Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 13th July 2026
Attendees: GRC Committee members
Time: 8pm
Location: Jubilee Church

1. Apologies

Sarah High.

Present: Zoë Wragg, Fraser Marshall, Kate Marshall, Matthew Atter, Russell Maksymiw, Sylv Hull, Sam Dodwell, Nicci Whittaker, Russel Whittaker, Ros Sadler, Cameron Hoggan, Rick Dobbs, Julie Gilbert and Darren Harley.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday 1st June 2026, were signed off by the Committee.

3. Actions from the last meeting

Task	Description	Responsible	Status
1	Delete Dropbox files that are no longer required.	Shull	Ongoing

Task 1: This task is ongoing, but the Committee meeting minutes are now on the club website, so these historical documents will now be removed from the club Dropbox.

4. Finance

Cameron provided the Committee with the following Finance report:

Current: £5,571.70
Liquidity manager: £5,115.20
Reserve: £1,034.47

Summer Solstice:
income: £11,666.63
Expenditure: £10,147.88
Profit: £1,518.75

5. Membership

Kate informed the Committee of the latest membership figures.

We have 238 members in total:

4 life members.

232 first claim members.

2 second claim members.

There is one more membership yet to be processed, and it is hoped that the beginners' group will also lead to some full club membership.

It was agreed that those not renewing their club membership would be removed from the club Facebook group very soon, as well as the various WhatsApp groups.

6. Correspondence

Sylv presented the Committee with a message regarding the provision of club training runs during periods of hot weather and the recent cancellation of club sessions. This included discussion around the decision to cancel a track session, while the GAC session proceeded as planned.

The Committee noted that the current England Athletics guidance is open to interpretation and discussed the issue at length. It was agreed that decisions regarding the safety of leading a run in hot weather should rest with the individual Run Leader, rather than being made as a blanket club-wide decision. The Committee also agreed that track sessions may require different consideration due to the availability of facilities such as shade, water and easier access to assistance.

It was agreed that Run Leaders should be consulted on whether they consider conditions safe to lead a session. The Committee was informed that the previous decision to cancel club runs had been communicated via the Run Leaders' WhatsApp group.

The cancellation of club runs on the day before the GP 5K race was also discussed. The Committee agreed that participation in organised races remains a matter for the race organiser and the individual runner.

The Committee agreed that it should provide guidance and advice to Run Leaders on running in hot weather, but that the final decision on whether to lead a session should rest with the individual Run Leader. Where a Run Leader decides not to lead, the session would not be regarded as an official Grantham Running Club run.

It was further agreed that information and guidance on running safely in hot weather, including advice on reducing pace, distance and intensity, would be published on the club website.

7. Club Welfare

Sylv informed the Committee that there were 2 Welfare courses available in August, which comprised of online Zoom calls. Zoë and Sylv agreed to enrol for the Safeguarding course, which is required prior to undertaking the Welfare course.

8. Club Development

Ros reported that Mathew Sadler was happy to become an ARC run leader.

9. Kit

Sam let the Committee know that there was an income of £2412 for kit, and an expenditure of £3800.31. There was also a refund of £24.

Sam informed the Committee know that the kit was currently at a loss of £1412.31 (£1446.31 when including the Run Leader tops).

10. AOB

Summer Solstice

Nicci informed the Committee that there were 520 entries for the Solstice, with 399 runners taking part in the race. The Committee agreed that this was probably down to the hot weather, and maybe a new course, venue, etc.

Nicci also reported that 66% of runners were unaffiliated.

Nicci reported that there were no medical incidents. The only feedback from the race adjudicator was that the marshals must say 'keep left' out loud.

It was agreed that more RTOs (road traffic officers) would be required next year (hopefully 2 more). This is a 1-day online training course. More 'arrows' would also be required.

Nicci said she was pleased with the new location of Ropsley, and she had received great feedback from runners on the location, route and pacers, and from residents. Traders at the race also did very well.

It was agreed that timing equipment would be purchased before next years race.

Nicci also informed the Committee that she had been approached by a member of the Solstice team asking whether the club had a policy of claiming expenses. The Committee was informed that the club does not have an expenses policy.

Club 5K

Fraser spoke on behalf of the Club 5K team and informed the Committee that the 5k team had observed that the race took a lot of effort for just 64 runners. It was acknowledged that the heat had reduced participation, but that to justify the effort, the club should look to opening it up to more runners to make it viable and self-funding.

Work was required to ensure more effective road closures next time. A failure by the council to notify the club its road closure application had been successful in good time meant we did not put out advance notification of a closure as we should have done.

Those that took part liked the course, although the consensus in the 5k team was that the start should be moved nearer to the village, as the turning point was too close to the main road.

The village feedback was very positive, and they would like to make it bigger next year, possibly with food being provided.

Andrew Pask is to upload the results onto PO10, which will require the assistance of Kate for runner URN numbers, etc.

The club was disappointed that Sleaford Striders, who were invited to the race, only provided 1 runner to the event, who subsequently had to drop out (although it was noted that this individual did notify the Club Secretary and Run Director that she would not be able to take part).

Club Headphone Policy

After discussion, it was agreed that headphones should not be worn for any club activity, as per the club policies.

It was agreed that a reminder would be posted, quoting the club risk assessment.

The policy of not allowing any form of headphones, including bone-conduction headphones, at the Summer Solstice race would remain.

Club Handicap

The club handicap will take place on Thursday 3rd September, at 6pm. Further details will be finalised in due course.

Club BBQ

It was agreed by the Committee that the club BBQ, scheduled for Wednesday 15th July would be postponed due to the World Cup Semi-final.

A new date of Thursday 23rd July was agreed.

2026 GRC AGM

A date for the 2026 GRC AGM was discussed, and this will take place on Friday, 23rd October.

Quiz Night

Sam informed the Committee that there were currently 57 people down to attend the club Quiz Night, forming 10 teams.

Sylv let the Committee know that more raffle prizes were needed.

It was agreed that the Quiz details would be sent to the Grantham Journal and Grantham Matters to help publicise the event.

Addendum

Following the charity quiz event, the committee agreed that the club would contribute towards the venue hire costs, thereby increasing the overall donation to Kesteven Rideability.

The justification was that the quiz was a social event, put on by the club for club members and the local community to enjoy and as such the committee agreed is a reasonable activity on which to spend club funds. Ticket prices were kept low to make the event as accessible as possible.

Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Monday, 24th August.

Meeting Closure.