

HYDE PARK HARRIERS

COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

SUNDAY 01 MARCH AT 6PM

1 Attendance:

Present:

Toby Adkins	TA	Chair
Grace Roberts	GR	Club Secretary
Ed Shakespeare	ES	Committee member
Ellie Williams	EW	Committee member
Honor Baldry	HB	Coaching and Development Lead
Will Dow	WD	Committee member
Sam Hadfield	SH	Social Media and Communications Lead
Clare Evans	CE	Membership Secretary
Euan Douglas	ED	Club Treasurer (joined at point 11)
Richard Garratt	RG	Committee member
Bethany Chambers	BC	Committee member
Lucy Bonnett	LB	Committee member

Apologies:

Sharon Nahal	SN	Committee member
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2 Previous Minutes

2.1 January 2026 minutes - confirmed

2.2 **Action point: GR to upload to website.**

3 Club Standards

3.1 GR reported that Club affiliation renewal is all in place. **Action point: GR to cross reference the coaches list with membership list prior to re-affiliation.**

3.2 England Athletics club standards seminars: TA shared details of recently circulated EA email with club standard seminars. It was agreed that it probably wasn't needed for us as our club standards are up to date and the committee feels confident in their approach.

4 Welfare

4.1 CE reported no new cases in welfare email.

4.2 BC has produced a lessons learnt log for welfare matters – will be updated by the welfare team going forward.

4.3 Lucy's status/progress with welfare courses – CE reported that LR has now completed all necessary courses and has been signed off.

- 4.4 CE also updated on ongoing concerns with a member – does seem to be some improvement and regular check-ins are occurring.
- 4.5 CE also reported a previous member transferring to a different club after re-engaging with running and seems to be doing well.

5 PECO

- 5.1 The committee would like to thank to the PECO captains for inspiring and organising an excellent cross country season.
- 5.2 The PECO relays are coming up next week – currently over 4 teams entered.
- 5.3 PECO awards evening in a few weeks' time –with a few members already signed up. The Club will promote again in WhatsApp group.

6 Club Competitions/Championships

- 6.1 TA has updated the website for Summer League details. Will promote it again when races start.
- 6.2 Fell races for 26/27 – ES has formed a list of races based on both previous experience, suggestions from members and a few new suggestions:
 - 6.2.1 Mid-week races that require travel have been avoided from member feedback.
 - 6.2.2 First race of the Fell champs is Y3P – a good opportunity to promote the Fell Champs.
 - 6.2.3 Action points: ES to share list of races, TA to update the website.**
- 6.3 Updating tables on website – **Action point: GR to share instructions in the Google Drive** on how to embed the Google Sheets for the league tables into the HPH website.

7 Membership

- 7.1 New membership year starting soon. CE reported that:
 - 7.1.1 Membership form is updated and ready to go.
 - 7.1.2 Website has been updated with the new details.
 - 7.1.3 Can promote early bird membership from now.
- 7.2 CE also reported that the 2025/26 season finished on 266 members (9 fewer than previous year) – quite consistent. 40 of these were brand new members.

8 Communications

- 8.1 Communications around membership prep:
 - 8.1.1 SH and CE decided to announce the early bird membership via weekly roundup and WhatsApp group:
 - a) EW suggested to make it clear in the title of the roundup that it includes details of membership.

- b) TA suggested waiting one more week (do on 9th Mar), as there is a big section on the Summer Mile in this week's email.

8.1.2 SH created images and template written details around membership to be used in socials / WhatsApp / roundup email etc. These are in the Google Drive.

- a) BC suggested including the detail that membership also funds LiRF/CiRF courses
- b) TA suggested that it might be worth not drawing too much attention over the price increase, but still to note how much money the club gets vs EA, and to keep these details through internal channels to target existing/engaged members (e.g. WhatsApp) and not on outward facing communication channels.
- c) It was decided to not make a point of the price increase, but to respond to any queries with a clear explanation.

8.1.3 SH plans to do some posting on membership on socials (IG and Facebook) and Strava, next weekend (Sunday 8th) as the weekend is when they get most attention.

9 Relays

9.1 TA reported that Adam Lomas was co-ordinating the CWR, but only 10 people showed interest (short of the 12 needed). **Action point: TA to discuss next steps with AL.**

9.2 Upcoming relays: Golden Acre, Danesfield, and LCW. These can be promoted in future when closer to each event.

10 HPH 20th Anniversary

10.1 Celebration evening:

10.1.1 TA reported a date and venue was now confirmed: 11th July at Headingley Stadium

10.1.2 The committee would like to thank Paul Sawyer for arranging. Currently, the club has paid £750 for the room. Food will be an additional cost. **Action point: TA and ED to discuss what the club can afford and how much to subsidise.**

10.1.3 GR suggested doing either a pay-it-forward to members who may not be able to afford the cost or having a pay-as-you-feel with a clear suggested cost.

10.1.4 Action point: BC to arrange a HPH cake (or cakes) for the event. BC requested ideas/suggestions from the committee nearer the time.

10.1.5 Action point: TA to look into inviting the Yorkshire Evening Post to cover the event.

10.1.6 A discussion was had over ticketing, with a max capacity of 120:

- a) TA suggested first come first serve – similar to the Christmas party which had ~80 attendees.
- b) CE noted that the 10th year anniversary allowed +1s.
- c) ES suggested if we were going to have different waves of ticketing, to do it in a

way that is easy to control (e.g. give the opportunity to current members first, then open up to all others) or completely open from the offset.

d) EW in agreement with a members-only sale first before opening up to all.

10.2 Merch – TA shared details of possible merch in the committee group:

10.2.1 Cotton shirts via supplier previously used for fell running t shirts (will arrange for members to pre-order for a bulk order).

10.2.2 Technical top via PB teamwear (individual members to order via website).

10.2.3 Other bits (buffs, mugs etc.) TA intends to do small orders and then sell on via normal channels. **Action point: TA and ED to discuss finances to see how much can be ordered by the club** (with the intent to recoup costs).

10.2.4 BC suggested a local supplier who could do smaller orders (no minimum orders). Currently awaiting a quote to come back from the suggested items.

10.2.5 EW highlighted the sustainability aspect of merch:

a) TA reported that small numbers of items will be ordered, and the t-shirts will be to-order (i.e. members have to order individually).

b) Any left-over items will be used as prizes at the awards evening.

c) ES added that by promoting items to purchase, it may be encouraging people to buy stuff they wouldn't have purchased without the prompt.

d) HB agreed and added we could give an option to donate to a charity on behalf of the club instead of purchasing items.

e) **Action point: TA to take this discussion back to the 20th anniversary committee** to discuss further.

10.3 Relay – all in order with TA organising. The committee want to thank TA for his efforts with the relay.

10.4 Time capsule – TA continuing to collate and share these.

10.5 GR suggested creating a running playlist of members' favourite running songs. All reported a good idea – **action point: GR to coordinate.**

11 Sessions and Coaching

11.1 HB reported having a good coaching co-ordination between coaches with Thurs sessions and a good cohort of marathon training members, following a plan made by JS.

11.2 HB reported discussions in the coaching group for sessions when the clocks change in March:

11.2.1 Having hills alternating with track doesn't align with current marathon training plan.

11.2.2 Coaches are thinking to continue with alternating the track session with a session at either the acre or WHM.

11.2.3 TA agreed with these changes and suggested having Kirkstall hills as 'ad-hoc'

11.3 LiRF and CiRF applications progress:

11.3.1 HB has updated the previously used Google Form to share with membership

11.3.2 Member RC has signed up for a LiRF course and has been instructed to email the club for a refund for the course costs.

12 AGM

12.1 Key dates: TA reported having worked out key dates required for AGM – **action point – TA to liaise with GR separately to arrange AGM and send out all necessary info.**

12.2 Venue: GR awaiting a response from The Library, **action point: GR to chase.** TA suggested New Headingley club as a backup.

12.3 Agenda: TA suggested having a similar format/agenda to last year, with a focus on members adding to the conversation with only key updates from the committee.

12.4 BC offered to help organise the AGM

12.5 HB confirmed she would be stepping down from her role on the committee at the end of this term.

12.6 **Action point: TA to discuss with SH and HB** (separately) about how their roles have been (as they were the first in these newly created committee roles).

13 Summer Mile

13.1 TA reported the new logo now in use and communications have started with the announcing of the 2026 race.

13.2 The committee plans to support SM committee with comms nearer the time of the event.

14 Social Events

14.1 Cricket trip – GR has promoted a cricket match in late May to members. Members to purchase their own tickets, then logistics can be arranged nearer the time, with good interest from members initially.

15 Volunteering

15.1 Leeds Marathon – no contact from RFA at this point. Individuals will be encouraged to sign up to volunteer directly with RFA.

15.2 Potential WhatsApp group for volunteering – **action point: TA to make a chat in advance of the Leeds Marathon.**

16 Finance

16.1 Bank account mandate changes – ED needing to contact KK again due to some confusion over updates.

16.2 Accounts are healthy at £4550 at end of Feb 2026 (up on last year due to Summer Mile income). Some outgoings for anniversary venue and logo design.

17 Any Other Business

17.1 TA reported Apex Physio getting in touch offering discount for members and do strength and conditioning sessions where they can offer small group discount for sessions. TA to share the information with the club.

17.2 Marathon prep webinars: TA reported the first session was promoted by the club as it was a free session, with several members attending. There are now paid-for follow up sessions, TA suggested not promoting these to the club as they are not free. All were in agreement.

17.3 Homeless charity 24hr race in March – EW reported that this race is no longer going ahead due to logistical issues, but plans to be rearranged for the summer. EW to update if and when it happens.

18 Future Meetings

18.1 GR to poll in the committee group.