

Saltaire Striders: Annual General meeting: Thursday 16th July 2026
8.15pm (ish) at Caroline Street Social Club, Saltaire
Minutes of Meeting

Chair: Ewan Gibb
Minutes: Tim Gore

Ewan opened the meeting at approx 8.20pm.

- 1) Apologies for absence, quorum
 - Apologies were received from John Singh, Jen Willingham, Russ McFarlane, Marcus Isherwood, Stephen Hillas, Maria Mullin, Michelle Eyres, Stewart Spink, Will Kerr, Ian Dickinson, Chris Biggins.
 - Approximately 50 members were present. The quorum, 20% of membership on the date of calling notice of the meeting, was 32, so the meeting was quorate.
- 2) Ewan: Minutes of the last AGM held on 10th July 2025
 - Minutes were circulated in advance, and the following errors were noted:
 - Para 4 Presentation to retiring committee members: Anthea Griffiths served 3 years as second welfare officer and 6 years as BMWR chair.
 - Para 8 Captains address was delivered by Stuart Dunbar and Sue Sroka.
 - There being no further errors, the minutes were approved as a correct record, proposed by Alun Griffiths and Mervy Silva, agreed unanimously.

3) Election of officers

Due to receiving only one nomination for each of the following posts, the following are to be elected unopposed:

Jenny Shaw: Club Secretary

Nominated by Tim Gore & Tim Mosedale

Marcus Isherwood: Training & Coaching Coordinator

Nominated by Tim Mosedale & Tim Gore

Due to receiving no nominations, the post of Runs Organiser (non-committee) was opened for nominations at the meeting. There being no volunteers, the post remains vacant.

- 4) Presentation to retiring officers
 - Ewan presented a gift and thanks to Tim Gore, standing down as club secretary after 3 years.
- 5) Treasurer's Report
 - The treasurers report had been circulated in advance and Tim presented on it and highlighted the following points:
 - There is less money in the bank accounts at the end of the year, and we have therefore spent some of our reserves.
 - We have cut back on expenditure where we can.
 - We have spent more money on run leader training and also on training 3 x coaches (the first new coach training for quite a number of years, when our current number of coaches was only one.
 - We are actively looking at ways to make additional money

- However, we have reached the point where we will have to increase our membership fees, and Tim encouraged us to approve the proposal in section 7 below.
- Tim recognised our gratitude to Ian Jenkins for acting as our independent examiner of the accounts
- Alun Griffiths asked a question about which year the BMWR figures apply to. Tim M clarified that the figures in these accounts refer to last years (2025) BMWR. This years BMWR is in the current accounting year, but initial figures are showing an estimated profit of about £1,000.
- The meeting was asked to approve the account for the year 2025/26: proposed by Mike Moss and Stuart Dunbar, accepted unanimously.
- Mike Moss proposed a vote of thanks to Tim Mosedale for all his work on the accounts.

6) Chairman's Report

- Ewan gave the chairmans report and made the following points:
 - Thanks to everyone for coming.
 - Thanks to the committee, the run leaders, and all who volunteer
 - We have had some brilliant social events this year
 - The BMWR was a great success and we are looking forward to binging back the John Carr track race next year.
 - We have shown that we can cater for everyone: right through from the mens team that cam second in the BMWR to the amazing couch-to-5K group graduating this Saturday, and everything inbetween.
 - Following consultation with members last year, we've identified our three core values as Ambition, Inclusion, Respect (putting the "AIR" into "Saltaire"). Our new mission statement was officially unveiled as:

"At Saltaire Striders, we will ensure that our club is ambitious, inclusive and respectful. We want every member to be able to achieve their running goals – whether providing a safe space for a weekly run or being supported to achieve PBs or competing for race wins. Every member of our club should feel valued and empowered to participate in all aspects of club life. We strive to be the best running club that we can possibly be – a club built with passion and drive but also humility and kindness. A club for all."

7) Membership Report

- James gave the membership report as follows:
 - Our current membership is 161 members: 137 "full" (EA affiliated) members, 15 "social" (non-EA) members, 5 second-claim and 4 honorary.
 - Last year is was about 200 but it does fluctuate as people leave or move away.
 - The biggest driver for increasing our membership is word-of-mouth. Marcus has also done some fantastic work advertising the club on local Facebook groups, which will continue periodically.
 - The recent couch-to-5K course has been a great success and we're hoping to retain some of these people as club members.
 - Members are encouraged to wear Striders vests/kit more at events, to help raise the profile of the club.
 - There is a revamp of the membership categories to simplify the definitions, so new members joining or members renewing will now be able to choose from:
 - "Annual Membership" formerly social membership: without EA affiliation
 - "Annual Membership with EA" formerly full membership: with EA affiliation
 - Other membership categories unchanged.
- The meeting was asked to approve that the Membership Fee for the year 2027/28 be increased from £15 to £17 for "Annual membership", plus the EA membership fee for "Annual membership with EA". Tim G asked a question whether the cost of EA affiliation

was known yet for next year, James confirmed that it was not. The membership increase was approved unanimously.

8) Captains' Address

- Sue gave the captains address and highlighted the following points:
 - Thanks to everyone, whether you have been a member for 20 years or 20 days.
 - Running is an individual sport, but in Striders we don't do it on our own.
 - There have been incredible achievements, and everyone has cause to celebrate.
 - In particular, Sue highlighted Humera completing the London Marathon, despite facing prejudice as a Muslim woman, and Sheila, still completing Ultras age 70+
 - So many people are willing to step outside their comfort zone, even those who carry on and refuse to let arthritis define them, showing incredible resilience by running through pain and never giving up.
 - PECO's were a great achievement for the club, along with the Chevin and Golden Acre relays, it's not all about winning!
 - Thanks to all who give their time behind the scenes, to those who turn up with a smile and those who stay behind to make sure no-one finishes alone.
 - Let's continue to support one-another!

9) Any other Business

- Couch to 5K graduation: Roberts parkrun this Saturday: please come along, in club colours, to support our graduates. Please let Marcus know if you'd like to volunteer instead of running. Please bring cake if possible!
- Next committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday 21st July 7pm at Reconnection. Please contact any of the committee if there is something you would like them to discuss.
- London Marathon ballot: please keep hold of your rejection emails for now until we set up the registration for the ballot for our club place(s) which will happen late Nov/early Dec.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at approx 9pm.