



Ackworth Road Runners

32nd Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 20th February 2018 8.30pm

The Rustic Arms, Ackworth

Agenda

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Chris Taylor, David Hughes
2. **Minutes of the 31st AGM**
3. **Matters Arising**
4. **Chairman's Report**
5. **Treasurer's Report**
6. **Junior Section Chair's Report**
7. **Joint Captain's Report**
8. **Election of Officers:**

Nominations:

Chair	Chris Taylor	(unopposed)
Secretary	Steve Berry	(unopposed)
Treasurer	Stewart Haigh	(unopposed)

9. **Election of Committee:**

Nominations:

Men's Captain:	
Chris Sharp	<i>(Proposed by Tim Ashby, seconded by Ruth Walker)</i>
Stephen Wong	<i>(Proposed by Ash McArdle, seconded by Donna Bailey)</i>

Ruth Walker (Ladies Captain)	(unopposed)
Jeff Denton (ARR Juniors rep)	(unopposed)
Tim Ashby	(unopposed)
Denise Clark	(unopposed)
Yvonne Edwards	(unopposed)
Lesley Needham	(unopposed)
Georgina Newton	(unopposed)
Mel Owen	(unopposed)
Victoria Wathey	(unopposed)
Helen Wainwright	(unopposed)
Gail Wrangles	(unopposed)

10. **Motions for Consideration**

- a) Revised Club Constitution
- b) London Marathon Ballot 2018

Secretary
Mel Owen

11. **Any Other Business**



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31st Annual General Meeting

Thurs 23rd February 2017 8.30pm

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Minutes

In Attendance:

Chris Taylor (Chair), Stewart Haigh (Treasurer), Steve Berry (Secretary), Denise Clark, Gail Wrangles, Lesley Needham, Victoria Wathey, Mel Owen, Yvonne Edwards, Graham Beardsley, Helen Wainwright, Adrian Byrom, Ken Bingley, Carl Britton, David Cooper, Pat Wood, Tim Owen, Amanda Wilson, Sarah Turner, Gary Turner, Sue Eaton, Pete Grimoldby, Rob Macfarlane, Ian Richardson, Roy Simpson, Jeff Denton, Ian Hill, Julie Baker, John Grove, Susan Grove, Ian Vogan, Colin Tanswell, Donna Bailey, Richard Bailey, Terry Sinar, Ruth Walker, Will Walker, Ken Barton, Saima Sherburn, Lisa Smith, Stephen Wong, Chris Sharp, Georgie Sharp, Diane Widdowson, Sarah Bailey, Simon Newton, Georgina Newton, David Hughes, Catherine Warren, Debbie Worthington, Joe Worthington, Rob Elden, Ian Stancliffe, Rebecca Winter (54)

1. Apologies

Ann Rhodes, Martyn Stearn, Yvonne Stearn, Ron Dyson, Tony Dean, Paul Zywicki, Christine Hall, Tim Ashby, Emma Smith, Jim Needham, John Bell.

2. Minutes of the 30th AGM

Read and accepted as a true record.

Colin Tanswell (retiring Secretary) apologised for tonight's AGM being on a Thursday when an assurance had been given to hold it on a Tuesday. The new secretary will arrange for the 2018 AGM to be held on a Tuesday.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and read his report to the meeting as previously circulated.

The Chair expressed his gratitude on behalf of Ackworth Road Runners to founder member Colin Tanswell who had recently stood down as Secretary.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer read his report to the meeting as previously circulated. He said that although the accounts currently look healthy, we couldn't assume that the current revenue streams (Priory 10k and Half Marathon) would always be available. Pat

Wood asked about the possibility of additional events. The Treasurer replied that the race calendar was getting increasingly congested. He also said that auditing of the accounts was now required.

He then raised the question regarding whether ARR should register as a Community Action Group to avoid a potential tax liability. This is to be investigated.

6. Joint Captain's Report

Gail Wrangles read the joint report to the meeting as previously circulated. The chair expressed the club's gratitude to Gail and Denise Clark for their joint Captaincy.

7. Election of Officers:

Nominations:

Chair	Chris Taylor	(unopposed)
Secretary	Steve Berry	(unopposed)
Treasurer	Stewart Haigh	(unopposed)

All duly re-elected.

8. Election of Committee:

Nominations:

Denise Clark	(unopposed)
Gail Wrangles	(unopposed)
Tim Ashby (Men's Captain)	(unopposed)
Mel Owen	(unopposed)
Lesley Needham	(unopposed)
Victoria Wathey	(unopposed)
Yvonne Edwards	(unopposed)

All duly re-elected.

Ian Richardson	<i>(prop. Sarah Wilkinson,</i>	<i>Sec. Donna Richardson)</i>
Georgina Newton	<i>(Prop. Victoria Wathey,</i>	<i>Sec. Lesley Needham)</i>
Helen Wainwright	<i>(Prop. Stewart Haigh,</i>	<i>Sec. Lesley Needham)</i>
Ruth Walker (Ladies Captain)	<i>(Prop. Denise Clark,</i>	<i>Sec. Gail Wrangles)</i>

All duly elected.

Ian Vogan (Hon. Auditor)	<i>(Prop Stewart Haigh</i>	<i>Sec. Pat Wood)</i>
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Duly elected.

9. Motions for Consideration

In view of the rise in affiliation fees for members and the Club, the annual subscription for full and concessionary members will rise by £3 to £28 and £18 respectively with effect from 1st January 2018. Second claim, social and junior unaffiliated members subscriptions to remain unchanged.

Carried unanimously.

10. Any Other Business

Motion of thanks:

Pat Wood on behalf of Paul Zywicki congratulated Chris Taylor and the committee for the last year's work.

Nostell Juniors:

Pat Wood and Jeff Denton of Nostell Juniors and Beginner's Club spoke at length on the progress during the last 12 months at Nostell Juniors, in particular, the fact that they now had qualified coaches, a separate committee, constitution and financial framework in place. UKA membership was being sought. They have been operating for the last 2 years from Ackworth School, Nostell and Thornes Park Track.

Their proposal is for NJ&B to become a Junior Section of Ackworth Road Runners that would be run totally separately.

Saima Sherburn expressed how her children have benefitted from membership. Georgina Newton set out club responsibilities regarding welfare issues etc. and some issues that arose when ARR last had a Junior Section.

Numerous speakers from the floor spoke in favour of the move. The Treasurer also outlined some of the issues that arose when ARR last had a Junior Section. However, the Chair confirmed that there could be no vote at this AGM as no proposal had been submitted before the due date.

Action: A proposal document is to be provided by Nostell Juniors for consideration by ARR Committee at a subsequent meeting and the membership will be canvassed.

Number Swapping:

SJB reiterated the recent club statement on number swapping. Simon Newton stated that 63 runners had been disqualified for this reason from the North Lincolnshire Half Marathon in 2016.

Extra Grand Prix Division:

Lisa Smith asked about a Grand Prix Division 5. The Treasurer said that something could be considered for new runners but the workload is considerable.

Action: Committee to consider options.

The Chair again thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 2210.



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Chairman's Report for the year 2017

As in previous years, the Club is enjoying unrivalled success with exceptionally high turn-outs for our Tuesday & Thursday training sessions. We have over 250 members !! We still 'stream' through the village(s) both in summer and winter and it is still a wonderful sight to see!

A big thanks to all our volunteers/marshals/back markers etc., who help to co-ordinate the sessions (and we need more of you to help please).

The PECO cross country season is coming to an end, and with one race to go – at time of writing - our men's team look like they will finish in their league as champions and gain promotion. We have individuals – Gail Tombs, Charlie Lines and Ken Lawrenson who should be prize winners in their respective categories. Well done to everyone who turned out to run, - must be another series record, as was our hosting of Race 1 at Nostell Priory – which was another tremendous success.

The Grand Prix Series offers some great races at many superb locations, and it's no wonder that another record of runners took part. It's extended to six leagues for this year. The local venues are always popular , but the days out too are enjoyed by many – Lake District, the Yorkshire Coast, Derbyshire – all great fun. Where to next??

Well done if you won an award at our presentation evening at Burntwood. It was a fantastic night – with a record number of attendees – and a record number of awards – 110 in the Age Grading alone!

The Ackworth Half Marathon and the Priory 10K are two races which are now well established in the Yorkshire racing calendar and bring in some much needed income. Well done if you were helping (or running) here – we need you again this year please!

The Junior Section of Ackworth Road Runners is well under way, with excellent training, coaching and many fun runs available. Much hard work has been put into this from Jeff Denton and his committee. We look forward to their 2K fun runs alongside the Ackworth Half and the Priory 10K races.

Finally, a big thank you to our committee, who put in a lot of hours to ensure we enjoy our running to the very highest standards at training, races and socially – long may it continue – and of course to Stewart who still manages to make our web site the best around!!

Keep enjoying your running, and keep safe.

Chris Taylor
Chairman, ARR



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Treasurer's Report for the year 2017

The financial position of the club was strengthened in 2017 due to continued growth in membership and revenue from Club Races. As a result, the Management Committee has agreed to defer for one year the increase in subscriptions for 2018 as approved at last year's AGM.

The total amount of transactions through the club's bank account has increased substantially with banking having risen from under £12k 4 years ago to over £32k in 2017, largely due to payments for Club excursions, race entries and Awards Night tickets etc.. In order to show a 'clearer' picture of the club's financial position this year's accounts show the net impact, if any, with event details being shown as appendices.

We now have online banking which facilitates the monitoring of bacs payments when required rather than waiting for month end bank statements. We are also able to pay suppliers by BACS (unfortunately England Athletics only take payments online by card). Approximately 2/3rds of income is now paid in by BACS which does create issues when the reason for payment is not added or is incorrect!

2017 saw a surplus of £1,981,01 of income over expenditure to increase club funds to £10333.59. The bank balance at 31 December stood at £11,713,92.

Membership Income

- Membership again increased to a record high of 258 (228 in 2016) with subscription income of £5,997, up from £5,235.
- Affiliation fees paid to England Athletics rose to £3,640 from £2,711.
- The proportion of overall subscription income paid to E.A. rose from 51.8% to 60.7%.
- This year £15 of the £25 annual subscription will be paid to England Athletics for a first claim member making the net cost of membership £10 p.a or 19p per week!.

Event Income

The income from hosting events is crucial to the financial well being of the club and to keeping subscriptions so low. In 2017 they produced a combined profit of £4,813,94

Ackworth Half Marathon

- Entries were down on the previous 2 years while costs went up resulting in a small profit of £635.85. The lack of sponsorship is a factor.

Priory 10k

- In contrast to the Half Marathon, entries were up and the dropping of the 5K event saved on costs. Sponsorship from Strata Homes (£1,500) contributed significantly to producing a profit of £2,557,98.

Peco #1

- The hosting of the first cross country race of the series produced a profit of £1,620.11 with a substantial proportion being through the provision of food.

Training costs

- The costs of hiring the pavillion remained at £2,100. The club paid for two further training courses and acquired additional kit, primarily event equipment.

Management Costs

- These primarily cover communications with members and others, web site hosting costs and providing chip butties for the AGM.

Club Kit

- Due to the high stock levels from the previous year, there was a surplus of £752.44 from the sale of kit (sold at cost price).

Handicap Series

- The costs of putting on food for the now very popular Summer Handicap at Nostell Cricket Club was £640.82 (and worth every penny!).
- A fee of £90 was paid to Nostell Priory NT for parking at the Winter Handicap.

Club Excursions

- The club provided coach transport to the Monsal Trail Half Marathon, Yorkshire Coast 10k, Tissington Half Marathon and Edwinstowe 10k at a total cost of £2,200. Bus fares received reduced the cost to the club to £1,057.

Social Events

Awards Night

- The cost of purchasing awards and trophies plus engraving and small subsidy amounted to £1,115.33

Summer Social Run

- A picnic was held after the Self Guided Trail run at Winterset at a cost of £150

Quiz Night

- Held at the Electric Theatre – food provided at a cost of £96.50

Outlook for 2018

The club has a strong bank balance and membership renewals and recruitment has started well. Event income is unlikely to be as large due to the probable lack of being able to host a Peco event on consecutive years. We do have the Half marathon and 10k again this year however there is the ever growing threat of a crowded race calendar plus we cannot guarantee future access to our Event HQs.

It is anticipated that we will be able to continue providing subsidised events and excursions throughout the year to members

Stewart Haigh
Honorary Treasurer
5 February 2018

Ackworth Road Runners Financial Statement for 2017

INCOME		Income	Expenditure	Net Income
Subscriptions		5,997.00		
	England Athletics Affiliation fees		3,640.00	
	Net Membership income			2,357.00
Club Races	Ackworth Half Marathon	5,355.20	4,719.35	635.85
	Priory 10k	8,124.00	5,566.02	2,557.98
	Peco #1	2,988.00	1,367.89	1,620.11
	Total Race Income			4,813.94
Donations	Raffle	277.00		277.00
	Total Net Income			7,447.94
EXPENDITURE				
Training	Hire of Pavilion from Ackworth P.C.		2,100.00	
	Course fees (England Athletics)		270.00	
	Equipment		234.70	
				2,604.70
Management	Postage		31.70	
	Stationery		13.43	
	Web Site		79.99	
	Committee Expenses / AGM		324.90	
				450.02
Kit	Suplus on sales	-	752.44	
				- 752.44
Club Events	Handicap Series		730.82	
	Race Excursions		1,057.00	
				1,787.82
Affiliations	Yorkshire Vets Athletics Association		15.00	
				15.00
Social	Self Guided Trail Run		150.00	
	Quiz Night		96.50	
	Awards Night		1,115.33	
				1,361.83
	Total Expenditure			5,466.93
	Profit for year			1,981.01



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Junior Section Chair's Report for the year 2017

Last year at this AGM we were Nostell Juniors requesting to be part of this club. We were told to get a committee, constitution, bank account, and procedures to make sure the Juniors were safeguarded.

We did all that, with lots of help from the ARR committee who have been positive in all aspects to enable us to become part of this club in June 2017.

We already had Pat as our main coach with John and Carl being Assistant coaches. Since then we have trained James into an assistant coach with Julie and Darren due to start their training next month.

John has continued his development and will be a full Coach in the next few weeks. Both Carl and James and subsequent Assistant coaches will also be given the opportunity to develop. The coaches give up valuable time to train and encourage the Juniors and should be applauded for their work.

Now we have around £2000 in the bank and 35 Junior paid up members of the club. We would like to thank all the parents who regularly help out and bring their children for training.

From next month we have developed a Junior Grand Prix which is shown under Junior Events on the website. This will give the Juniors chance to try different types of races with rewards at the end of the year.

If we benchmark our set up with a neighbouring club such as Rothwell Harriers, they have run a Junior Section for 10 years and have 80 members. They also have double our number of coaches.

Therefore if we continue to increase our numbers we will be looking at training some more coaches before the year end and if you are interested please let me know.

On behalf of all who work with the Juniors we thank you all at the club for your continuing support.

Jeff Denton
Chairman Ackworth Road Runners Juniors



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Captain's Report for the year 2017

Well it's been yet another fantastic year to celebrate the outstanding performances & growth within Ackworth Road Runners. We have not only grown in membership numbers but also the hard work that has clearly been producing great results, with new personal best times being achieved and new challenges pursued in various events. These range from first time running of 5ks, to marathons to running endurance or obstacle events.

This year our run leaders, coaches and helpers have delivered superb and varied training sessions resulting in our attendees improving in their times and techniques.

During 2017 Ackworth Road Runners participated in team events including one of our Leeds Country Way team who managed to pass the baton round to the end for the first time in many years? We've also achieved PECO promotion for the men team from second division to the first and the women more than holding their own in the tough first division.

We have regular club members taking part in weekly parkruns both local and further afield including as far away as France, Poland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, USA, Sweden and Italy. Members took part in more than 3,760 parkruns in total at 179 different locations. This includes 1,869 at Nostell and 1,042 at Pontefract.

A few Ackworth Club stats for 2017:

Total Members:	255
Racing mileage:	in excess of 31,600 miles which is an increase of 2,100 miles since last year

Locations that Ackworth vest has travelled include: Nice, Paris, Lisbon, Philadelphia, Cannes, various locations in Spain, as well as the parkun locations.

We would like to thank and congratulate every one that has donned the blue and white vest to represent the club. You are all noteworthy. The success of the club is measured by every single member who pushes their own personal boundaries to achieve personal goals, regardless of time or position.

Record numbers were awarded grading awards at our recent awards evening with all those members having completed 10k, 10 mile & half marathon races. Our Grand Prix winners were: Simon Newton, Chris Sharp, Georgie Sharp, Paul Gallagher and Christine Hall.

Other awards that evening ranged from the Clubs Handicap series, London marathon first club finishers & most improved runner. There are so many runners & great achievements, that we just haven't the time to mention everyone, but congratulations to all our award winners for last year and we look forward to this year's racing.

Roy Young continued his marathons and ran a total of 21 marathons during 2017. His total is now 143, edging ever closer to his target of 150. Well done Roy, you are an inspiration.

Liane Warren is tipped to be following Roy's example by aiming to complete 10 marathons in 10 days at Windermere in May this year and many club members are joining her to complete the final of those marathons.

Tim and Ruth are very proud to be Ackworth Road Runners captains, but Tim has decided to pass on the captaincy this year. He will however remain to work closely with the club and will be on hand for advice if so required and assist in the training sessions.

Tim would also like to say it has been a privilege to be captain of such a wonderful club and thanks you all for your support over the last two years.

Tim Ashby and Ruth Walker
Club Captains