunday long runs had been well received but their continuation was dependent upon availability of leaders. Anyone willing to lead a session was asked to contact a Committee member.

Coaching

AR-Y reminded members of the club's qualified running coaches – Lucy Rider, Jack Rose, Curtis Broadhead, Clare Hougham and Sam Dooley. If any member needed help with a coaching plan they were invited to contact the Committee who would put them in touch with the appropriate person.

LR advised that she planned to do more marathon training plans as things got back to normal. This would include training for the Leeds Marathon which a number of members had signed up to.

Club Trip

The sub-committee had done well in organising the club trip to Munich in October and anyone interested in organising any social events was invited to get in touch with the Committee.

Run & Talk

LR advised that the Run & Talk initiative had been launched in 2017 and that sessions were usually held on the first Tuesday of each month, although there would be an additional session in May in recognition of mental health awareness week. LR was hoping to bring back the post-run social which had been a regular feature pre-pandemic.

AR-Y and LR had attended a mental health first aid course and could find resources to help any members who felt they might need it.

Anyone wishing to help support the Run & Talk sessions was asked to contact LR.

Social

This sub-committee discussions had focused mainly on post-parkrun socials, in particular, those events in the club parkrun championship.

Relays

DB advised that the Calderdale Way relay was taking place the following weekend. HPH had entered a team but anyone able to be a reserve was asked to let DB know.

The Bradford Millennium Way relay was next in the calendar but as this clashed with the Leeds Triathlon, DB would post a poll to gauge interest before entering.

Leeds Country Way was scheduled for September. Again, DB would post a poll but thought this was likely to be more popular.

Vets

RG advised that a vets group had been set up and anyone interested should contact him.

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Club Competitions

DB had created a spreadsheet which she would make available to members. She stressed that parkrun was age-graded so points were not only awarded for time.

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Triathlon Committee

Graeme Miles gave an update on the Triathlon section, which had had a very successful year, with membership numbers maintained. Other highlights were:

- The Tri-club's dedicated committee had had to consider government guidelines for athletes all over the world.

- A beginners' coached swimming course had been offered to members.
- A separate awards evening had been held.

13 **EA Club Standards**

LB explained that EA had recently introduced a set of standards aimed at ensuring that clubs were properly run, with appropriate governance in place. Although EA had stressed that compliance was not mandated, they would do everything to encourage and help clubs to comply as far as possible.

HPH was in a good position, with most of the required policies in place but the Committee would review and aim to fill any gaps during the course of the next year.

14 **Any Other Business**

AR-Y advised that the virtual trophy cabinet had recently been updated.

In the past the Committee had discussed including Northern Road Relays in our championships. However, affiliation would require an additional fee that would have to be passed on to members, which the committee did not consider worthwhile for just a few members that may be interested in these races.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.