

# HYDE PARK HARRIERS

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## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY 26 JULY AT 6PM

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Minutes of a meeting of the committee (the **Committee**) of Hyde Park Harriers (the **Club**) duly held and convened via teleconference at 6pm on Sunday 26 July 2026.

Present:

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| Amaia Imaz Blanco | (AIB – Club Secretary)                      |
| Clare Evans       | (CE – Membership Secretary)                 |
| Euan Douglas      | (ED – Treasurer)                            |
| Anne Akers        | (AA – Social Media and Communications Lead) |
| Ed Shakespeare    | (ES – Ordinary Committee Member)            |
| Will Dow          | (WD – Ordinary Committee Member)            |
| Beth Chambers     | (BC – Ordinary Committee Member)            |
| Ciaran Tracey     | (CT – Ordinary Committee Member)            |
| Phil Lindsay      | (PL – Ordinary Committee Member)            |

Apologies

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| Amy Ramsden-Young | (ARY – President)                    |
| Lucy Bonnett      | (LB – Ordinary Committee Member)     |
| Toby Adkins       | (TA - Chair)                         |
| Cat McGuire       | (CM – Training and Development Lead) |

### 1 Notice and Quorum

It was noted that the meeting had been duly convened and that a quorum was present for the purposes of the Club's constitution.

### 2 Previous Minutes

2.1 June 2026 minutes - All good. **Action: AIB to take charge of upload.**

2.2 Anything to be redacted? All good.

### 3 Summer Mile

- 3.1 Thanks to Summer Mile organising committee and volunteers
- 3.2 Any thoughts or lessons learned we can feed back to Summer Mile organisers?

CT: Walkie talkies were a great upgrade for people on gate duty.

AA: issue with delivery robots going through the park

#### **4 HPH 20th Anniversary**

- 4.1 Thanks to the 20th anniversary organising committee, particularly Paul S for logistics, Beth C for cakes and Cara G for the event playlist! Thank you to Toby A for trophies and slideshow and other organising tasks.
- 4.2 Bonfire Night quiz (hopefully including London Marathon ballot) - fundraising in memory of Clare (possibly St Gemma's Hospice)

Date would be 3rd of November. Limited numbers at library + lack of ability to take food up + tech set up wasn't great. Maybe we think of a different option.

ES: Suggestion of Brudenell or Waterlane Boathouse

CT: Chemic Tavern in Woodhouse has free hire, would need to check numbers + tech set up

**Action: ES to take a look at alternative venue options.**

Bonfire night itself is a Thursday, we should run a track session that day rather than hills.

- 4.3 Informal 10K route doing a "classic" Virgin Active Roadrunners 10K – Toby discussing with Kay

#### **5 Finance**

- 5.1 General finance update following Summer Mile / 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party

ED: Current balance: down on last time, partly due to 20th anniversary celebrations. £4800, £500 down from this time last year, which is good. Don't expect massive changes for rest of FY

CE: will put in tshirt order which will need to be paid.

- 5.2 Google accounts billing due on 22 July – should be 6 x £70 (£420) in total, **with two of the Google accounts payable by Tri club** - check whether that's left the account

Hasn't yet come out, last year it came out on August 7th. **Action: ED to speak to Paul about tri club accounts payments.**

- 5.3 Bank account mandates – confirm the signatories are now correct? And who is on it.

Still further things to be done. 2 current signatories need to sign for it to change. ED has made How to guide for future treasurers.

#### **6 Communications**

- 6.1 General Comms Update

AA: "We're communicating". Been working on instagram.

- 6.2 "HPH Like Me" Instagram campaign – Anne to liaise with Toby to prepare a Canva template (similar to Harrier of the Month)

AA: This is being worked on.

- 6.3 Notice board at the Edge – to be updated?

CE: Group sessions have been updated recently by CE.

AA: Might want to move things around, will take a look. **Action: AA to take a look and update.**

## **7 Club Competitions/Championships**

- 7.1 Are the leaderboards up to date?

CE has updated parkrun. AIB has been updating the summer league. CE will put summer league age grade champs on there.

Recent Fell champs haven't had many attendees to the latest race.

- 7.2 Winter League races to be decided

Guy Fawkes 10 have been struggling for entrants - might be a good reason to include it. Bah Humbug is historically fun and popular.

We might have to wait till PECO schedule out to fully finalise.

CT floating the idea of lowering the number of races needed to 3. ES agrees, would have to think about different tie breaks as it makes more likely that there's a tie. AIB: Could lowering the number of races in the champs mean people keep dates free and therefore higher concentration of Harriers at them. **Action: CT to look at some possible alternatives.**

## **8 Club Standards**

- 8.1 Annual review of policies - AIB: TA and AIB went through policies, added whatsapp policy. Allow others to comment for the rest of this week.

## **9 Membership**

**CE:** 220 members, about 20 down on last year. ~30 people sent in London Marathon rejections, should know what we can do with those at the quiz. BC will get first dibs if she wants it as she had to give up her place last year.

## **10 Social Events**

- 10.1 Christmas party - Saturday 05 December at Water Lane Boathouse?

Not enough veggie food last year, we should order more of it. ED: Potential for pay as you feel again. **Action: Discuss doing pay as you feel at future committee meeting.**

- 10.2 Saltaire Run, Light Night - to be planned later, any other ideas?

AA: happy to run Light Night run again. 28th & 29th of October.

## **11 Volunteering**

11.1 Vale of York - anyone wanna volunteer to be point of contact

Put a volunteering link in chat but no major organisation of numbers by the club. **Action: ES to take charge of sharing volunteering**

11.2 WHM Volunteering take over when students return (Toby and Anne to talk)

## **12 Relays**

12.1 Leeds Dock relay

**Action: CT will take charge of getting some teams together and encouraging attendance.**

12.2 Leeds Country Way

All in hand.

## **13 Welfare**

CE: No new emails. New england athletics conversation on 19th of August, one of the welfare officers will attend.

## **14 Sustainability**

AIB: how can we encourage more lift sharing? ES: potentially worth having a lift sharing group chat?

**Action: AIB to make lift sharing chat and make sure we encourage it every time there's a champs.**

ES: suggestion of a list of routes that are end to end public transport for inspiration.

## **15 Sessions and Coaching**

15.1 Session plans needed to link into Spond for Thursday nights

15.2 Leaders' evening to be arranged – to see what would work for leaders (first Tuesday of the month social? Before club? Etc)

15.3 Thanks to Grace R for organising a new leaders' session on GAR evening

15.4 Survey about track?

## **16 Any Other Business**

16.1 Tactic vests

BC: I've emailed from their contact page but haven't heard anything back as of yet- I emailed on 13th June and still haven't heard anything back so I'm not hopeful that's going to be an ideal lead.

16.2 Fundraising posts in General chat

Let's give it a trial, allow people to post once per fundraiser, see if it doesn't get too spammy.  
If it does become problematic maybe could become part of the roundup?

## **17 Future Meetings**

### **17.1 Next meeting end of August/early September**

Avoid Leeds country way day. **Action: AIB to put poll in the chat.**

### **17.2 One after that: Open committee meeting in September / October?**

Discussion: do we do this in person or online? **Action: discuss at next meeting.**