

**Minutes of the PECO Cross Country League AGM**  
**Held at Adel Sports & Social Club on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**1. Attendance & Apologies.**

The following clubs were represented at the meeting: Abbey Runners, Ackworth Road Runners, Chapel Allerton Road Runners, Hyde Park Harriers, Ilkley Harriers, Kippax Harriers, Kirkstall Harriers, Rothwell Harriers, Saltaire Striders, St Theresa's AC, Valley Striders

Apologies were received from: Eccleshill Road Runners, Horsforth Fellandale, Wetherby Runners

**2. Matters Arising from the 2010-11 Season**

There were no matters arising, other than those to be raised as agenda items later in the meeting.

**3. Treasurer's Report & Statement of Accounts**

The treasurer presented the league accounts, showing (in summary):

**Income: £2660.00**

**Expenditure: £1851.70**

**Surplus on the year: £808.30**

**Closing Bank Balance ((01/09/11): £2747.52**

The meeting accepted the accounts as a true record.

**4. Proposal to Pay an Annual Honorarium to the League Co-ordinator**

A proposal was put before the meeting to combine the roles of League Secretary and League Co-ordinator and to pay the holder of the position an annual honorarium of £400. The league sponsor (PECO) had agreed to contribute half of this sum, in the event of the proposal being accepted.

The proposal was accepted and a job description for the post is attached.

**5. Election of League Officers for 2011-12**

Roger Wilson (Abbey Runners) was re-elected (unopposed) to the position of League Treasurer.

Mark Hetherington (Abbey Runners) was elected (unopposed) to the position of League Co-ordinator

**6. Selection of Race Dates & Host Clubs for 2011-12**

Following discussion, the following fixtures were agreed:

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Hosts</b>	<b>Assistants</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Race 1	Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ackworth	Rothwell	TBC
Race 2	Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	Rothwell	Ackworth	Middleton Park
Race 3	Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	Kippax	STAC	TBC
Race 4	Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	Abbey	Chapel Allerton	Golden Acre Park
Race 5	Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	Hyde Park	Valley Striders	Otley Chevin

**7. First Aid Provision at PECO Races**

It was agreed that the League Co-ordinator would approach the Red Cross to arrange for first aid cover to be provided at all the league fixtures during the 2011-12 season, subject to the cost of such cover being reasonable.

**8. Application to join the League by Wharfedale Harriers**

This application was considered and approved, subject to payment of the one-off league affiliation fee of £10.

**9. League Structure, Member Clubs, Race Fees and Scoring Systems**

It was decided to continue with the current league structure (Men's & Ladies Premier and First Divisions, and single Men's & Ladies Vets Leagues). 3 clubs have been promoted to the Men's & Ladies Premier Divisions, and 2 relegated, in order to balance the number of teams in each division. The open divisions for the 2011-12 season will therefore be constituted as follows:

**Men's Premier Division**

Abbey Runners

Ackworth Road Runners

Bradford Airedale AC

Horsforth Harriers

Kirkstall Harriers

Rothwell Harriers

Saltaire Striders

Valley Striders

**Men's First Division**

Airecentre Pacers

Chapel Allerton Road Runners

Dragons Running Club

Eccleshill Road Runners

Hyde Park Harriers

Ilkley Harriers

Kippax Harriers

St Theresa's AC

Wetherby Runners

Wharfedale Harriers

**Ladies Premier Division**

Abbey Runners

Ackworth Road Runners

Chapel Allerton Road Runners

Horsforth Harriers

Hyde Park Harriers

Kirkstall Harriers

Rothwell Harriers

Valley Striders

**Ladies First Division**

Airecentre Pacers

Bradford Airedale AC

Dragons Running Club

Eccleshill Road Runners

Ilkley Harriers

Kippax Harriers

Saltaire Striders

St Theresa's AC

Wetherby Runners

Wharfedale Harriers

It was decided to continue for the 2011-12 season, runners from Fellandale, Woodkirk and York Postal would continue to be eligible for individual prizes on the same basis as runners from other clubs, but that team score for these clubs would not be calculated. Runners from these clubs would not be removed from the individual results before calculating team scores for the other clubs. If the situation changes in the future and any of these clubs are able to field complete

teams, they would be reinstated to the team league tables for the following season.

After discussion, it was decided to increase the race fee to £3.00 for fixtures where post-race food is to be provided. Where no food is to be provided, the race fee will remain at £2.00.

It was agreed that the individual and team scoring systems will remain unchanged for the 2011-12 season.

#### **10. Proposal to Introduce a 'Colin Morath Memorial Trophy'**

Andi Barrett, of the League sponsors PECO, had proposed the introduction of a perpetual trophy as a memorial to Colin Morath. Colin, the former League Co-ordinator, sadly passed away in August this year. The proposal was accepted, and it was agreed to award the trophy to the 'most improved' club over the course of a season. This will be determined by calculating the percentage improvement in the total 'countback' scores (Men's Open + Ladies Open + Men's Vets + Ladies Vets).

For example, last year Kirkstall Harriers 'countback' scores were:

Men's Open: 2457

Ladies Open: 842

Men's Vets: 3453

Ladies Vets: 1072

**Total: 7824**

So, if at the end of the 2011-12 season, Kirkstall's total 'countback' score was 7100, this would represent a  $[(7824 - 7100) / 7824] \times 100 = 9.25\%$  improvement.

#### **11. League Presentation Event**

After much discussion, it was decided not to continue with the 'sports afternoon' concept for the 2011-12 league presentations. The League co-ordinator will aim to organise a presentation evening as soon as possible after the final race of the season (venue TBC). The possibility of organising a non-league cross country event to precede the league presentation will be investigated. Whether or not food is to be provided will depend on the nature of the presentation event, and the venue.

#### **12. Any Other Business**

It was pointed out that, on a couple of occasions last season, there were insufficient 'senior male' tallies for the number of runners taking part in the race. The League Co-ordinator will ask the league sponsor for extra 'senior male' tallies for the 2011-12 season.

Mark Hetherington (PECO Cross Country League Co-ordinator) 23/9/11