Ambleside AC Committee meeting - Minutes

Tuesday 6th May 2025 @ 8.02pm (Golden Rule)

Present: Chris H, Rob H, Helen H, Katie P, Paula B, Chris R, Matt E, Joe F, Sophie O, Cath M, Chris O

Apologies: Antonia F, Jo S, Andy G

Mixed Relay Selection

No draws necessary as we now have 2 complete teams with correct ages/numbers

AAC Costa Blanca trip 2026??? (Sophie)

After a very successful 2025 trip, Sophie and Kate will look to get something together for same place next year. Info circulated already.

2025 Socials

It was agreed that we should look to organise the following socials in 2025 (events & dates tbc by the new Social Secretary.....thanks Joe)

- Spring social .... Done at Wilfs. High attendance. Thanks Joe
- Summer social (joint Seniors / Juniors daytime event, possibly including joint relay race. Possible location Ambleside Rugby Club).... This has not been possible to sort this year so Joe looking for 2026 now.
- Joe is organising an informal social at Tweedies Bar on 28/6/2025. Details have been circulated already.

Finances

- Current account £600 ish, £9200 deposit account. We have paid out £1300 for new radios, £1000 First Aid courses, £480 Track Hire, £440 SI fees for Wansfell, Loughrigg, Loughrigg Silverhow.
- Made £600 surplus from those 3 races.

Transport to Champs Races

- Slight tweak to be made to the wording to show funding is to cover ferry or minibus costs, or individual exceptions as per approval. Cath suggested more inclusive policy and we confirmed funding applies to all members, not just elite runners. Rob to look at wording policy so in place for 2026 races.

Upcoming Vacancies

- Helen Holcroft to step down at the end of 2025 as Club Secretary after 3 years in role. (note from Chris H...thank you Helen). Katie Percival has volunteered to

take this on as well as remaining Membership Secretary. To be voted in at the AGM along with any other applicants.

- Do we need a training coordinator role? This is being driven potentially by EA introducing regulations around who can lead runs etc. The Juniors are already very regimented and this could be coming for seniors in the near future. So this has led to
- 1…a need for more qualified coaches and 2….do we need a co-ordinator for the training rota? CH to speak to current AAC coaches to get their opinions. Message to be put out immediately for new coaches asap

'Donations

- It has been suggested the Club might make a donation or sponsor a gate or stile. As a club AAC already make several donations every year so before the AGM Rob will get the information together for who we have 'donated' to this year and then we can look at anything further from there, but it was agreed it should be a local charity/organisation.

AOB

- Paula told us that Libby Dixon is stepping down from the Juniors in the summer after 12 years of volunteering. Thankyou Libby, we will miss you.

This means we need more Junior coaches or volunteers asap (already actioned within Juniors section)

- We also have Outdoor First Aid Courses expiring this summer. PB/SHJ/CH to liaise.
- Look North West will be joining the Tues/Fri morning group on 15/8, Kay Crewdson, to do some filming with the group. Cath M organised.
- British Fell Relays…. We will get 5-7 teams max and they will be in Wales. Team captains will look in to joint accommodation
- New Club Skort commissioned by Helen H, to be put on club shop on website vis Coniston Corporate. This has been done and are available now to purchase.

The meeting finished at 9.26pm