

## *From the Archives...*

*This month, we are marking the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Todmorden Harriers. To honour the occasion, we are having a 30k (ish) run (details elsewhere in this Torrier). In true Harriers' style, we are also having a party (details also in this issue) and we have commissioned some special Tod Harriers beer, which is on sale at Bare Arts (opposite Morrisons).*

*As Toddies archivist, I thought it would be a good time to share with you some of the club's past. Courtesy of our club Secretary, Derek Donohue, I have been treated to a glimpse of the minutes of the original Harriers' committee meetings. They make for interesting and sometimes amusing reading and I will be publishing some of the best bits in forthcoming Torriers.*

*For June's contribution, I thought it would be appropriate to start with a reproduction of the minutes of the very first meeting, back in February 1978.*

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### **Todmorden Harriers and Athletic Club**

#### **Inaugural meeting**

This club is formed on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1978.

The meeting opened at 10.30am.

People present:- Elizabeth Stansfield; Trina Link; June Booth; Andrew Hayes; D. Barker; Harry Clayton; Nick Shipton; Kevin Hird; K. Brennan; Eric Stuttard; John Clegg; J. Barrett; D. Duke; John Davidson; John McDonagh; James P. Waterhouse.

Mr J. McDonagh elected as chairman. Proposed: P. Waterhouse. Seconded: June Booth. All in favour.

Mr J.P. Waterhouse elected as Secretary. Prop: J. McDonagh. Seconded: D. Barker. All in favour.

Mr E. Stuttard elected as Treasurer. Prop: J. McDonagh.

Management Committee elected: N. Shipton; D. Barker; H. Clayton; K. Brennan; E. Stansfield; T. Link; J. Booth.

Mr D. Duke elected as Coach. Prop: J.P. Waterhouse. Seconded: E. Stuttard. All in favour.

1. Proposal by H. Clayton. "This club apply to be affiliated to: Northern Counties Athletic Association and Women's Northern Counties Athletic Association".  
Seconded by D. Duke. Motion carried 16 votes to nil.
2. Proposal by D. Barker. "The minimum age of a member should be 9 years and there should be no upper age limit, the club should be an open club". Seconded: H. Clayton. Motion carried 16 votes to nil.
3. Proposal by E. Stuttard. "Subscription rates should be 9yrs-12yrs: 75p; 13yrs to 15yrs: £1.25; 16yrs and over: £2.50". Seconded by D. Duke. Motion carried 16 votes to nil.
4. N. Shipton proposed, "A fee of 10p should be paid for each training session, 5p for the under 12yrs olds". Seconded by J. Booth. All in favour.
5. N Shipton proposed, "Subscription to be paid before the AGM with one month's grace for defaulters". Seconded by E. Stansfield. All in favour.
6. Chairman proposed, "£5 subscription from Honorary members. Subscription to be reviewed at next AGM". Motion carried 16 votes to nil.
7. D. Barker proposed, "that club colours should be white vest with royal blue and red sash. White short with royal blue and red trip". Secretary to investigate (suppliers and prices). Seconded A. Hayes. All in favour.

Next meeting for Committee: Sunday 12/3/78 at 10am.

Meeting closed 12.15hrs.

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*If you have any old race results, press cuttings, etc. which I could use to compile our club archives, please see me at pack runs, or contact me at [claire@todharriers.co.uk](mailto:claire@todharriers.co.uk), or on 01422 846593.*

*Hopefully, I will soon have enough information to be able to start posting it on the website.*

*Best wishes,*

*Claire*