



Ackworth Road Runners
Committee Meeting Summary
February 5th 2025 1830

The Mason's Arms PH, Ackworth

Present:

Chris Taylor	Chair	CT	
Stewart Haigh	Treasurer	SH	
Dawn Sketchley	Secretary	DS	
Steve Berry		SB	left at 19:30
Dave Hughes		DH	
Emma Flanagan		EF	
Mark Leadbeater		ML	arrived at 19:20
Mel Owen		MO	
Joe Worthington		JW	

Apologies for absence

Dave Allison, Adam Callow, Helen Wainwright, Nicola Thomson, Cate Allan, Vicky Burch, Ruth Walker

Previous Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on January 15th were accepted as a true record and can be published.

Chairman's Slot

The Chair summarised the events of the previous month thanking members (runners and marshals who braved the cold) for their support of the rescheduled Winter Handicap.

Dewsbury 10k was also a great race day for our members and the Club's strong presence and support was noted several times by the event organisers.

Future dates for PECO are 9th February at Roundhay and 2nd March at Stockeld Park.

Treasurer's Slot

The bank account is healthy and currently holds an element for EA affiliation of our members. 210 members have already paid their subs for 2025.

Burntwood have been paid for the upcoming Awards Night.

Secretary/Correspondence

Correspondence from a member with a suggestion about how individuals could pay Ackworth Cricket Club (ACC) for use of their facilities was discussed and it was agreed that it will be put to members at the upcoming AGM for the 2026 subscription year.

In the meantime, we will remind members that funds are due both at the AGM and via an AGM notice.

Action: CT volunteered to get a list of ARR members who have paid from ACC so that he can approach regular attenders who have not yet paid.

Action: SB – notice. DS – FB

DS advised she had shared the approach from Run Through regarding support of Leeds Running Festival on April 20th (Easter Sunday) in return for a donation of £20 per volunteer to the Club with members and only three volunteers had expressed interest so she has written advising that we cannot assist.

Correspondence received from The Prince of Wales Hospice thanking members for a recent donation. Thanks to Roy Simpson and family for organising and processing this.

AGM and Committee 2025

Notice of the AGM and Constitutional changes has been sent. A Webscorer poll for chip butties has been created.

As detailed above, the payment of subs to ACC is to be added to the agenda.

Action: SB/DS to remind members of the date and the fact that ACC subs and vacancies on the Committee will be discussed.

Trail Series and GP parkruns

JW confirmed that the Trail Series will be accessible to all and will include 7/8 races of 4-5 miles and a 10k. The best 5 results will count towards a place in the Trails League. Most dates are still to be announced by the host clubs.

Truncheon begins on March 31st.

After much discussion, the following parkruns were added to the GP with the emphasis on supporting relatively local events:

- Frickley 12/04/25 JW suggested a full takeover
- Rotherham 02/08/25
- Wakefield Thornes 13/09/25
- Dewsbury 11/10/25.

It was agreed that the Humber Half Marathon will remain in the GP calendar despite the change in date to March 23rd and Nottingham's Robin Hood Half Marathon on September 28th will be added.

Second Claim Membership

SH proposed that second claim members would not be included in the ballot for the London Marathon. This was agreed.

It was noted that those entering races as England Athletics affiliated members should wear the colours of their Club in that race. This means that second claim members' result won't count towards the GP if they claimed the discount and ran for their first claim club.

It was also noted that the rules of the GP are that Club colours should be worn for GP events by our first claim members claiming the discount.

Awards Night

All in hand. 190 have paid to attend. MO was thanked for her organisation again this year.

Action: MO to remind members about the raffle with tickets being £5 each and the families we are supporting with the proceeds.

It was agreed that perpetual trophies will remain with the club rather than spending a year with their winners due to the problems associated with recalling and cleaning them.

Action: DS to investigate whether ACC is prepared to host a trophy cabinet for the display of perpetual trophies and to source one if applicable.

Supporting Leeds Marathon May 11th

SH and DS reported that they had been on a Teams call with Anna Batin from Run For All. They are looking for ARR to run a water station at mile 15 and to support a section from miles 14-16.5 with 15-20 marshals. In view of the

support and enthusiasm we have had in previous years, the Committee agreed to do this.

JW made the point that marshalling can be lonely and people would favour the water station roles. It was agreed that marshalling shifts would be rotated. Run For All also need someone to take on the Section Leader paid role – hourly rate still to be advised. In due course a volunteer will be needed for this.

AoB

It was noted that some broke Club rules at Dewsbury 10k and did not run in Club colours despite registering as members of ARR. It was agreed that a reminder of the rules be posted.

Action: DS to remind members that they must run in Club colours if they have registered for a race as an ARR member and claimed the England Athletics discount.

This was the final meeting of the current Committee and DS proposed a vote of thanks to CT, MO, NT, AC, HW, DA and VB for their services as they are all standing down from their posts at the AGM.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:15.

Next meeting March 5th at **The Masons in Ackworth.**