



# ILKLEY HARRIERS

Ilkley Harriers Committee Meeting: Minutes		
Date: March 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2010		
<b>Present</b> : Paul Wood, Eddie Winslow, Neil Chapman, Henry Heavisides, Jane Bryant, Malcolm Pickering, Paul Stephens, Emma O'Looney		
<b>Apologies:</b> Dave Wilby, Colin Lugton, Christine Matthews, Catherine Gibbons, Di Kitchen,		
Item		Action
2	<b>Minutes of Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010.</b> Agreed	
3	<b>Matters Arising</b> i) Informal rota in place for Gazette report ii) New September date still to be agreed for Hyde Park Harriers League run iii) Neil Chapman has agreed to organise the Ilkley HRL race ii) Clubmark: Review completed, but letter not yet received.	NC
4	<b>Running the Club</b> i) <b>Harrier of the Month</b> The following people were nominated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amanda Parnaby</li> <li>• Jenny Dybeck</li> <li>• Kay Pearce</li> <li>• Sally Malir</li> <li>• Ewan Welch</li> <li>• Andy Wiggans</li> <li>• Malcolm Pickering</li> <li>• Dave Wilby</li> <li>• Justin Phillips</li> <li>• Bob Payne</li> </ul> It was agreed the award should go to Sally Malir for results including the Liversedge Half, and Dave Wilby for results including the Dewsbury 10k.	
	ii) <b>Matters arising from Officer's and Captain's Reports.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In principle agreement that £500 from Beer Festival be used for improved lighting for training sessions at ILTSC. Proposals to be brought back to Committee, and Paul W to speak to Val Kerr about ILTSC plans.</li> <li>• Noted that coaching equipment accounted for in last year's accounts still needed to be spent. Pete Shields/Neil Chapman to action.</li> <li>• Northern Road Relays Coach. Henry H. outlined the proposal to hire a coach to take the team to the Northerns in</li> </ul>	NC/P S

	<p>Manchester. It was agreed that the Club would fund this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HRL numbers would be distributed by Jane and Henry shortly</li> <li>• Emma proposed to offer free club membership to the first unattached local runner in the Trail Race, and was considering improvements to the welcome pack given to new members.</li> <li>• Membership renewal is nearly done: there are 20 fewer lapsed members than this time last year – no concerns</li> </ul> <p>Other reports were noted and these are attached.</p> <p><b>iii) Race Calendar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The fell race was successful despite poor weather on the day affecting travel and raised £400 for the Club</li> <li>• Organisers identified for all IH races. Ilkley Harriers drinks bottle to be provided for all finishers at the Trail race. No cost to the club.</li> <li>• Discussions continuing with Addingham Gala organisers. Date clashes with Juniors trip to Gateshead. Likely that club will provide some volunteers.</li> </ul> <p><b>iv) Social Calendar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February's Marathjon "wee gathering" was a success and the next (16-03) is on Sports Injuries with Mike Bryant</li> <li>• Another quiz is proposed – date to be determined</li> <li>• ILTSC is now providing food every Tuesday. Given this, it was agreed to encourage people to eat 'semi-formally' once a month, but not to organise or pre-book. Jacqui W. was thanked for all her hard work in getting this going.</li> </ul>	JB/HH
5	<p><b>Developing the Club</b></p> <p>i) Jann Smith and Vic Verecondi presented proposals for a club cycle kit. A jersey and shorts were proposed – cost c.£36 each. A minimum order of 15 items was required. These could be mixed. There would be no outlay from the club and no stock would be held. An order would be put in only when enough people had committed. Vic had agreed to handle the order and finances. The Committee agreed to proceed on the basis that it was recreational gear, and would be promoting the Harriers 'brand'. Jann and Vic were thanked for their work. Some Spring/Summer kit to be considered.</p>	
6	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>i) The annual meeting with the ILT&amp;SC was being arranged. Paul W and Eddie (and possibly Paul S) to attend. The issue of lighting for the outdoor training sessions would be raised.</p> <p>ii) A new phone list would be circulated with the next newsletter. Emma to send details to Sue Bickerdike.</p> <p>lii) A review of the Committee's work was suggested for the next Newsletter. Paul S to draft with Paul W</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>EO'L</p> <p>PS/P W</p>
TDP	March 30 <sup>th</sup> 2010, ILTC, 8.30pm	

## **Officers and Captains Reports March 2010**

### **Chair**

Since the mid-January meeting we have seen some strong race results and more PBs, as the Captains will report. Relay running is picking up – it was not easy organising the Pennine Bridleway Relay, but things are looking good for the Road Relays.

Emma will report that the membership renewal has gone well, despite the usual problems of people simply not remembering, and we have a much lower % of lapsed members than last year.

We have organised our second race of the year and pulled off a great event on Ilkley Moor given the elements.

Neil has volunteered to organise the first HDSRL race, and the Badgerstone Relays and Trail Race are in hand. I have had a first meeting with the Addingham Gala group and we are set to organise the Beamsley race at the Gala on 10 July.

Club kit and Buff sales are going well, and it is time to think of some new kit for the Summer!

The social side is building up nicely, with Ewan's wee gatherings attracting 25 or more mid-month and Jacqui's end of month meals attracting 12-20.

The Club will receive £500 for attending the Ilkley Beer Festival, and we need to find the best way to spend it.

We have still to hear about our ClubMark submission – fingers crossed!

Despite being a technophile I felt a little uncomfortable staging the vote for HoM by email and it shows, I think, that we need to continue to meet monthly. But I am looking to add a little more Pzazz to meetings and to finish them earlier. It helps to have all Captains and officers circulate their reports by email before the meeting so that in the meeting we simply deal with matters arising.

### **Secretary**

Correspondence received from:

- Amateur Athletics Association: AGM to be held in Birmingham on Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 noon.
- Yorkshire County Athletics Association: AGM to be held at South Leeds Stadium on Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm.
- Association of Running Clubs: promoting the benefits of the ARC (as opposed to UKA/EA) and seeking our affiliation.
- Request from Hollybank Trust ((Mirfield) for support for charity runs.

## **Membership**

The 2009/2010 Renewals have now been finalised. As of the end of February we currently have 318 members. There were 38 lapses\resignations this year compared to around 56 last year.

11 new members have joined this month:

Ben Sheppard, Justine Sowden, Lynn Donohue, Michael Picken, Abigail Bailey, Kathryn Sugden, David Green, Christine Cox, Outi Kamarainen, Colin Alexander and Steve Newell.

I have contacted Nick Hayward the first local unattached runner in the Fell Race and offered him free membership until September and am just waiting to hear back from him and I am in the process of writing to the 12 local unattached runners from the Fell Race to see if we can get them to join.

## **Mens XC**

Since my last report we have had mixed results .In the 4th. Peco x/c race at John Smeaton we had a total of 14 men running with Tom Adams winning the race. The Yorkshire Vets Championships at Sheffield saw 5 Harriers battling it out and Ian Rowbotham did a fine job organising the team.

Sadly due to snow at the start of the year saw a very strong team melt away and only 5 Harriers made it to the start line of the rearranged County Championships at Wakefield. So we failed to gain a team placing.

Last weekend although clashing with the first fell championship race saw 7 of the 8 Harriers entered fight their way to the startline to run in the National x/c championship race at Roundhay Park. Again Tom Adams led the team home to finish 196 in his first National. I feel it is so important for the club not only to run in major championship events but also to finish a team if the club is to develop. I would like to thank all Harriers who have made an effort to support the club during this 6 month season. A chain reaction needs to set off as the club has plenty of members to get teams out on the country, fell, road, and trail. But the hard core of members need to be supported ,so the system is in place for the young blood to be encouraged .All they may move on as others have...for the grass always look's greener....

## **Mens Road**

February has been a relatively quiet month for road racing. The main event for Ilkley Harriers was the Dewsbury 10k, the first road counter in the 2010 Harriers league. There were some very good performances with Dave Wilby running his first 10k in just over 35 minutes. Nick Pearce & myself both recorded top 10 UK ranking times for M55.

Andy Wiggans did a really good run at the Great North West half marathon.

Justin Phillips, following strong results recently, is running at the Tokyo 10k as a result of winning a competition organised by Asics.

We have a strong team for the Northern 12 stage relay on 21 March, although we could still do with having a few more reserves before online entries close on 8 March. Subject to committee approval, we intend to organise a coach for travel to the event.

We will shortly start distributing numbers for the Harrogate Summer Race League. The first race will be in Ilkley on 6 May.

## **Junior report**

We had 10 juniors selected for the West Yorkshire Sportshall Athletics teams (8 at U13 level and 2 at U15) however the Yorkshire eliminator match at Halifax was cancelled due to the weather as it was the same day as our fell race. I am not sure what the back up plan is regarding which teams go through to the final in Sheffield in March.

We only had 3 competitors at the Yorkshire XC Champs in Wakefield, but the rearranged date caused problems as many were away as it was half term. However there was a fantastic turnout of juniors at the Fell race the following day. Overall numbers were well down with 80 competitors in total but 32 were from Ilkley and there was some exceptional running in awful conditions. Elizabeth Westhead raised £148 from her cake stall fund raising efforts for Haiti.

On the facilities side of things I have just given the go ahead to have a jumps pit built at Ghyll Royd School. We have not been successful with sourcing any funding towards its cost as 'Awards for All' do not cover sport any more, Sport England don't cover facilities, the Ilkley Round Table have just turned us down and there are no local authority grants available in any shape or form. We have applied for £1000 from the Bradford Athletics Network and we'll wait and see about that one. The total cost of the pit is £8,812.50 which will be funded by the junior section.