

PERTH STRATHAY HARRIERS
Virtual Committee Meeting
21 January 2021
19:00 hrs

Committee:

JH – President
ND – Vice President / 5pm Coach Representative
BM – Treasurer
JW – Secretary
SR – Membership Secretary
DW – 6pm Coach Representative
CR – 7pm Coach Representative
AH – Parents Representative
GG – Competition Manager
LW – Athlete Representative
IL – Facility Officer
EW – Fundraising Representative
AS – Covid19 Representative

Apologies: BM, AH, IL

AGENDA

1. **Welcome**
2. **Committee Updates**
3. **Athlete Grant Scheme**
4. **Non-Members**

Minutes

1. Welcome

JH welcomed all to our virtual committee meeting and thank all for give the time to attend.

JH acknowledge the efforts that have been made to keep the club activity continuing.

2. Committee Updates

a. President Update

Thanks to everyone who has adjusted to the new normal and the imposed rules/ways of working. I look forward to seeing how our new athlete grant scheme works in operation.

b. Inclusion Group Update

Since September, our inclusion group have (where allowed under COVID-19 regulations) met and trained regularly. The blended approach to training planning has continued with 5 athletes working remotely due to geographic and carer restrictions. I also have to report we have an athlete continuing his journey as part of the GB Paralympic Development Squad.

c. 5pm Group Update

Our five o'clock numbers have slowly increased from when we started in September until the Christmas break with regularly twenty athletes attending in rain, wind, and ice. The wee smiley faces and chat reminds us why we coach. A huge thank you to our brilliant volunteers who have endured the elements every week to support us. Hopefully, it will not be too long until we are back together.

d. Secretary Update

Regular communications have been received from Scottish Athletics with Covid-19 guidance updates and virtual training sessions the latest being at Introduction to Asset Transfer which two of our coaches have shown an interest.

In the current climate we will continue to hold committee meetings on a virtual platform.

e. 6pm Group Update

Since September we have had a few new athletes and numbers have been steady every week. This is really good as the weather at 6pm has not been good but the athletes have not complained and seem to have enjoyed the sessions.

Thanks go to all our volunteers including our older athletes who have continued to help and encourage every week.

Hopefully, it won't be too long until we are all back at training.

f. Treasurer Update

Just to confirm we have around ££ in the current account along with various reserve accounts and remainder in RBS.

Regarding the RBS accounts I will restructure to Barclays as per JH recommendation when the lockdown eases.

Similarly, with transfer of accounts papers for verification.

g. 7pm Group Update

Since the restart in September the 7pm group athletes have returned to training with enthusiasm. Numbers have been steady through the period from September to Christmas, affected by athletes who have had to isolate due to COVID cases within their schools.

The lack of indoor facilities has, on occasion, been a challenge the same as it has to all the other groups. Only 1 session has been close to cancellation due to the weather and many of the athletes have continued to attend even when the weather has been less than ideal!

A huge thank you as always to our volunteers who have coped with the restrictions and constant changes and continue to deliver quality sessions for our athletes.

We hope that it will not be too long before restrictions start to be eased again and we can see a return to track training.

h. Fundraising Rep Update

Despite the situation we found ourselves in in 2020 with lack of competitions, which meant no tea tent money or the continuation of the spike swap, there was still the opportunity for some fundraising.

EW and LW took part in the virtual London marathon in October raising funds for the club.

Our 5pm and 6pm athletes did a sponsored jump to replace the usual fun run raising funds for the club.

i. Athlete Rep Update

No update as no athletes have raised any issues.

Maybe an opportunity to highlight the role of the athlete rep on fb/website would be beneficial.

3. Athlete Grant Scheme

The Athlete Grant Scheme will launch 1st February 2021, announcements will be circulated on our social media, website.

The link to the application form will be available on our website.

This initial trial run will give a good idea of how much interest is generated in the Athlete Grant Scheme.

The committee/coaches have been asked to ensure the scheme is well advertised and passed to athletes who will match the criteria.

4. Non-Members

There has been concerns raised relating to athletes attending training who are not members of Perth Strathtay Harriers.

Where coaches have identified athletes attending training sessions who are not members of Perth Strathtay Harriers (the membership secretary can verify membership status).

It agreed at committee meeting the following stages for ensuring all athletes training and competing with Perth Strathtay Harriers must have a current membership.

- a) Coaches are responsible for ensuring athletes attending training sessions or competing in competition under Perth Strathtay Harriers have a current membership (the membership secretary can verify membership status)
- b) Only athletes with a valid membership will be covered under Perth Strathtay Harriers insurance
- c) The Coach must contact the parent/guardian advising that the athlete cannot participate with Perth Strathtay Harriers until membership is completed.
- d) If an athlete continues to come to training without membership, they will be asked to leave.
- e) Were a coach makes the decision to continue training athletes who do not have a valid membership the coach will be fully responsible and liable for said athlete(s)

Perth Strathtay Harriers will always support athletes who maybe experiencing financial hardship.

Next Committee Meeting

March/April 2021 to be confirmed.