Saltaire Striders: Annual General meeting: Thursday 10th July 2025 8.15pm Lounge at Caroline Street Social Club, Saltaire

Minutes of Meeting

1) Apologies for absence
Received from: Jen Willingham, John Singh, Tim Gore, Tim Mosedale, James Carlton, Michelle Eyres, Helen Pennington, Gary Pennington, Louise Nash, Ali Nash, Norman Saldanha, Mike Moss

2) Minutes of the last AGM held on 14th November 2024 agreed unanimously as correct.

3) Election of officers: Ewan Gibb
Due to receiving only one nomination for each of the following posts, the following are to be elected unopposed:
● Ewan Gibb: Chair – *beginning second three-year term as per constitutional amendment at 2024 AGM*. Nominated by Tim Mosedale and Sue Sroka
● Russell MacFarlane: Club Captain (Men). Nominated by James Carlton and Dan Jenkins
● Dan Jenkins: Club Vice Captain (Men). Nominated by James Carlton and Rusell MacFarlane
● Lisa Prosho: Club Vice Captain (Women). Nominated by Julie Patterson and Tim Mosedale
● Stewart Spink: Social Secretary. Nominated by Simon Frazer and Tim Mosedale
● Julie Patterson: Lead Welfare Officer. Nominated by Mary Patterson and Chris Patterson
● Mel Young: Welfare Officer. Nominated by Lisa Prosho and Sue Sroka

No nominations have been received for the following roles, and candidates were invited in the meeting:
● BMWR Chair – Anthea presented to encourage interest with the race in great position for a new chair to take the reins – Ian Storey (with help from Anj!) volunteered to take on this role and was, therefore, elected.
● John Carr Chair – Stewart presented on this, explaining what was already in place – Richard Ling messaged during the course of the meeting to volunteer for this position and was, therefore, elected.
● Ewan also appealed for any willing volunteers/nominations for the role of Training & Coaching Coordinator. This position became vacant too close to AGM to allow anyone to be elected, but the committee could have co-opted if anyone stepped forward. Unfortunately, this position remained vacant.

4) Presentation to retiring committee members: Ewan Gibb
Gifts and messages of thanks were given to the following:
● Fay K stood down as Vice Captain (Women)
● Donna Hector reached the end of her six years as Lead Welfare Officer
● Stuart Dunbar reached the end of his six years as Captain (Men)
● Anthea Griffiths reached the end of her three years as Second Welfare Officer, and six years as BMWR chair.

5) Chairman's Report: Ewan Gibb

Ewan gave thanks to all for their attendance at the AGM.

Ewan thanked the run leaders, especially those who give up their time week in week out so we can have training runs. Thanks was given again to Richard West for his work as Training & Coaching coordinator, and to Donna and Marcus for organising the run-leaders rota.

Anthea Griffiths was thanked for another successful BMWR, and to Mike as race official and all those who volunteered. And we also had five teams, which is an amazing effort from all at the club!

Ewan announced that the John Carr track 5k event was in the pipeline for next year with hope to make this a real staple in the local (and even regional) running calendar.

Stewart Spink was thanked for organising several events over the year: the annual pie and peas night, which took place at the new and improved Junction; the Christmas do which took place at Baildon Golf Club and will do so again later this year; and for the excellent awards evening at Northcliffe Golf Club, a really fun night which seems to improve every year!

Ewan also acknowledged the numerous member organised social events – Singo Bingo, curry nights, Grasmere trip. These clearly show that club members are keen to spend time with each other away from running, which is very positive!

It was with sadness that Ewan acknowledged that the committee felt that the Red Lion trip had run its course: costs had become exorbitant and it was no longer viable for the club to be organising. Alternative suggestions will be welcomed

Ewan gave thanks to the rest of the committee for their hard work and dedication to the club, reminding everyone that these volunteers give up a significant amount of time to ensure that the club runs effectively. Tim Mosedale was singled out to give thanks for the new website, which we all agreed is a fantastic improvement, and for the numerous extra jobs he volunteered to take on over the last year!

Ewan closed by encouraging us to continue to be a club that is welcoming to new people, old people, young people, all people! And, as we move forwards, we must ensure that we are **Ambitious, Inclusive and Respectful.**

6) Treasurer's Report: Ewan Gibb, standing in for Tim Mosedale

● We have £12,087 at year end, which is up on last year and a little higher than our reserves policy
● Membership numbers remain quite stable, and BMWR made c. £1000, which helped pay for what we spend
● Committee continue to prioritise running activity, so we have spent some of the surplus from last year on Danefield & Golden Acre relay this year
● Admin fees continue to be reviewed – we can't get a better bank account, we've made the website fit for purpose, and we're using Sum-up where suitable which has low fees

The accounts were <u>accepted unanimously</u>.

7) Membership update: Ewan Gibb, standing in for James Carlton

● At 7th July, we had 179 members: 148 full, 21 social, 6 second claim, and 4 honorary
● This is slightly below prior years, but we normally have 210-250 members at year end, and gain 30-40 through the rest of the year

Voting was then required for the recommendation from the management committee:
That the Membership Fee for the year 2026/27 be £15 plus the cost of individual EA membership for the 2026/27 year (currently £20)

This was agreed unanimously.

8) Captains' Address: Stuart Dunbar/Sue Sroka

Our captains delivered the following information, reporting on the club's year in events.

Pecos:
Men finished last the Premier Div. and were relegated to the first division
Same league as Ilkley/Wharfedale harriers so no shame.
Mens Vets were 4th in Premier league- as last year
Ladies finished 6th in the First Division are relegated to second division
Same league as Ilkley/Wharfedale harriers so no shame.
Ladies Vets were 8th in the Premier Division
Good attendance averaging 28 with maximum attendance of 42 at race 2 and only 14 at last race

Most improved Runners: Lisa Prosho and Josh Winterbottom

Peco Relays:
9 teams entered with Representative team 2nd place and Nick Hardy winning fastest male leg.

12 Stage relay in Redcar:
Team finished in 30th place and narrowly missed out on finals but some outstanding performances on the
day

BMWR:
5 Teams entered : male open 3rd place overall with fastest leg on legs 3 & 5
Great team of marshalls and helpers

Leeds Country Way
Hope to have at least 2 teams entered this year

6 Stage relay – Leigh 21st September:
Hopefully we will enter a couple of teams.

YVAA events
Grand Prix:
Men's team currently placed 10th overall (1st 4 to count) . 47 clubs represented.
Ladies team 11th overall out of 41 clubs
M60+ team currently 2nd place between Pudsey and Holmfirth
Ladies F50-59 team 3rd place behind Pudsey and Bingley

Championships:
10K Race in Holmfirth on October 12th (Likely to be club championship race too)

Golden Acre Park Relay
7 teams entered.

Danefield Relay v Baildon
14 teams entered!
Mens team 2nd overall. Male Vets 2nd

General:
4 new club records
4 new records in ultramarathon hall of fame including 268 mile from Alice Kershaw and 240 miles for Rob
Henderson

Targets for this last year:
Stay in Premier division in Pecos – failed but tough competition
Get to finals in the 12 stage road relays – close to success
Match or better our performance for the BMWR & LCWR – BMWR massive improvement
LCWR- hopefully!

Targets for Next Year:
Promotion to Peco Premier league for men
Promotion back to 1st division for Ladies
Qualify for 12 stage relays and do Final
Increased profile for the BMWR
Enter at least one team for LCWR
Reinstatement of John Carr 5K

9) Any other Business: Ewan Gibb

Help was requested for the following non-committee roles:
● Selling club vests (requires someone who is present at club and contactable)
● Managing the club champs scoring (requires someone with good grasp of Excel and c. 15 minutes per race to process the times)