

PECO Cross Country League AGM 2019: Summary Minutes of the Meeting

The Kirkstall Bridge pub at 7.30pm on Monday 9th September 2019

1. Apologies for absence: several clubs sent their apologies (I can't find the full list!)
2. Matters arising from the 2018-19 season:
None, other than items covered below.
3. Treasurer's report and statement of accounts (Paper 1)
Host club expenses totalled £3352, this included £1000 to Leeds City Council for use of Temple Newsam.
For each race the hosting club got £1000 to be shared with their assisting club
Profit on year was £3873 (was "only" about £1000 last year)
This was attributed to increased income due to the sales of season tickets.
4. Consideration of charitable donations from League funds
£2000 would be donated to Yorkshire Air Ambulance
The remainder of the profit to be held in reserve in case Leeds City Council started charging for the use of other parks.

NB somewhere around here in the meeting, it was agreed to keep the entry fees at the same price
However in AOB it was agreed to increase the adult season ticket price by £1 to cover the presentation evening
So the season ticket for adults will go up from £14 to £15
The season ticket for juniors will remain at £6
5. Election of league officers for 2019-20
Mark Hetherington continues as League Co-ordinator
Roger Wilson continues as Treasurer
(there are only two officers)
6. Selection of Race Dates & Host Clubs for 2019-20 (Paper 2)
Provisional dates and clubs (**amended on Nov 1st following discussions with host clubs and landowners**)
 - 24 November at Temple Newsam (Kippax H & St Therasas AC)
 - 15 December at Middleton Park (Abbey R & Hyde Park H)
 - 19 January at Crimple Valley, Harrogate (Nidd Valley RR & Knaresborough S)
 - 9 February at West Park Leeds (Kirkstall H & Horsforth H)
 - 1 March at Roundhay (Roundhay R & Chapel Allerton R)
 - 29 March for Relays location to be advised.
7. Consideration of proposed changes to the Junior race organisation (Paper 3)
The existing categories are school years 2-4, 5-6, 7-9 and 10-12
Because of no participation by year 12 and low participation by 10 and 11, the revised categories are school years 2-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-11
NB it was noted that junior participation has increased 25% in the last year and 100% in 4 years

NB it was noted that juniors need not be club members but need to have a relation (however distant) who is a member of a club and will be responsible for that junior at the races

8. Consideration of issues related to England Athletics affiliation (Paper 4)
Paper 4 summary was that 94.5% of adult competitors were paid-up affiliated members of EA at the time of the first race
22 clubs had 100% affiliation, 13 clubs between 93% and 99%
The other 5 clubs were 87%, 55%, 42%, 17% and 0%
The proposal that PECO league would only accept affiliated members was rejected unanimously.
The proposal that the PECO league would accept unaffiliated members of league clubs but these should pay the unaffiliated levy (being £10 for a season ticket and £2 for individual race entries) was agreed unanimously.
9. Consideration of league structure and member clubs
There is no capacity for new clubs
Pudsey & Bramley have been removed from the team league tables, although their members will still be able to run and remain eligible for individual series wards (only 4 runners took part in any of the races last year)
10. Consideration of the arrangements for the PECO v WYWL Relays
To be organised by PECO League this year
11. Consideration of the start times for Senior Men's & Ladies races
There was a long discussion and the outcome was that
 - other than Roundhay where men and ladies start together
 - ladies will start 15 minutes after the men rather than 10
 - except at courses where there is some crossover of routes and this would be dangerous (e.g. Middleton Park)
12. Consideration of the environmental impact of PECO (and other) races
Car sharing will be further encouraged (clubs should arrange a local meeting point so that the minimum number of cars need to be driven to the race venue)
The League races already have a lower environmental impact than most other races (no plastic water bottles / cups, no goody bags, etc.)
13. Any other business
Included discussion of attendance and finance of end-of-season presentation evening – noted at section 4 above.