

HYDE PARK HARRIERS

COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST 2025 AT 6PM

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1 Attendance

Present:

Toby Adkins	TA	Chair
Grace Roberts	GR	Club Secretary
Richard Garratt	RG	Committee member
Sam Hadfield	SH	Social Media and Communications Lead
Ed Shakespeare	ES	Committee member
Ellie Williams	EW	Committee member
Lucy Bonnett	LB	Committee member
Will Dow	WD	Committee member
Bethany Chambers	BC	Committee member
Clare Evans	CE	Membership Secretary
Euan Douglas	ED	Club Treasurer

Apologies:

Honor Baldry	HB	Coaching and Development Lead
Sharon Nahal	SN	Committee member

2 Previous Minutes – All

2.1 July 2025 minutes approved. **Action point – GR to upload.**

3 Relays

- 3.1 Leeds Country Way – TA reported this is now all arranged, with social afterwards at Terminus.
- 3.2 Club track marathon relay – TA to promote on Tues session, on Spond & socials. **Action point – put on roundup email this week.**
- 3.3 Good turnouts were noted for Golden Acre relay and representation at Washburn relay.

4 Volunteering

- 4.1 Vale of York volunteering - GR reported 4 volunteers signed up at present, but aiming for 10. **Action point - GR to liaise with Mark H. Action point – committee to discuss in future how the club will support this event, GR to put on agenda.**

- 4.2 HPH WHM parkrun takeover – TA suggested Saturday 11th Oct. **Action point: TA to lead on recruitment.**

5 Finance

- 5.1 Update to bank mandate – KK in progress to add ED to mandate, but seems to be slow going. **Action point - TA to ask for update from KK.**
- 5.2 Triathlon Google accounts – no response from previous email to the tri club. **Action point - TA to talk to PR.**
- 5.3 Summer mile:
- 5.3.1 ED reported an email in the inbox from AR-Y re: summer mile costs.
- 5.3.2 ED has pulled together numbers for the event to inform budget for future years. ED noticed some errors in previous events.
- 5.3.3 There is one payment yet to be made – to EvenSplits for timing. ED to ask JS about this.
- 5.4 Athletic Brewing Co sponsorship – TA reported a member (Chris Imrett) put TA in touch with Athletic Brewing Co, TA trying to arrange a meeting as they would be a good sponsor for the summer mile, but we are not necessarily looking for a general club sponsor. Similar to the relationship we had with North Brewing Co.

6 Membership – Clare Evans

- 6.1 CE reported currently having 245 members, (1 pending). Similar numbers to last year.
- 6.2 CE reported having 2 weeks away in Oct so no new memberships will be sorted in this time – rest of committee to keep an eye on membership-related emails during this time.
- 6.3 London Marathon ballot:
- 6.3.1 Clubs will be able to access places on 31st Oct. LM have informed the club we will be allocated 2 entries.
- 6.3.2 Decided to do the draw on Nov social (4th Nov). **Action point – CE to promote rejection slips sending in.**
- 6.4 T-shirt ordering:
- 6.4.1 CE reported long waits to reach the minimum order for T shirts as most people who want them have already bought them.
- 6.4.2 CE said individual pricing is very expensive, but other suggestions are unworkable (different supplier or buying bulk).
- 6.4.3 TA suggested if we reach e.g. 8 weeks from an order, the club could supplement the order to reach minimum so that members get their t shirt in reasonable time.

7 Sessions and Coaching

- 7.1 Sunday runs – TA reported members wanting these sessions, especially with days getting

shorter. Would like to do a mix up of different types of sessions on a Sunday – try different formats and see what works. **Action point** - TA happy to lead on Sunday sessions.

- 7.2 A discussion was had as to how to expand the number of “full club” sessions - TA reported full club sessions are good for members to get to know people across the groups.

- 7.2.1 TA suggested reviewing Track sessions (as numbers seem low) – could do fewer sessions.

- 7.2.2 EW reported that the cost of track sessions & the timing seems to put people off.

- 7.2.3 TA suggested a monthly rotation of track, hills, urban intervals session etc.

- 7.2.4 ES worries that hills would be super popular but others wouldn't

- 7.2.5 BC suggested a fartlek session – slightly less structured, and in a different space.

- 7.2.6 CE suggested Temple Newsam track – unsure whether this is lit?

- 7.2.7 GR suggested asking members/leaders for good spaces in Leeds to hold speed sessions, e.g. in front of the arena, multistorey car park.

- 7.2.8 **Action point** – GR to put on next agenda

- 7.3 Kirkstall Hills – RG reported comms planner says these start on Oct 6th. **Action point** - SH to change. TA to confirm Kirkstall hills to start on Thurs 11th Oct.

- 7.4 Spond numbers – currently at 488. **Action point** - EW to do a clear out this week.

8 Club Standards – Grace Roberts

- 8.1 Club standards review – **Action point** - GR to make revised versions current and move previous ones to archive folder, and to upload new to club portal on EA.

- 8.2 Northern Athletics affiliation – GR explained fees etc. Committee reported little interest from the club and that we did not pay last year. It was decided to not register this year either.

9 Communications – Sam Hadfield

- 9.1 Instagram strategy – SH reported the images shared via the committee group (all agreed they looked good). SH to trial the use of these over the next month for main page posts and see what response they get. SH asked for ideas that need promoting:

- 9.1.1 HPH parkrun takeover

- 9.1.2 Champs races & updates

- 9.1.3 Volunteering opportunities

- 9.1.4 General club sessions – particularly those that will regularly change (e.g. Sunday sessions).

- 9.1.5 TA suggested races that are popular with HPH – e.g. Kirkstall 7

- 9.1.6 WD suggested promoting Tuesday sessions regularly.

- 9.1.7 WD and TA suggested using stories for regular events as not to “spam” the page/followers.
- 9.2 TA highlighted a reduction in Facebook as a form of communication, and posts are not always visible. Therefore, TA suggested a WhatsApp group set up for the club for announcements only:
 - 9.2.1 GR in favour – having experience of being part of these groups
 - 9.2.2 EW highlighted it is possible to “hide” phone numbers so avoiding GDPR issues, and we can have separate communities – with more interactivity (e.g. could have a leaders sub-group).
 - 9.2.3 BC highlighted an issue that if new people join groups, you don’t always see previous info/posts. Unsure if this is a specific setting.
 - 9.2.4 SH highlighted this may be a lot of admin work, and need to ask permissions from members to join. Don’t want to duplicate efforts across multiple platforms.
 - 9.2.5 EW suggested trialling WhatsApp groups with Leader’s group first. **Action point:** TA to communicate this to leaders.
 - 9.2.6 TA also suggested a WhatsApp group for committee. GR also suggested using Slack for committee. **Action point: TA to set up group for committee, GR to look into Slack.**
 - 9.2.7 **Action point for all:** try to gauge interest from members about WhatsApp group.

10 Club Competitions/Championships – All

- 10.1 CE reported all is under control – nothing to report. **Action point:** SH to liaise with club champs committee members to do a winners post.

11 HPH 20th Year celebrations

- 11.1 Form a sub-committee of members
- 11.2 Various stuff coming up / suggestions:
 - 11.2.1 Cèilidh dance
 - 11.2.2 Sit down meal / party (possibly linked to Cèilidh?)
 - 11.2.3 Endure 24
 - 11.2.4 **Action point** - All to promote the idea of the 20th anniversary celebrations committee

12 Welfare

- 12.1 BC reported no updates from Welfare
- 12.2 **Action point:** BC to organise posting a blog about welfare: who is on the welfare team, what welfare is for etc. Will be written up soon and posted after holiday season.

13 Social Events – All

- 13.1 Run to Saltaire – GR organising, will promote closer to the time.
- 13.2 Kit swap – GR organising, all arranged for now. Will promote over the next month.
- 13.3 Light Night- AA happy to lead, on the Friday evening.
- 13.4 Christmas party – booking confirmed by PS. Other details will be confirmed as and when. Further details to be organised and announced over the coming months.
- 13.5 Club trip 2026 – Amsterdam, needs to be promoted quickly and get members to buy place on the day:
 - 13.5.1 GR suggested buying a few places in bulk (talk to the organisers?)
 - 13.5.2 SH suggested writing a blog to announce club trip then posting that on various platforms. GR suggested a specific club trip page which can then be re-posted.
 - 13.5.3 TA to liaise with George and Paul over this.
- 13.6 Club quiz
 - 13.6.1 ES suggested nominating a day of the week, then can look at a venue.
 - 13.6.2 GR suggested a Weds (between sessions), could tie with London Marathon draw. Want to avoid bonfire night. **Action point:** GR to send ES list of venues.
 - 13.6.3 EW suggested a Monday as many quizzes are on Mondays.
 - 13.6.4 LB suggested cancelling the Tues session nearest bonfire night (Tues 4th Nov) and do a quiz instead.

14 Any Other Business – All

- 14.1 Campus track – GR explained the concept of the exercise track currently being planned to be part of Leeds Uni campus. The team at the University have asked for our thoughts on what we would want from the track as a club:
 - 14.1.1 ES suggested a shorter section, with fewest number of tightest corners. To allow potential to build up a good speed.
 - 14.1.2 BC – likes the idea of a longer loop, with little cut-out parts to do shorter loops e.g. options for 1, 2 or 3 k loops. Also to include playful sections e.g. 100m sprint sections.
 - 14.1.3 **Action point – GR to put to members designing a route with the stipulations of what we want and what the uni wants.**
- 14.2 Edge backdoor
 - 14.2.1 GR updated with issues
 - 14.2.2 **Action point: GR to arrange a meeting with The Edge to reiterate our agreement.**
- 14.3 PECO:

- 14.3.1 TA suggested starting to promote PECO gently to members and find captions
- 14.3.2 CE said last year PECO AGM was 1st Sept last year. **Action point:** CE to ask Mark if we have missed anything this year.
- 14.4 Club funding places for events/relays/etc. A discussion was had as to what the club could use funds for to potentially increase participation:
 - 14.4.1 EW suggested not doing it for LCW, it should be for accessible events e.g. Golden Acre is shorter, easy to get to etc. Could set rules e.g. 3 teams per year, 1st come 1st serve.
 - 14.4.2 ES suggested not using the money for races that already have high participation: as it would only be fair to pay/subsidise everyone's entry.
 - 14.4.3 GR suggested a budget of money to support members with large charity places
 - 14.4.4 EW suggested spending money on transport to races – e.g. club trip to a race, could do for the 20th anniversary celebrations. ES reported his old club bought entries in bulk to a different race each year, and members can then attend the race for free as a big club event. GR suggested supporting locally organised events.
 - 14.4.5 TA pointed out that anything we do raises a lot of admin, and when it comes to spending money, we'd need to have robust systems in place to ensure money is spent properly and responsibly.
 - 14.4.6 **Action point – GR to put on future committee agenda. Would be good to have wider opinion on.**

15 Future Meetings – Grace Roberts

- 15.1 Open committee meeting to be in person In Oct.
- 15.2 Further committee meeting for the year will be in Sept, Oct, and either late Nov or early Dec.
- 15.3 **Action point** - GR to make poll for Sept meeting.