

# Yorkshire Veterans' Athletics Association



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## Minutes of AGM August 14th 2022, at West Vale

1. **Apologies:** Will Allan. 17 members attended
2. **Minutes of Meeting, Minutes of AGM March 23rd 2019, at South Leeds GP.** These were read and approved. Proposed by Vicki Hipkiss and seconded by Peter Yates
3. **Matters Arising but not on the Agenda**
  - No matters were raised.
4. **Review of 2019 Season – Rob K**

Rob had supplied the data to the website and copies were available at the meeting. No questions were asked.
5. **Proposal for Officers / Committee 2019**

NOTES below indicate whether present Committee members are willing to continue or not but if they are re-elected this does not exclude other members from standing as additional CM's.

  - **Fixtures Secretary: Vicki Hipkiss (Kirkstall)** who has done an excellent job in coordinating the GP's and Championship events for 2019 and 2022. She is willing to continue.  
Proposed by Rob Kersey. Seconded by Peter Yates. Passed unanimously.
  - **Prizes for GPs: Gav Mullholland (Stainland)** has provided prizes for GP's since 2018 and we have seen an excellent range of prizes on offer. Gav has agreed to continue for one more year so will be looking for a new person in 2023.  
Proposed by Rob Kersey. Seconded by Peter Yates. Passed unanimously.
  - **Membership Secretary. Trevor McDermot (Yorkshire Race Walking)** has taken on this role and is willing to continue.  
Proposed by Rob Kersey. Seconded by Andy Brown. Passed unanimously.
  - **Treasurer. Thomas Sharp (Morley)** has taken over as Treasurer during the year and is willing to continue.  
Proposed by Rob Kersey. Seconded by Peter Yates. Passed unanimously.
  - **Website Designer / Editor. Tim Holt (Steel City)** has taken over as Website Editor and has done a tremendous job of redesigning the website and bringing in online payment for Affiliation and Events.  
Proposed by Rob Kersey. Seconded by Peter Yates. Passed unanimously.
  - **Secretary / Chairman, Trophies for Championships and CC co-ordinator. Rob Kersey (Holmfirth)** is willing to continue.  
Proposed by Neil Midgley. Seconded by Peter Yates. Passed unanimously.
  - **Chris Ireland (Sheffield)** and Jed Turner agreed to help with 2022 Cross Country Championships and take over the role of YVAA Cross Country Coordinator from Rob for 2023. Since then, Jed has decided he is unable to fill this role. Chris is continuing in helping Rob for now and it is hoped will eventually take on full role.  
Proposed by Rob Kersey. Seconded by Stuart Dunbar. Passed unanimously.
  - **Peter Yates (Rothwell), and Brian Hilton (Leeds)** are willing to continue on Committee.  
Proposed by Rob Kersey. Seconded by Jim Weldon. Passed unanimously.

**Non-Committee positions**

  - **Twitter Account. Neil Wallace, (Pudsey Pacers)**
  - **Facebook Group – Rob Kersey (Holmfirth) and Gav Mullholland (Stainland)**

No other offers were received for new members so all those standing are re-elected.

**Secretary's Note:** Subsequent to the meeting **Janine Lee (Crossgates)** agreed to come onto the Committee initially to help with attendance at Championship events and **Alyson Glover (Kirkstall)** has offered to help Gav with the GP prizes. These will both be co-opted on to the Committee till the next AGM.

- 6. Website and Results. John and Trish Popiolek** have done a phenomenal job over many years but expressed a wish to retire at the end of 2020. However, they have now decided that they would like to continue and some Committee Members are also familiarising themselves with the system so they can help and cover.
- 7. Committee Meetings during the Pandemic.** Committee members attempted to keep YVAA going over the pandemic and held Committee Meetings via Zoom. The Facebook group and Virtual events (thanks to Jason Newall) kept many members interested in their running.
- 8. Treasurer's Report – Thomas Sharp**  
Thomas gave a brief outline of the financial situation and the details are shown below.

1 JAN 2019 to 31 DEC 2019	
Opening	£5,686.27
Closing	£7,468.52
<i>PROFIT</i>	£1,782.25
1 JAN 2020 to 31 DEC 2020	
Opening	£7,468.52
Closing	£8,006.01
<i>PROFIT</i>	£537.49
1 JAN 2021 to 31 DEC 2021	
Opening	£8,006.01
Closing	£7,998.35
<i>LOSS</i>	-£7.66
1 JAN 2022 to 14 Aug 2022	
Opening	£7,998.35
As off 14 Aug	£13,224.27
<i>Profit to 14 Aug 2022</i>	£5,225.92

**It should be noted that the profit here was from the last full year of events pre-pandemic.**

**Lockdown after March 2020**

**Some Championship events late in the year for which we had to supply trophies with no income.**

**The first full year of events since 2019. Invoices not yet paid include 1<sup>st</sup> aid for 5 GPs and Trophies for all Road Championship events.**

- 9. Affiliation Fee for 2022 and report on affiliated clubs – Trevor M.** The Affiliation fee remains at £20 for a club and is £10 for an individual for 2022.

- Note: Affiliation – Clubs not paid up by 1st GP, 22nd May will not have been able to Register for GP's and will not be eligible for trophies at any YVAA Championship event.**

- 10. Entry fees for closed (YVAA only) races for 2022 – Rob K.**

We had decided to hold the entry fee at £5 for members of affiliated clubs for 2022 if they pre-entered online but if they entered on the day (assuming the race limit had not been reached) they paid £7.00. After initially trialling this scheme, it was decided to go to online entry only. No entry on the day.

**NOTE: Clubs will still get £1.00 per runner for putting on the race** and apart from funding the permit fee from this all the money goes to the club.  
**From the start of 2022 series, YVAA will reimburse the host club with UP TO £200 towards venue/shower and food costs.** Any spending over this amount should be approved prior to booking. Please contact Vicki Hipkiss or Rob Kersey if any issues.

**NOTE:** While a club cannot claim for food costs and charge for food, they can put out a donations bowl or similar. This can then be used to offset any extra costs above the normal maximum YVAA allowance of £200.

Host club is more than welcome to carry out a club raffle for which the host club can take full proceeds, prizes must be provided.

#### **11. The 2019 Race Programme – Vicki Hipkiss**

With the help of host clubs, a fantastic 7GP's so far and all the usual Championship events.

**2020 Cross Country Championships – Rob K.** Steele City Striders hosted an excellent event at Longley Park, Sheffield. We had good weather and not too much mud considering the winter we had. We used the new distances for women runners and although we could not, please everyone I have had no requests to return to the previous distance. That being the case we will continue next year.

**2022 Cross Country Championships.** Again, hosted by Steel City Striders and another excellent event.

**We are now looking for clubs willing to host the event in the first or second weekend of March 2023. The process starts in earnest in October / November of the previous year so we need someone confirmed by August 2022. Clubs interested in offering to put on the event please contact me at [robhh1950@gmail.com](mailto:robhh1950@gmail.com)**

#### **12. Road Relay Championships 2019 – Rob.** The York event proved very successful although we had a 'few' problems at Registration and with the results. In the end by pulling together we overcame these and we intend to continue with the event provided we can find another venue and someone to organise.

At present we have been unable to find a club willing to host this event so it looks unlikely that we will have a RR Champs in 2022. I will be trying again for 2023.

#### **13. The arrangements for 1st aid,** with St John was to continue for this year although, they are having difficulty staffing events. We have been extremely lucky in that two volunteers have stepped up. Kathryn Waldegrave and Heather Graham. Both are Registered Nurses and Heather's job is teaching first aid, so they're pretty well equipped with skills and knowledge. Where they are unable to help, we will again attempt to get St John or other similar body involved.

- Other providers were looked at but were more expensive.
- For this year Race Organisers will continue to need to supply Rob with:
- Location of start / finish / Registration, including post code if has one
- Date, start time and approx. finish time
- Course description e.g., terrain, likely conditions under foot etc.
- A copy of course map with marshalling points suggested points for 1st Aid stations
- Copy of race risk assessment
- Race organizers contact details
- An Event Plan and a Risk Assessment (details of what's needed is supplied by Rob)
- May also need to supply a "guide" with local knowledge of route and fastest point of access for the mobile 1st Aid team.

#### **14. AOB**

Rob reiterated the need for new "blood" on the Committee to ensure a smooth continuation of the organisation as older members retired.

**Rob K 26/8/2022**