Saltaire Striders

Minutes of Committee meeting 25/5/25, 7.30pm.

1 **Present and apologies for absence**.

Apologies received from Sue Sroka, Fay Kaina, Russ McFarlane, James Carlton, Donna Hector, Anthea Griffiths, Richard West
Thanks to Stewart for hosting

2 **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 16/4/25

Minutes were agreed as a correct record

Outstanding action points (unless covered later in agenda) (see minutes for detail)

- Donation to Baildon Runners (TM): Not completed: agreed we will reciprocate instead of making a donation (see item 7): **closed**
- Purchase trolley/cart (SD): Still pending (looking our for special offers) **Action: EG**
- Remind run leaders they can reclaim welfare training refresher course (RW) **Done**
- Details of PECO clothing company to TM (EG) Pending: EG awaiting reply from PECO. **Action: EG/TM**
- Move to Saltaire Brewery (SSr): **Done**
- Email to non-renewing member due to hardship: discount (JC) Not sure **Action: JC**
- Pro-rata rates clean-up (JC) Not sure **Action: JC**
- Facilitator for the "Away race" Grasmere Gallop (TG): **Done**: Alun Griffiths
- Awards night live on Webcollect (EG): **Done**
- Raffle ticket sales on WebCollect: don't think done yet?: leave until nearer the time: **Action: EG.**
- Communication with group 1/2 leaders re occasionally facilitating earlier "pre-run" run (SSr) **Done**
- New WhatsApp group: Josh to be asked to remove club branding (SSr): **Done**

3 **Financial update (TM)**

- Finance update (TM) presented by Tim and sent to all. Nothing particularly to report
- Update from Ian re independent examination: 24/25 accounts are good to sign off.
- Easyfundraising (EG): pending: **Action: EG**

4 **Training**

- Run leaders meeting has happened. Could Richard forward notes/minutes to committee please? **Action: RW**
- Return of occasional structured training a possibility
- Considering another track taster session due to numbers being low/no breaking even.
  - Stewart asked whether Tuesday instead of Wednesday was a possibility, answer seems to be no due to track being public "pay as you go" and very busy, rather than just us/Ilkley as per Wednesdays.
- Richard reported that pace guidelines have been signed off, need to be provided to David to publish on the website. **Action: RW/DB**
- Richard reported that two new leaders are signed off and four getting started.
- Tim reported that the following people were on the leaders list who are no longer club members/not renewed their membership:
  - Craig Elliot, Debbie Moore, Heather Bayliss and John Walton: to remove as leaders. **Action: TG**
  - Tom Kay: think he may re-join: don't remove for now

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- Si Frazer, Ian Storey: remind them re renewals. **Action: RW/JC**

- Other problem is enough group 4 runners: group 4 dissapear, at least for now. Stuart reported that it's just down to not having enough people in that ability bracket turning up to Thursday runs.
- Invitation to Horsforth Harriers (SSr): dates in June suggested for a Thursday. Sue to invite them. **Action: SSr**

5 **Membership update (JC)**

- Current membership 146, 70% of last years totals. James not had chance to do 1 to 1 chase-ups of non-renewals, or subsequent purge of membership lists. **Action: JC**

6 **Club main events**

BMWR: Sunday 8th June (AG)

- Anthea forwarded her info ahead of the meeting:
  - Currently 30 teams entered (excluding our own) last year 39. Still trying to encourage entries. Tim M thinks that, based upon who has/hasn't yet entered, we should be about 35 paid entries. Some larger clubs have entered less teams than previous years.
  - Lots of gaps on the volunteer rota. Tim G to liaise with Anthea to get an appeal out to all members. **Action: TG/AG**
  - Check with Anthea re purchase of trophies, momentos **Action: TG/AG**
  - Tim M to buy Sportshoes vouchers **Action: Tim M**

John Carr (SSp)

- Hoping to be good to go next year
- Hoping to get a £500 grant from EA, and buy Branding banners, possibly trophy for "most improved runner" and PB "badges".
- Stewart to touch base with EA (Heidi Bradley) in due course.

Art of Running Event

- Invitation to join in organisation from Baildon Runners: agreed to keep the dialogue open with them about our involvement……

7 **Captains updates (SD)**

- See update submitted by Stuart, below
- Club Champs
  - Up the Odda replaced with Grasmere Gallop
  - Space in July: possibly Eccup 10?
  - Suggestion re 12-stage being part of club champs? Agreed no, as not really a fully "open" event for all members
- BMWR: 5 teams: thanks to Russ and Sue
  - Organise reccies? Maybe something to think about for future
  - Try and avoid a clash with Ilkley 10K next year
- Danefield Relays 1st July: Stuart's idea to run it as a "competition" against Baildon (in place of the relays we used to do) but Sue not keen on this idea. Committee agreed to delegate this decision to the captains! **Action: SD/SSr**
- Golden Acre and Washburn: to publicise **Action: SD/SSr**
- Agreed Fri 1st August for run to Ilkley, meal then train back (as a substitute for Red Lion trip). Suggestion is that Gemma Illingworth is asked to organise it. **Action: TG.**

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8 Social Events (SSp)

- Awards night: 6th June
  - Ticket price went from £15.99 to £17.99 so £2 available towards buying raffle prizes.
  - So far raffle prizes only two…..
  - Stuart to do powerpoint presentation **(Action: SD)**
  - David may not be available to MC, if not Ewan will do it.
  - Need to check whether Fay or Sue can attend to assist with presentations. **Action: SD/SSr/FK**
  - Same format as last year. All other arrangements are in place.
- Christmas Party: Fri 5th Dec: Baildon Golf Club: Stewart to book and start organising. He won't be able to attend so someone will need to coordinate things on the day. **Action: SSp**

9 Welfare issues (DH/AG)

- Committee offered condolences to Stuart, following the death of his father.
- Discussion re how welfare officers are made aware of events affecting club members in order to send them cards. No easy answer, but the key is to communicate with eachother about stuff……

10 Club Governance

- Club values/mission statement (EG) Pending. **Action: EG**
- AGM: Update from Tim (TG)
  - See attached update below….
  - Hopefully Thurdsay 10th July, subject to venue availability, reserve date 26th June. Awaiting to hear back from Caroline Street **Action: TG**
  - Stewart is happy to stand again as social secretary, and is happy to have Gemma help him. Stewart highlighted, eg, away parkruns as something that someone else could organise.
  - Mel has expressed an interest in joining the committee and is willing to help with the social media side of communications. Help is obviously welcome, but this isn't a committee post, at this stage, as Davids term of office is not up.
  - Lisa P is willing to stand as lead welfare officer.
  - Tim will progress all the meeting calling notices, etc etc, in due course…. **Action: TG**

11 Communications

- Better use of social media to publicise/encourage/celebrate member achievements in key races: It is hoped that if Mel does take on a role in communications/social media, this can be improved.

12 AOB

13 Date of next meeting and close

First meeting of the new committee will be Tuesday 22nd July, 7.30pm at 36 Wharncliffe Road (Tim G's house).

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Stuarts report:

Committee Meeting Report May 2025

• Club champs

Need to find a replacement for up the Odda and TBC July add in Grasmere races

It has been suggested that 12 stage relays should be part of Club champs …?

• Yorkshire Vets

Better turnout for the first race of the season - especially ladies.

Next GP race is Tues 27th May-Kirkstall

Next Championship race is 5/6/25 - Bronte 5 mile

Road relay provisionally 28th Sept

Need to publicise reminders for these events

• BMWR

5 teams entered ! Excellent response and thanks to Russel & Sue for organising

Do we need to organise coordinate reccees for ourselves ?

Need to try and ensure it doesn't clash with Ilkley 10K next year

• Parkrun Competition

Baildon runners coordinating this. Next round draw will be Thurs evening

No further news on new Ilkley event

• Mid week Relays

Danefield (1st July) Idea is to run this as the competition v Baildon- i.e draw names at random

Golden Acre Park (15th July) Entries are now open- will fill up quickly (DIY teams?)

Washburn (18th July) This would be good for a social event (Friday evening)

• LCWR

7th Sept -Entries open - will start to publicise after the BMWR

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• City of Culture event

Baildon have put in a proposal (circulated by email) for a proposed event- maybe September. I indicated that we would be interested in joining/helping them but not sure of details yet.

• Away/Guest runs

Horsforth Harriers guest run return invite Dates have been suggested by Sue (late June?)

Baildon Runners/Ilkley Harriers - they have accepted an invite for 24th July. BR have offered to help with Leaders

Ilkley Moor run- proposal for either 31st July or Friday 1st Aug and use as a 'replacement' for Burnsall trip

Tim's report: AGM

Saltaire Striders: Secretary's report to committee for May '25 meeting: AGM Proposal/Info

Proposed date for AGM: Thursday 10th July
Venue: Caroline Street Social Club: awaiting callback to confirm availability
Same format as last year: bring & share food, free drink paid for by the club before the meeting starts. Short social (out & back) runs 7pm as usual, advertise start time as 8pm (for those not attending run), meeting starts approx 8.15 as soon as everyone is settled.

Dates (based upon proposed date of 10th July)
Notice of meeting: to be sent to club members by 19th June (21 days)
Nominations for officers to be received 3rd July (7 days)
Will there be another committee meeting before the AGM? I expect not. First meeting of new committee later in July, or early September?

Quorum
Quorum: 20% of membership as of date of notice of meeting: Tim to clarify this with James nearer the time. 200 members = 40 quorum. Never usually a problem with being quorate!

Officers posts due for election

Reminder: officers are elected to serve a 3-year term, after which they can stand for another 3-year term but re-election is not automatic. The post is advertised and nominations are requested from members, and if another nomination is received as well as the incumbent officer, there would be an election. After 6 years in the same post, an officer cannot stand for re-election to the same post.

Officer posts (management committee) due for election are:

Chair	Ewan Gibb	Due to change in cycle, can stand again
Captain (Men)	Stuart Dunbar	Elected 2019, can't stand again

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Social Secretary	Stewart Spink	Elected 2022, can stand again
Lead Welfare Officer	Donna Hector	Elected 2019, can't stand again
Second Welfare Officer	Anthea Griffiths	Elected 2022, can stand again
Vice Captian (Men)	Russ McFarlane	Currently co-opted, can stand for election
Vice Captian (Women)	Fay Kaina	Currently co-opted, can stand for election

Officer posts (non-management committee) due for election are:

BMWR chair	Anthea Griffiths	Elected 2019, not eligible for re-election.
John Carr Chair	vacant	Currently handled by Stewart