

HYDE PARK HARRIERS

COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY, 6PM, GoogleMeets

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
Richard Garratt	RG	Committee member
Bethany Chambers (From point 3 onwards)	BC	Committee member
Lucy Bonnett (From point 4 onwards)	LB	Committee member

Apologies:

Sharon Nahal	SN	Committee member
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2 Previous Minutes

2.1 November 2025 minutes approved. **Action point: GR to upload to website**

3 Finance

3.1 Bank account mandate changes

3.1.1 Previous treasurer, KK reported that the bank mandate signatories haven't been updated in many years (with many outdated committee members still on the list).

3.1.2 ED and TA in progress with updating this, with ED to be named as the primary user of the account.

3.2 Account updates:

3.2.1 Very few transactions recently due to being a point in the year with little membership changes.

3.2.2 Current bank balance is approximately £5,300.

4 Communications

4.1 Previous agreed plan was to be more pro-active with communication around the new membership year. TA suggested the following:

- 4.1.1 Communicating the benefits of being a member (race discount, access to PECO, club gear, discounts etc.).
- 4.1.2 Communication around price increase (make it clear that this increase is from EA, and we have spoken to them about the price increase and benefits to the club).
- 4.1.3 **Action point: SH to draft ideas to bring to the next meeting.** SH reported considering a similar approach to last year with posting across all HPH communication channels and intends to start these comms on 2nd March (in line with roundup).
- 4.2 Triathlon club communications:
 - 4.2.1 CB (tri club secretary) asked about promoting Tri club stuff through HPH club channels:
 - 4.2.2 TA reported talking to PR (tri club chair) re: WhatsApp group. TA communicated that WhatsApp is working well for the club. PR indicated he would create a separate Tri club community in WhatsApp.
 - 4.2.3 It was agreed that the Tri club are welcome to promote their events to the HPH WhatsApp community and through other club communication channels.

5 Membership

- 5.1 CE reported there two new members in Jan, who have joined on the extended membership offer. The total membership at present is 265.
- 5.2 Three other potential members, who have previously been members of other EA clubs, have been advised to join in March at the start of the membership year in order to get better value for money.
- 5.3 **Action point: GR to update new membership prices & dates on website**

6 Club Standards

GR reported two LiRF qualifications are up for renewal: one has been contacted to check they are renewing and another is a previous member who has moved away so will be removed from the list. **Action point: GR to update the club coaches list on EA portal.**

7 PECO

- 7.1 Temple Newsam on 25th Jan:
 - 7.1.1 TA reported a big turnout, despite the poor weather.
 - 7.1.2 Really good results with all male scorers being in the top 20, and all scoring women within the top 30 finishers.
- 7.2 The committee particularly want to thank Ciaran and Anne for turning up, supporting runners, and wrangling the gazebo in the dreadful weather despite not running themselves.
- 7.3 PECO relays currently not open for entry – all to check when entries open and promote to the club.

8 Club Competitions/Championships

8.1 Current champs:

8.1.1 CE reported winter league up to date, with some low turnouts at certain races.

8.1.2 Club competitor up to date.

8.1.3 Parkrun champs up to date.

8.2 2026/27 race selection:

8.2.1 The committee would like to thank CE for putting together the provisional list for the 2026/27 race season.

8.2.2 TA suggested choosing races that:

- a) Already have good HPH turnout and remove races that have had a poor turnout this year.
- b) Supporting local causes/clubs/organises (e.g. Temple Newsam Track Restoration 10k).
- c) EW raised that it was good to see many of the proposed races were accessible by public transport which was raised as a limitation by members last year.

8.2.3 Current list has roughly 2 races per month, some races that are mid-week and a mix of distances and terrains. Although CE pointed out there are more off-road than road. A discussion was had and it was decided that as several were 'multi-terrain' with mix of tarmacked and other sections this shouldn't be a concern.

8.2.4 TA has proposed new parkrun champs for 2026/27: where currently proposed winter parkruns are those that have a good 'B' courses for winter (reducing chance of weather disruption), and muddier parkrun routes in the summer. **Actions points: TA to share list in the committee group, ALL to look and suggest any changes.**

8.2.5 ES to put together a list of races for the fell champs, where he intends to ask those who participated this year which races they would like to see included (**Action point: ES to survey fell-running participants**). ES reported good turnout in the summer but then participation tapered off. Though there were fewer at the 'harder' races, this may have been due to a run of injuries with members, and there were still at least 1 person present and each race. It was suggested to remove a winter race and trying to focus majority in the summer months.

9 Relays

Relays for 2026:

9.1 TA noted that LCW gets good turnout, but other relays require big commitment from runners and supporters, and requires specific volunteers to organise.

9.2 TA suggested putting it out to the membership to see if anyone wants to volunteer to take the lead on organising relays. SH suggested out using a similar system to how the PECO captains organise PECO season but for relay events.

10 HPH 20th Anniversary

10.1 Already in progress:

10.1.1 Time capsule getting a good amount of traffic (a lot within the previous 5-10 years). TA is currently trying to get more input from longer standing members to try to get some older information, potentially in blog format.

10.1.2 Yearlong relay is underway, with TA trying to encourage handovers between members.

10.2 Potential Saltaire Brewery collaboration – TA noticed it was their 20th anniversary too, so TA contacted them to suggest a collaboration. TA reported initial enthusiasm but seems to have gone quiet since.

10.3 Merch:

10.3.1 Logos designed by Sarah Underwood shared by TA – all responded positively.

10.3.2 TA to survey members to see what merch they want and try to get pre-orders to limit waste. **Action point: TA to survey members this week.**

10.4 Celebration dinner / awards evening:

10.4.1 Currently aiming for a date between May-July. (Ideally in spring, prior to majority going on summer holidays).

10.4.2 Currently looking at venues – once confirmed, all other decisions can be made (food, entertainment etc.). PS is leading on this. Current options being explored are Headingley Stadium, Left Bank, and Archive.

11 Sessions and Coaching

11.1 Thursday night sessions:

11.1.1 New sessions on the Acre (rather than the track) are working well. All club coaches have now delivered a session here.

11.1.2 HB reported sessions on the Acre having improved attendance, and no issues with ice (as it is gritted) or from security staff.

11.1.3 It was decided that the Acre is now default location for Thurs interval sessions unless a coach deems the track essential for a particular session.

11.1.4 TA raised that, in previous years, hill sessions were reserved to winter only – it was suggested to do a hill session once a month throughout the summer as the session has a good turnout. EW suggested holding both sessions simultaneously (if numbers and leaders allow). HB noted that it is more difficult to get a leader for intervals rather than hills due to the level of planning/involvement needed for intervals.

11.2 A spring marathon training plan has been created by club coaches, with a separate WhatsApp group for those joining this and specific session information on Spond.

11.3 LiRF and CiRF applications progress:

11.3.1 HB to create an application form and promote to members. Due to limited interest in previous years: applications will be sent to all and see what responses we get.

11.3.2 TA noted there were emails in the inbox enquiring about FLiRF qualifications. TA pointed out that we have no issues in funding it, especially for active members of the club. **HB to investigate usefulness and content of the course and to contact member to see how to move forward.**

11.4 Leaders' evening – TA suggested holding off on another leader's evening when there are many things on at present but wanting to hold one in the not-to-distant future.

12 Welfare

12.1 CE reported no new contact in the inbox other than ongoing corresponding with member over existing welfare concern.

12.2 **Action point: CE to check in with LR and report back to the committee**

12.3 **Action point: CE and BC to set up 'lessons learnt log' for welfare before next meeting.**

13 Summer Mile

13.1 ED now attending meetings, reported that a lot is already in order, and there is now a budget and a channel of communication for when things need paying for.

13.2 The committee would like to thank the continued efforts of the summer mile committee.

14 Social Events

14.1 There was no Tuesday social held in January due to post-Christmas fatigue but TA will arrange and promote a social after the first Tuesday session in February.

14.2 CE raised possibility of end-of-PECO celebration. **Action point: TA to raise with the PECO captains to organise.**

15 Volunteering

15.1 January WHM takeover:

15.1.1 The committee wish to thank all of those who volunteered for the club takeover.

15.1.2 All went well, and planning to arrange another in Sept/Oct time.

15.2 Leeds Marathon: A discussion was had as to whether the club should 'officially' provide volunteers for the event. Particularly as the club no longer receives payment for providing volunteers.

15.2.1 It was agreed that the club will not actively 'recruit' volunteers but will be happy to share links/promote volunteering opportunities for individuals to sign up to volunteer.

15.2.2 TA suggested still having a HPH presence on the course (done unofficially) allowing use to decide when and where we can go on the course.

15.2.3 EW suggested encouraging people to volunteer in groups or alongside another person

to help get new people into volunteering. GR noted that there is possibility on the volunteering form to note who you wish to volunteer with so members can be encouraged to ask to be with other HPH members.

15.2.4 BC suggested creating an open volunteering channel in the WhatsApp community. EW suggested starting a volunteering channel that could become the summer mile volunteering channel, then also the Vale of York volunteering team. **GR to put on next agenda.**

16 Any Other Business

16.1 AGM date and preparations:

16.1.1 Current proposed date is Tues 5th May.

16.1.2 BC volunteered to arrange food and offered use of a projector if needed.

16.1.3 GR suggested The Library for the venue. It was noted we would have to pre-order food.
Action point: GR to contact The Library.

16.2 Gareth Jowett (a HPH member) contacted the club to ask to promote his marathon prep webinars, some of which are free. TA suggested to promote the event through club channels, with all in agreement.

16.3 Campus track – GR reported an event on Tues 27th Jan with a range of runners to try out the proposed route, provide feedback and to promote the track in general.

16.4 EW raised an event coming to Leeds on 7-8th March: a 24h run to raise money for local homeless charities at Hyde Park Book Club. The organiser has asked if we can promote the event through the club and potentially volunteer – all agreed to do so. **Action point: EW to provide details to share with comms team.**

17 Future Meetings

17.1 **Action point: GR to poll availability in WhatsApp.**