



**HAMBLETON ATHLETICS & RUNNING CLUB**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

1. Welcome and Introduction from Club Chair

Gemma welcomed the 21 attendees to the meeting and outlined the agenda and voting processes. As greater than 10% of Club Members were present, the meeting was considered quorate.

2. Report from Club Chair

Gemma reviewed the Chair's report previously circulated, noting in particular the breadth of achievements across the club. Highlights included the events HARC has participated in for charity, including £300 raised for Hambleton Foodshare through the annual HARC Angels event and £1200 for Dementia Forward through the Dragon Boat race. HARC's participation in the NYSD Cross Country league has continued and as the cross country season draws to a close the club looks forward to participating in the Track & Field season. Gemma also highlighted the graduation of our latest C25K group which will be taking place at Fountains Abbey on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, with all club members encouraged to come along and support the runners, including coffee and cake afterwards. As we look to 2023, there are a range of social events being planned and we are also excited by the prospect of a Parkrun being started in Bedale. Gemma acknowledged the valuable contribution to the club made by Kay Kelly who recently stepped down from the committee, and thanked all of the coaches and committee whose voluntary efforts mean the club can continue to flourish. There were no questions. Gemma also thanked all the club members for their continued support of HARC.

3. Report from Head Coach

Chris began by thanking the coaching team for their efforts in leading in excess of 300 sessions in the last year. The team has grown, with the addition of Jo and Nick as LiRFs, and expanded their skills with Alice qualifying as a Coaching Assistant. Anna has recently stepped down from the coaching team and Chris thanked her for her efforts. Looking forward, Becky Williams has agreed to start LiRF training and Nigel will be undertaking CiRF training. In addition to regular club sessions, the coaching team have delivered 3 C25K programmes, enabling 27 athletes to graduate. The revamped IntEnd programme ran as a full weekend with very positive feedback and there are plans to repeat this in the summer. Chris also highlighted the club's plans to expand the junior section and specifically highlighted our first junior cross-country runner (Coco Mildren) and the continuing shotput achievements of Harvey Wilkinson, who is going from strength to strength. Chris reminded everyone that the awards season runs until the end of August, and details of all the awards are on the club website. Chris closed by inviting all members to participate in the next Track Day which will be held

on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March in Darlington – a great chance to try out track running, jumps and throws before the Track & Field season starts.

#### 4. Report from Club Treasurer

Graham ran through the reports previously circulated, highlighting that the club currently shows a surplus of around £1300, mainly as a result of funds received from the Tesco blue token scheme and money raised at the Car Boot. We have increased the volume of kit held in stock. The club bank account has been changed in order to avoid bank charges and we are in the process of applying for CASC status, which would allow us to avoid tax payments and to claim gift aid.

#### 5. Report from Club Membership Secretary

Alice noted that membership numbers are similar to last year with 74 members (including 4 second claim members). We have seen an increase in the number of junior members since the last AGM and it is hoped that both adult and junior membership numbers will continue to grow this year. Alice reminded members that membership renewal is open now, and details are on the club website.

As fundraising officer, Alice also reported that HARC was not successful in getting a Car Boot for 2023. We will be looking for other fundraising sources and encourage ideas and involvement from members to make this happen.

#### 6. Election of Committee Members for 2023/24

Gemma began by explaining that the committee is made up of nine members but the current committee have recently discussed the possibility of increasing to ten. This is due to the expected growth of the club and the fact that there is plenty of work to share around. Gemma officially tabled the proposal to increase the size of the committee to ten, by the addition of another general committee member, and asked those present to vote on the matter. The proposal was carried by unanimous vote.

As there were only single nominations for each of the four elected roles, the following members were appointed:

Club Chair – Gemma Wardle

Club Secretary – Anna Bonner

Treasurer – Graham Finlay

Membership Secretary – Alice Inglis

Since the number of nominations for general committee members was equal to the number of posts now available, the following members were appointed: Chris Lees, Ruth Hancock, Sara Sherwood, Nigel Haresign, Becky Williams, and Lynn Inglis.

Specific roles will be agreed at the next committee meeting.

#### 7. AOB

BASA Affiliation:

Chris explained to members that we had enquired about the possibility of becoming an affiliated club with BASA (Bedale Athletic and Sports Association). This would allow use of the community facilities at the Sports Club, including the hall/function room, outdoor space and bar. Our interest has been

noted by the BASA management committee and we expect them to discuss at their March meeting before formally voting on our application in April.

Chris explained that Bedale and Aiskew Runners (BAR), who are already a BASA affiliated club, have objected to our application on the basis that there should not be two affiliate clubs offering endurance running and that HARC joining BASA might be detrimental to their membership numbers.

A question was put to Chris about whether HARC joining BASA would result in us losing our HARC identity. Chris explained that we would remain the same club with no change to our identity, activities or ethos.

Another member asked whether HARC's use of the Sports Club facilities would interfere with BAR sessions. Chris explained that BAR currently train on Mondays and Wednesdays, and there are no plans to change our weekly sessions (Tuesdays and Thursdays) so there would be no clashes in use of the facilities.

Chris agreed to update members once BASA have made a decision. If BASA accept our application, members will be consulted on whether or not we should proceed with affiliation.

There were no further questions and the meeting was officially closed.

Minutes prepared by Anna Bonner, Cub Secretary, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023