

HYDE PARK HARRIERS

COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Sunday 28th September 2025

<https://meet.google.com/zxb-jkxe-bdt>

1 Attendance:

Note – this meeting was not quorate as fewer than 2/3rd of committee members were present. All decisions made in this meeting will be circulated with the rest of the committee for approval before any actions are taken.

Present:

Toby Adkins	TA	Chair
Grace Roberts	GR	Club Secretary
Sharon Nahal	SN	Committee member
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

Apologies:

Honor Baldry	HB	Coaching and Development Lead
Richard Garratt	RG	Committee member
Sam Hadfield	SH	Social Media and Communications Lead
Clare Evans	CE	Membership Secretary
Euan Douglas	ED	Club Treasurer

2 Previous Minutes

- 2.1 August 2025 minutes were approved by all – **Action Point: GR to upload**

3 PECO

- 3.1 The committee would like to thank ES for attending PECO AGM at short notice on behalf of the club.
- 3.2 The Club are leading the organisation of the first PECO race at Middleton park:
- 3.2.1 TA reported there is a good interest so far with members volunteering.

- 3.2.2 **Action Point:** TA to create separate WhatsApp chat for PECO volunteering.
- 3.2.3 Tom Thomas has volunteered to lead on the junior's race (having appropriate DBS clearance)
- 3.2.4 Two applications for PECO captains have been received by the club (1 female, 1 male, no vet) – both potentially not running. **Action point** – TA to promote applications for PECO captains.
- 3.2.5 TA reported multiple members saying the races are cheap, but are less accessible as they need to buy specific shoes.
- a) BC suggested doing a PECO FAQs for newer people.
 - b) EW added to this – signpost to the HPH buy and sell page and encourage others to sell/donate the shoes they don't need and signpost to 2nd hand websites and sales.
 - c) TA suggested waiting to see what questions members may have before doing the FAQs.
 - d) It was suggested to do PECO practice/recces as part of Sunday sessions to help newer people into cross-country, which may also help inform their choices
- 3.2.6 ES suggested we all refer to it as “PECO cross country” so that members know what we are referring to (instead of just “PECO”)

4 Finance

- 4.1 ED reported (in advance via email) that the VoY volunteering money has been received by the club
- 4.2 Discussion over potential funding events/race places for members (from AGM suggestion):
- 4.2.1 EW had experience of previous club doing a club-funded group trip, but highlighted issues with funding large numbers (admin, keeping it fair, potential large expenses).
 - 4.2.2 TA suggested doing a club funded race trip for the 20th Anniversary celebrations, test how this goes then see if we want to organise regularly in future years.

5 Sessions and Coaching

- 5.1 As HB was not present, the following was not discussed. **Action point:** GR to add to future meeting agendas.
- 5.1.1 Thursday night sessions / “full club” sessions
 - 5.1.2 LiRF and CiRF applications (have the recently qualified LiRF/CiRFs been leading?)
- 5.2 A discussion was had re: potentially changing group numbers on Tuesday:
- 5.2.1 TA raised that we haven't had a full 12 groups out in a single Tuesday this year.
 - 5.2.2 EW pointed out any changes to the format would need consideration to the slower pace

groups, to ensure all abilities were catered for without large jumps between group paces. Suggested to condense the faster groups together.

5.2.3 GR raised the potential concern of condensing groups would end up in more popular/over-subscribed middle groups which used to be more popular when we had 8 groups

5.2.4 WD raised that people gravitate towards 'popular' groups at present, choosing based on who is in each group.

5.2.5 EW suggested trialling some combined groups on Spond – perhaps on progression week. BC added that if this is done, make sure attendees are happy with the combined groups and leaders stick to the 'lower end' of the higher group bracket.

5.2.6 **Action point** – all to think about this for next meeting.

6 Membership

6.1 Update from CE via email:

6.1.1 Currently 249 members (1 down from same time last year).

6.1.2 London Marathon Places: 21 entrants to the ballot thus far, planning on leaders having 2 entries same as last year.

7 Club Standards

7.1 GR stated little to report at present other than keeping on-top of upcoming LiRF expiries (with no issues thus far this year)

7.2 TA reported new policy re: WhatsApp communication. Review comms policies earlier next year – with new WhatsApp and phasing out FaceBook use.

8 Communications – Sam Hadfield (in SH absence)

8.1 TA reported the new templates appear to be working well. Going forward, will try to be more consistent using these in comms.

8.2 WhatsApp group launch – thus far, seems to be working well but will continually review

8.2.1 TA suggested one main post a week with upcoming events/sessions

8.2.2 ES reported that all regular leaders are on the leaders chat.

8.2.3 TA raised who should have admin rights (currently only TA), and a discussion was had:

a) It was agreed that only TA and SH should have admin rights for announcements channel. If anyone else wants something to be announced, to put in the committee channel to then be posted wider.

b) All committee to be admin on general chat & group leaders, so multiple people are available if any messages are posted against our community rules.

9 Club Competitions/Championships

- 9.1 CE updated via email: summer championships are complete, and the winter league tables ready to go in GoogleDrive.

10 HPH 20th Anniversary

- 10.1 TA to start promoting forming a sub-committee:

10.1.1 Suggested to make a new WhatsApp channel & promote it.

10.1.2 Then have a virtual meeting with that committee & communicate the ideas had thus far.

10.1.3 **Action point:** TA to make & announce WhatsApp group

11 Relays

- 11.1 Club track marathon relay – TA reported a good event:

11.1.1 28 people attended and a full marathon ran by the club.

11.1.2 Good mix of long-standing members and some new people.

11.1.3 TA to run again in future due to the ‘full club’ aspect of the club. Potentially with multiple teams.

- 11.2 Leeds Country Way – TA reported it went smoothly. The committee would like to thank all who participated, helped with transport and organising.

- 11.3 Relays for next year – Y3P, BMW, CWR and LCW:

11.3.1 There are multiple relays every year, but a wane in interest from the club in general since around 2022/23.

11.3.2 EW suggested picking one relay to focus on each year.

11.3.3 ES highlighted entries for Y3P open end of Oct – **Action point:** ES to lead on co-ordinating recruitment and entries.

11.3.4 **Action point** – all to think about how to boost engagement and commitment. What races do members want to do? GR to put on next agenda.

12 Welfare

- 12.1 BC highlighted the recent missing-persons incident:

12.1.1 This has now been resolved.

12.1.2 EA has offered assistance if needed.

12.1.3 Suggested that the club does not actively ‘reach-out’ to the member involved – partly as it is not a club-related incident and it is likely that there is support being provided from other sources, but make it clear that welfare support is here for any club members that need it.

12.1.4 BC to discuss with CE when CE returns from holiday.

12.1.5 GR suggested doing some signposting without highlighting specific incidents or contacting specific individuals.

12.2 Welfare blog

12.2.1 BC reported this is written, just need photos of LR and CE to post.

12.2.2 The blog will highlight key signposting to support services

12.2.3 BC to post this week.

12.3 BC reported being absent from club currently due to injury, but is available via email etc. if needed.

13 Social Events

13.1 Bonfire Night quiz and marathon ballot Tues 4th Nov:

13.1.1 Club session Tues 4th Nov will be cancelled and replaced with a quiz and marathon ballot.

13.1.2 ES leading, currently exploring potential venues. Will contact The Library as first choice. GR to let ES know Library contact details. **Action point:** ES to arrange booking with The Library

13.1.3 Turnout may be variable – if cancelling club session, the turnout may be higher.

13.2 Run to Saltaire:

13.2.1 GR to promote, will be put on Spond.

13.2.2 TA suggested using it as a Sunday session.

a) Sunday session ideas include pyramid sessions, PECO practice, etc.

b) GR suggested always nominating a café in advance so that non-runners can join in with the social aspect if not joining in the session.

13.3 Kit swap:

13.3.1 GR reported low attendance, potentially due to a mix of timing (midday on Sat) and location (Archive a bit further away than normal venues).

13.3.2 Gr reported a lot of kit was donated, which will be given to Recovery Runners

13.3.3 Suggested if doing in future, to do straight after parkrun – could include other clubs / new runners etc. could be good to promote local clubs? And hold it in the park, at CoTC or similar nearby location.

13.4 Light Night

13.4.1 There has been a change in dates for Light Night as event has been rescheduled.

13.4.2 Decided to do a session on Thurs only – AA has volunteered to lead on this

13.4.3 TA also suggested informing group leaders to go via The Queens on Tues session that week as Light Night rehearse the night before the event

13.4.4 Light Night run to be put on Spond.

13.5 Christmas party:

13.5.1 Organisation in hand, with PS leading.

13.5.2 TA to create WhatsApp channel just for Christmas Party.

13.6 Club trip 2026:

13.6.1 TA to create WhatsApp channel for this also.

13.6.2 GR to create website page for club trip details to make it easy to find information.

13.6.3 TA noted the race sells out quickly so lots of notice for members needed. Race entries open in December.

13.7 Fell running book event

13.7.1 TA reported a local club has been in touch with a member promoting a fell running book release event – one is at Hyde Park Book Club which will be in January, will be promoted to members.

14 Volunteering

14.1 Vale of York volunteering:

14.1.1 The committee would like all who volunteered and GR for organising. Particularly those who managed to volunteer at VoY and run at LCW.

14.1.2 It was noted that each volunteer gets £25 RaceBest voucher (they should be contacted about this directly), and the club gets £10/volunteer.

14.1.3 TA suggested those that volunteer at VoY, get a free summer mile place.

14.1.4 It was raised whether it was worth the club getting volunteers for VoY – all committee were in agreement to keep the current arrangement as it is. It was noted that VoY is a fair distance from Leeds, making it harder for HPH to support. TA to discuss with Mark whether a different race could be more suitable.

14.1.5 It was noted that this year, VoY clashed with LCW and the GNR which made recruiting volunteers more difficult.

14.2 HPH WHM takeover:

14.2.1 TA decided to postpone until January as currently recruiting PECO volunteers and Jan is a busy time for WHM, and would be good for club recruitment.

15 Any Other Business

15.1 Campus track

15.1.1 Very little progress at present.

15.1.2 **Action point - GR** to ask members to submit suggestions for routes.

15.1.3 ES suggested having an additional part of the Club 'route library' for places to do intervals – with details such as lighting, accessibility, flat/hilly, terrain etc. **Action point – GR to make space on website for this. Have disclaimer about 'conducting own assessment when doing a run there' ES to contact group leaders via the chat for suggestions.**

15.1.4 EW suggested having the interval plans on the website to compliment this. To discuss with HB at next committee meeting.

15.2 Edge backdoor:

15.2.1 GR reported the situation seems to be much improved.

15.2.2 The committee would like to thank GR for organising the club kit cupboard and taking an inventory.

15.3 Brass Monkey – TA applied for club ballot places (race on 18th Jan). It was suggested to draw ballot at same time as London Marathon draw if logistically possible (suggested one person cannot win both ballots – draw LM first).

16 Future Meetings

16.1 Future meetings:

16.1.1 Oct (open online)

16.1.2 Nov (in-person – CotC?)

16.2 **Action point - GR** to poll members for next meeting.