



Ackworth Road Runners

33rd Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 8.00pm

Ackworth Cricket Club, Ackworth

Minutes

Attending: Chris Taylor (Chair), Steve Berry (Secretary), Stewart Haigh (Treasurer), Nigel McKinnell, Amanda McKinnell, Ken Bingley, Tom Camponi, Mel Owen, Lesley Needham, Alice Copeland, Darren Fearnley, John Bell, Simon Newton, Georgi Newton, Pat Wood, Rob Elden, Andrew Mascarenhas, Georgie Sharp, Chris Sharp, Caroline Copeland, Vicky Wathey, Callum Parke, Ian Hill, Adrian Byrom, Paul Haslam, Dave Allison, Peter Grimoldby, Gail Tombs, David Hughes, Amie Gardner, Ruth Walker, Roy Young, Roy Simpson, Jeff Denton, Graham Beardsley, Jane Illingworth, Charles McKinney, Ian Vogan, Jim Needham, Tony Dean.

1. Apologies for Absence

Janet Barr, Gill Bennett, Wendy Berry, Tracy Bridgett, Jill Daly, Katie Evans, Christine Hall, Janice Hookham, Lee Hopkins, Mark Leadbeater, Debbie Macklam, Ann Rhodes, Terry Sinar, Lisa Smith, Martyn Stearn, Yvonne Stearn, Colin Tanswell, Helen Wainwright, Stephen Wong, Debbie Worthington.

2. Minutes of the 32nd AGM

Read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Pat Wood

Seconded: Tom Camponi

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

Chris Taylor read out his previously circulated report and also thanked the Secretary for all the necessary administration throughout the year.

5. Treasurer's Report

Stewart Haigh read out his previously circulated and independently examined financial report.

6. Junior Section Chair's Report

Jeff Denton read out his previously circulated report.

7. Joint Captain's Report

Ruth Walker and Chris Sharp read out their previously circulated reports.

They also presented flowers and vouchers to Treasurer Stewart Haigh on behalf of the Club in recognition of his long and continued service to Ackworth Road Runners.

8. Election of Officers:

Nominations:

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

All duly re-elected

9. Election of Committee:

Yvonne Edwards had already tendered her resignation from the committee effective from February 27th. The Secretary and Chair thanked Yvonne for her service as a committee member.

Since the last AGM, Tim Ashby had also resigned his place on the committee and Dave Allison was co-opted onto the committee with responsibility for club kit.

Nominations:

Simon Newton (Proposed by Pat Wood, seconded by Terry Sinar)

Simon Newton duly elected onto the Committee.

Ruth Walker (Ladies Captain)	(unopposed)
Chris Sharp (Men's Captain)	(unopposed)
Jeff Denton (ARR Juniors rep)	(unopposed)
Dave Allison	(unopposed)
Denise Clark	(unopposed)
Lesley Needham	(unopposed)
Georgina Newton	(unopposed)
Mel Owen	(unopposed)
Victoria Wathey	(unopposed)
Helen Wainwright	(unopposed)
Gail Wrangles	(unopposed)

All duly re-elected

10. Motions for Consideration

a) Revised Club Constitution Appendix A

The Secretary advised the meeting that Appendix A had been revised on January 1st detailing the new subscription rates.

11. Any Other Business

a) Northern Athletics

Simon Newton enquired regarding the current situation regarding the club's non-affiliation to Northern Athletics and the consequent bar on members entering Northern Athletics events.

The Chair re-iterated the well documented circumstances leading to this situation and explained that while nothing could be done in this current year, he was in discussion with other club Chairs in an effort to persuade Northern Athletics to replace the levy with increased entry fees to their events instead. Members will be kept informed. Pat Wood added that Junior members were also subject to the bar.

b) 1st Aid Courses

Jeff Denton referred to the recent free 1st aid course where only 12 members attended and asked that all members should consider attending future courses when held.

c) London Marathon – Club Ballot Places

Chris Sharp raised the issue of additional criteria for inclusion in the annual ballot for London Marathon places. He suggested that as the club grows and with more members entering the ballot, it would be fairer to apply a rule whereby members who were successful in the ballot would not be eligible for future ballots for a period of 2 years. The Chair commented that this subject came up almost every year and he was confident it would arise in subsequent years too.

Discussion took place on the merits of the suggestion and also amending the period of ineligibility to 5 or 10 years. It was decided to take a vote on the following proposal:

“That members who are awarded places in the London Marathon via the club ballot, should not be eligible to take part in future ballots for a period of 5 paid up years of membership.”

Voting was as follows:

For	25
Against	2
Abstentions	12

This was therefore carried and takes effect immediately.

To clarify, this means that those members who obtained places in the ballot for the 2019 London Marathon (assuming they remain paid up members for the next 5 years) will not be eligible for inclusion in any such future ballot until the one held for the 2024 event.

For the convenience of members, the Secretary will in due course publish a complete list of criteria for entry into the club ballot for London Marathon places.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 2115.