



Ackworth Road Runners
Committee Meeting Summary
December 4th 2024

The Mason's Arms, Ackworth

Present:

Chris Taylor	Chair	CT
Stewart Haigh	Treasurer	SH
Dawn Sketchley	Secretary	DS
Steve Berry		SB
Helen Wainwright		HW
Dave Hughes		DH
Vicky Burch		VB
Cate Allan		CA
Emma Flanagan		EF
Nicola Thomson		NT
Mark Leadbeater		ML

Apologies for absence

Melanie Owen, Dave Allison, Adam Callow, Ruth Walker, Joe Worthington

Previous Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on November 6th were accepted as a true record.

Chairman's Slot

The Chair summarised the races held during the month of November (Dalby Dash, Tadcaster 10, PECO at Temple Newsam where SJB photos recorded the fun and one was later published in the Ilkley Gazette, Doncaster 10k) and early December (PECO at Pontefract Park) and congratulated members on the turn out and thanked those who marshalled. The December PECO will generate a significant income for the club so a big thank you to everyone who supported the running of the event.

Treasurer's Slot

The bank account is healthy and funds held include payments from members for the Awards Night and some subscriptions for 2025. A further £20 has been received for sale of kit from stock and we have welcomed two new members. The balance also includes payments due to The Yorkshire Air Ambulance and The MS Trust after the Ken Bingley 10k and will be sent before the year end.

A donation of has been made to Ackworth Cricket Club which has been used to buy a TV for their newly refurbished extension. This was agreed as a one off by the majority of Committee Members between the November and December meetings and reflects the fact that our rent has not increased since we moved there, the goodwill between the two clubs and the readiness of the ACC staff to allow us to use the marquee and other facilities on an ad hoc basis for such things as kit sale and the Christmas Fuddle.

A member had raised a question about the proceeds of the raffle at the Awards Night 2024 during the month which prompted a review of expenses. These were used to supplement the costs of the evening as, after payment to Burntwood, the purchase of medals and their engraving and the DJ invoice, the Awards Night made a loss.

Secretary/Correspondence

We have been approached to support the Rob Burrows Marathon in May 2025 and have already agreed to run a water station. After our support in 2024, we are to receive some gels and items which can be used as raffle prizes.

Action: ML has offered to obtain gloves for the water station volunteers.

We have also been asked to consider a section takeover at the Leeds Marathon/10k which would involve the Club nominating a Senior Marshal for the section (a paid role) who will oversee our section of volunteers and give a full briefing prior to event day. The Club would need to recruit a minimum of 10 volunteers to help marshal the section and would be expected to display club flags and banners to help add colour to the route.

Action: SH has arranged a meeting to explore this in greater detail.

Role Descriptions and Committee 2025

A steering Committee had prepared a list and description of roles which need to be filled to continue to offer support, competition and events to our members in 2025 as part of a succession planning initiative. This was shared with the full Committee.

The roles are:

Committee Members to be elected at the AGM on February 19th 2025:

Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Men's Captain, Women's Captain, Welfare Officer, Coaching and Training Coordinator, GP organiser, Kit Coordinator, Social Secretary, Social Media Secretary, Club Website and Policy Officer.

Non Committee Roles which need to be filled reporting to the Chair/GP organiser:

Results Coordinator, Club Races Coordinator (Open Events), Handicap Series Organiser, Junior Representative.

These changes were agreed unanimously.

Action: Current Committee Members are asked to consider whether they wish to stand for election in 2025 and for which role(s) and to inform the Secretary by email by January 8th.

Action: SJB/DS to send AGM notice outlining these posts to the membership and in due course the agenda outlining these and the associated changes to the Constitution.

Review of Training

As agreed, the training offer established in September was reviewed. RW was thanked for the work she has done which has been well received with increased turnout, particularly on a Tuesday evening, though it continues to be more difficult to secure leaders for training sessions on Thursday night.

After debate it was agreed by 6 votes to 3 with 2 abstentions that we would continue with the current format of our established training offer being Tuesday and Thursday nights with a gathering from 18:15 for an 18:30 start.

Groups which do not run from the Cricket Club at these times can continue to post on the Members' Facebook page.

Action: RW has offered to contact those who agreed to lead groups but have not yet done so to try to establish and overcome any barriers.

Action: RW also offered to establish and share a protocol for cancelling training sessions/groups due to illness/inclement weather/unforeseen events.

GP 2025

JW and SH with input from the membership had prepared a proposed schedule of events for 2025 taking into account cost, dates and location. Both were thanked. Scoring and leagues to remain as for 2024. These proposals were unanimously adopted.

Donations to Charity in 2025

No commitment to donate the proceeds of the raffle at The Awards Night to charity was made given that the 2024 event ran at a loss. The proceeds will go to the Club in the first instance.

First Aid Training

It was agreed that we would not arrange first aid training but that run leaders would carry a small first aid kit and their phones on training nights.

Action: CA agreed to obtain small first aid kits.

ARR Juniors

New leaders have been recruited and trained. Juniors are now accepting new members.

AoB

- a) A member had raised the question of the leagues in the light of transgender issues. It was agreed that we will continue to follow EA guidance.
- b) It was agreed that members should not, as a general rule, attend Committee Meetings and that anyone can raise issues through any committee member or by writing to the secretary.
- c) A Fuddle will be held on December 17th after training at the Cricket Club.
Action: DS to post on FB.
Action: RW to invite Juniors to join a lights run on the same date and attend with their parents.

There being no other business, the meeting (which had been extended under the standing orders) closed at 21:10.

Next meeting January 15th at **The New Inn in Walton.**