

**Minutes of the PECO Cross Country League AGM
Held at The Kirkstall Bridge on Monday 18th September 2017**

1. Attendance & Apologies.

The following clubs were represented at the meeting: Abbey Runners, Ackworth Road Runners, Airecentre Pacers, Chapel Allerton Runners, Dragons Running Club, Eccleshill Road Runners, Horsforth Fellandale, Horsforth Harriers, Hyde Park Harriers, Kippax Harriers, Kirkstall Harriers, Knaresborough Striders, Pudsey & Bramley AC, Rothwell Harriers, Roundhay Runners, Saltaire Striders, Valley Striders, Wetherby Runners, Wharfedale Harriers, York Triathlon Club. Andi Barrett (PECO Ltd.) was in attendance.

Apologies were received from: Ilkley Harriers, Nidd Valley Road Runners

2. Matters Arising from the 2016-17 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 League Co-ordinator presented the league accounts (as supplied by the League Treasurer), showing (in summary):

Income: £4774.00

Expenditure: £2374.05

Surplus on the year: £2399.95*

Closing Bank Balance ((01/09/17): £8399.13

* It was noted there were two major items of expenditure yet to be accounted for (senior trophies and series mementoes) which were likely to total around £1500, meaning that the actual surplus on the year was around £900.

The meeting accepted the accounts as a true record.

4. Consideration of Charitable Donations from League Funds

It was proposed, and unanimously agreed, to make a donation to Yorkshire Air Ambulance. This donation will be equal to the League's net surplus on the year (expected to be around £900 – see above). A representative from Yorkshire Air Ambulance will be invited to attend the first race of the upcoming season so that a cheque can be presented.

It was also agreed to make a donation of £50 to the West Park Residents Association in support of their campaign to oppose development of an area of the playing fields, as these fields form part of one of our regular cross country courses.

5. Election of League Officers for 2017-18

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

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

6. Selection of Race Dates & Host Clubs for 2017-18

Following discussion, the following fixtures were agreed:

	Date	Hosts	Assistants	Venue
Race 1	Nov 26 th	Ackworth Road Runners	Eccleshill Road Runners	Nostell Priory
Race 2	Dec 10 th	Kippax Harriers	St Theresa's AC	Temple Newsam Country Park
Race 3	Jan 7 th	Roundhay Runners	Chapel Allerton Runners	Roundhay Park
Race 4	Jan 21 st	Abbey Runners	Horsforth Fellandale	Golden Acre Park
Race 5	Feb 11 th	Rothwell Harriers & Hyde Park Harriers (joint hosts)		Middleton Park
Relays	Mar 25 th	PECO XC League	WYWL	TBA

Please note that all race venues are provisional at this stage, as permission to hold events at these locations has yet to be granted

7. Junior Race Organisation

Bob Jackson (Valley Striders) submitted a series of proposals regarding the organisation of the Junior XC Challenge races at our events. After discussion, the following changes were agreed:

1. The Junior races will be chip timed (chip timing bib tags, similar to those used for the Seniors, will be issued at a cost of £2 each. Race entry fees will remain at £1 *per* race.
2. Juniors will, where possible, be pre-registered by clubs (a spreadsheet will be provided, as for Seniors registration), although registration on the day will still be permitted.
3. Juniors in School Years 2 & 3 will be permitted to run in the 1 mile races (provided that their parent / guardian is confident that they have sufficient experience of 'competitive' running). There will be 2 age categories in the 1 mile races: School Year 2 – 4 and School Year 5 – 6
4. Juniors do not need to be members of League clubs, but should be 'associated' with a UKA-affiliated club (e.g. if a parent is a club member, then the Junior shall be deemed to be 'associated' with that club). Club colours should be worn, but not necessarily a club vest.

8. First Aid Provision

It was agreed that the League would seek to provide external first aid cover (e.g. Red Cross) wherever possible, rather than requiring the host clubs to provide cover. The cost of first aid provision will be covered by the League.

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

No changes have been made to the league structure, or race fees for the upcoming season.

A proposal to increase the number of 'counters' in the Ladies Open divisions from 5 to 6 was considered and approved. This change recognises the relative increase in the number of ladies taking part in our races. No changes have been made to the numbers of 'counters' in the Men's Open or Vets divisions.

It was reported that informal applications to join the League from 3 non-member clubs had been turned down on the basis that the League cannot accommodate a further significant increase in runner numbers due to course capacity and car parking restrictions at many of our venues.

10. PECO v WYWL Relays & League Presentation Event

It was agreed that the Senior individual and team prizes from the 2016-17 season will be presented after the first race of the coming season.

The end-of-season Relays will be hosted by the PECO League at the end of the season (venue TBC), and every effort will be made to find a suitable venue for the presentation of series prizes and distribution of series mementoes immediately after this event.

The importance of member clubs publicising this event, and encouraging members of all standards to take part, was emphasised. Each club (other than those who are already hosting or assisting at a race) will be expected to provide 2 volunteers to help out at the Relays.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss, and the meeting was therefore closed.

Mark Hetherington (PECO Cross Country League Co-ordinator) 12/10/17