



Ackworth Road Runners Committee Meeting Minutes

August 11th 2026 19:30

Location: Ackworth Cricket Club

Present:

Dave Hughes, Chair	DH
Dawn Sketchley, Secretary	DS
Mark Leadbeater	ML
Joe Worthington	JW
Jane Illingworth	JI
Dave Wallace	DW
Bill Winder	BW

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Paul Bernardo, Cate Allen, Jess Hall, Alison John-Baptiste, Lucy Vamplew, Ben Tanguay and Debbie Worthington

2. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

- Age grading awards support system needs reviewing so that emails reach the correct person. BW to discuss with Ellen and launch on website. **Action: BW/ES**
- JW will approach potential pacing team for Ken Bingley 10k. **Action JW**
- Vets' Race Licensing to be arranged. Now waiting to hear from EA. **Action BT**
- Prizes from J's in Pugneys for KB? No interest from them. **Action ML**
- Awards Night of 2027 event. Deposit now paid. **Action CA and DH**

The minutes from July were accepted by those who attended and have been published.

3. Chair's report

The Chair thanked those who attended the meeting and apologised for the short notice for the rescheduled meeting and venue due to many committee members signing up for a race on the previously agreed date.

He thanked the significant players for their roles in the success of the Priory 10k – all the administration, setting up, organising marshals, directing the first aiders, adjusting the course. It was widely felt that there are still lessons to learn and that next year, the event should have a sub committee.

4. Treasurer's report – provided in advance.

The club's finances remain healthy, with a solid bank balance reported at the end of July. The month saw strong income driven largely by the Priory 10K event, alongside membership subscriptions and cashback earnings.

On the expenditure side, the club covered a range of routine running costs, including training expenses, bank charges, England Athletics affiliation fees, website and email costs, and committee expenses. Notable spending also went towards hydration packs, the Summer Handicap event, and preparations for LCW 2026, along with costs associated with Ken

Bingley. Encouragingly, the Priory 10K is provisionally showing a healthy profit, a great result for the club following the event.

Overall, it was a positive month for the club's finances, with income comfortably outpacing outgoings.

5. Secretary's report

- It was agreed that from 2027 the membership secretary would write to resigning members and to those changing from full to social status about their obligations if they have entered races before their status changed. **Action DS**
- DS advised that Jess Hall wishes to stand down once the GP 2027 is resolved. A member has expressed interest in taking it on and will be invited to the September meeting. A new person is needed for kit liaison/problem resolution.
- DS advised that Stewart Haigh has been shortlisted for the Yorkshire and Humberside EA Volunteer of the Year Award and invited to Oulton Hall on September 25th. Good luck!
-

6. Membership Secretary's report

5 new members have joined as first claim since the last meeting. All have been welcomed on the Ackworth Road Runners members' facebook page and registered with England Athletics.

We have a few enquiries and people trialling the Club.

As at 1st August 2026

Membership now 334 members

First claim = 309 (32 Concession)

Second Claim = 2

Social = 19

Students = 3

Honorary = 1

Membership fees for concessionary members – the following proposal was generally agreed though it was felt that the Committee should wait for the EA to announce its fees for 2027 before a final decision is made.

Currently, concession members pay £32 from which £23 goes to EA, so the Club retains £9. Social members pay £10. A fairer fee for concessionary members in 2027 could be £35 ie EA fee + £12 or £1 a month. (Any new concession members after 10 years now have to be 67. For the record, of the 32 concession members 22 will be aged 67 or over in Jan 2027. We will have 2 members likely to move to concessionary membership next year.)

7. KB 10k

Again, consensus that a sub committee is required if we are to continue to run this event going forward.

- 100+ members. Some flapjack and buffs ordered and delivered. Trophies have arrived.
- BT is to ask marshals to arrive from 08:00. There was a request that marshal points be clearly given to each marshal in what3word format together with a contact number for emergencies. **Action BT**
- DS to purchase bananas, more flapjack and water. **Action DS**
- DW to collect equipment from storage. **Action DW**

8. Pram Race

The Committee agreed to run a stand at the event at a cost of £35. Some Committee members agreed to help to staff it the aim being to answer questions and engage potential members. There will be a QR code linking to the website and membership enquiries and we will have kit on view **Action JI/CA**

9. GP 2027

Proposals for this had been received from JH following her canvassing of members and a subcommittee meeting and circulated in advance to the wider committee. Given that a member interested in running the series was unable to attend, it was agreed to defer discussion to September.

10. Event updates and Reviews

- KB 10k
- Vets' Race DS to speak to Chris Taylor **Action: DS**
- LCW 2 teams have been booked and paid for. We are short of 2 people for leg 4. LV to ask for volunteers and for those already involved to pay. **Action : LV**

11. Kit

From July's meeting.....Problems with quality, service and lead times. JH proposed that we move away from Tuff although lead times will continue to be a problem. JWo had obtained some samples and offered to investigate lead times with the suppliers. There was a suggestion that we do a bulk order and have kit available on training nights. ML offered to store it. This is to be investigated. **Action JWo**

No further movement on this issue. JH to contact Tuff to get clarity on the issues. **Action JH**
As indicated above, we need a volunteer to take kit liaison on.

12 AoB

- It has come to our attention that the proposed date for the Autumn Handicap coincides with an event at the Cricket Club. An alternative location to be investigated. **Action CA**
- LV is planning a bunk/camping weekend in The Lake District May/June 2027
- AJB and LV are planning a Club fun parkrun away day

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

Dates for your diary:

2nd Wednesday of each month with the venue being confirmed nearer the date.

September 9th, October 14th, November 11th, December 9th, January 13th, February 10th, AGM February 17th.