

Saltaire Striders

Minutes of Committee meeting to be held on 16/4/25, 7.30pm at Stuart's House

Notes: Text in **orange** to be redacted and replaced with sections in **green** on public minutes.

1 Present and apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Donna Hector, Anthea Griffiths, Fay Kaina, Richard West
Where was David Bower?!
Thanks to Stuart for hosting.

2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 10/2/25

Agreed as a correct record

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

- New Website (TM) **Done**. Thanks to Tim for all his work. David is on-board with updating it etc, so this is job complete and has been well received.
- Contact Tracy re Red Lion trip (EG) : Ewan reported back that Tracy agreed that maybe the trip has run its course and with costs as they are, it probably isn't viable to continue. Committee agreed not to do it this year, but look at a new option next year, probably something nearer to home with cheaper transport costs and more reasonably priced meal.
- Sportshoes vouchers for 2024 BMWR prices (EG/TM): **Done**

3 Financial update (TM)

- Tim circulated the finance update in advance, consisting of Feb/March activity, 2024/25 accounts and suggested budget (c/w questions) for 2025/26.
- Tim pointed out that the overall figures were about £1,200 up on the end of last year, the first time they have ever been higher since he has been treasurer, which is delighted about!
- There were no questions raised on the 2024/25 accounts and the committee unanimously approved them.
- Tim presented the proposed 2025/2026 budget, with several questions from him about cost of entering events (i.e. which events we were entering and how many teams). Captains could obviously not give exact answers but felt the overall budget for races would cover us for entry costs, so leave as Tim proposed.
- Committee agreed to a £20 donation to Baildon Runners towards the cost of food at last weeks parkrun draw event. **Action: TM**. Committee also approved a spend of approx £50 on a hand cart/trolley to help cart equipment around at events. **Action: SD**. We also discussed either the replacement of the gazebo and/or purchase of a smaller one for use at events that don't warrant the big one. Neither were felt essential yet, so not added into the budget.
- Committee unanimously approved 2025/26 budget.
- Tim pointed out that not many run leaders seem to be reclaiming the cost of their welfare training as part of their 3-yearly renewal. Richard, could you please post to run leaders to remind them that any cost they outlay on this can be reclaimed via Tim M? **Action: RW**
- Easyfundraising: No update: carry forward: **Action: EG**
- Tim M asked Ewan to let him have details of how the treasurer can get his hands on the club element of the Peco kit deal. **Action: EG**

4 Training (RW)

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- Stuart highlighted that there hasn't been a run leaders meeting for a while. Need to touch base with RW to see about holding one. **Action: RW**
- Return of structured training: carry forward
- Possible return-to-running: carry forward
- Updated pace guidelines for training: carry forward **Action: RW**
- Return to rowing club boathouse for summer Monday base: decided not to for this year, several reasons but among them a number of ladies feeling unsafe walking down to the club, difficulty with rowing club attendant wanting to lock the barrier and complaining if we were late back, and that it seemed quite difficult for them to be able to open the bar for us, as it's not a busy night and they rely on volunteers. Other options were discussed for Monday base but decided to leave it at Caroline Street for the summer and look again later in the year.
- Proposed move to Saltaire Brewery for Thursday base: committee agreed to this on a trial basis over the summer, Sue to discuss this with the brewery again and if they are in agreement hopefully we can start with effect from 1st May. **Action: SSr**

5 Membership update (JC)

- Renewals: about ½ way there with roughly 120 renewals, mainly full memberships.
- James will give it a couple of weeks then begin 1-to-1 communications with people who haven't renewed. **Action: JC**
- James questioned whether we have a system in place to spot unpaid runners (i.e. members who have not renewed or new runners who have not joined) on training runs. We don't have a formal system and are not keen on the idea of having to "take a register" at training runs. In a few weeks James will share the list of non-renewals to the committee so that if we spot them at events, we can gently remind them to renew! **Action: JC**
- One member emailed to say he wasn't renewing due to financial circumstances. Agreed to offer 50% off a social membership if that helps..... **Action: JC**
- James questioned why second-claim runners who run regularly with us at training runs don't pay as much as social members? It was pointed out that those who are second-claim in order to come to our training sessions regularly are not true "second-claimers", this category should be reserved for people who run with us in races really, who shouldn't be subject to a higher price. Agreed that next year we should promote the "social" category for those who are a member of another club but train regularly with us...
- James reported that the pro-rata rates are a bit "all over the place", committee agreed to let him sort them into line. **Action: JC**
- Membership purge of data will be completed after we can deem that renewals are completed. **Action: JC**

6 Club main events

BMWV: Sunday 8th June (AG)

- No update from Anthea must mean everything is in hand.
- Tim M reported 19 teams entered so far, better than this time last year.
- Successor to Anthea will be needed to take on the role from next year (appointed at this year's AGM). Agreed that we should try and advertise for this to be someone who can lead a team, rather than somebody who will take on everything, and we are re-assured that Anthea will be handing over a working system.

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- Stuart reported Baildon Runners have indicated they would be interested in coming on-board with it, and that they would therefore be able to provide volunteers and organisation. However we would have to split the profits which would be a big financial hit. Agreed that we would prefer to keep it in-house, but we'll keep the option in reserve....

7 Captains updates (SD/SSr/FK/RM)

- BMWR: club teams: probably mens, social, ladies (social?) **Action: Captains**
- Golden Acre relay: not likely
- Danefield relays: potentially competition against Baildon/Ilkley (instead of hosting the relay event that we used to). **Action: Captains**
- Club Champs: no changes apart from adding Grasmere Gallop
- parkrun Competition: invitation from Baildon to presentation after runs on Thurs 3rd July (they are doing Ilkley away run). Agreed not to join them for run but to go up after our regular runs.
- Ilkley away run: suggested date 31st July.
- Horsforth Harriers visit: good night with 10-15 Striders. Agreed to return the invitation once new base at Saltaire Brewery is settled. Stuart reported that Horsforth have a system for "booking on" to a group run in advance, via an app, which may be worth investigating. Agreed not to at this stage.
- Away Race: Grasmere Gallop: Tim to publicise and ask for a facilitator to help organise the day. **Action: TG**
- Up the Odda race: Stuart reported that this is not happening this year, usually it has been organised by Hawksworth school PTA (?). Can't do anything this year, but potential to reach out to them to offer to partner with them to organise the event in the future. Come back to later in the year....

8 Social Events (SSp)

- Awards night: 6th June.
 - Stewart proposed increasing ticket price from £15 to £17, to give some funds to buy raffle prizes (in addition to the usual donations).
 - Ewan to set up the event and raffle ticket sales on WebCollect, Stewart to publicise. **Action: EG/SSp**
 - Stewart to put out appeal for raffle prizes as per usual. **Action: SSp**
 - Awards:
 - Ewan to put out appeal for nominations/votes for all the awards that are decided by the club membership. **Action: EG**
 - Ewan to poll run leaders for "Run leaders accolade" award. **Action: EG**
 - Lifetime achievement award: **Committee considered a number of candidates and chose the winner.**
 - All names of award winners to Stuart by 8th May for trophy ordering (**Action: SD**).
- Christmas Party: Agreed we would likely follow the same format as last year at Baildon Golf Club with self-catering via bought-in and delivered takeaway food. Stewart is unavailable any weekend in December, so he will be happy to organise everything in advance if someone else sorts out things on the day, or alternatively hold the party last weekend in December. No decision yet: carry forward to next meeting.....

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9 Welfare issues (DH/AG)

- Donna has completed the adult welfare course this evening, so for now we are covered for club standards. However, she will have to step down at the next AGM.
- Sue reported that Lisa Prosho will be likely to stand in her place, and has strong experience in safeguarding/welfare. So, assuming she stands and is elected, she would need to do DBS and adult welfare course asap after AGM for us to retain compliance with club standards.

10 Club Governance

- Club values/mission statement: Ewan proposed our values as AIR: Ambitious, Inclusive, Respectful. Ewan to draft and forward a proposed mission statement.
Action: EG
- AGM: proposed date 10th July or backup 26th June, hopefully at Caroline Street Social Club. Tim G to book. **Action: TG.**
 - Propose membership fees of £15 social and £15 + EA fee full.
 - London Marathon ballot won't be part of AGM: will probs do in Dec at either Christmas party or Pie & Peas, or over a live stream video.

11 Feedback from members

- Question re whether there can be longer runs for slower runners? Discussed at length but you can't please everyone, some runners don't want longer runs and wouldn't want to stay out longer. Stewart suggested that we recommend that members get together to run a few miles before club starts, maybe meeting at 6.30pm, as he regularly does on a Monday. He'd be happy for others to join him (though obviously he's at the faster end of the spectrum!) but maybe some of the group 1/2 leaders would be willing to facilitate this? Sue to suggest to leaders? **Action: SSr.**
- Are we going to hold a "Q&A" or "meet the committee" night? Some feedback suggests club members don't know who the committee members are. Once settled at Saltaire Brewery, maybe plan a Thursday when as many committee as possible can stay back for a drink afterwards so members can meet them socially. Nothing formal planned yet.

12 AOB

- New WhatsApp group: agreed no current concerns re conduct, but there are potential concerns re inclusivity. Sue and Tim G reported that it was more about just general banter and football than running, and nothing really club-related. Sue to ask Josh to change the name and logo to remove Striders.
Action: SSr.

13 Date of next meeting and close

- Proposed date 21st May: venue and exact time tbc (but somewhere without stairs, for Ewan who will have just finished GOBYU 3 days earlier (or less?!))