

Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers & AC Committee Meeting

Thursday 13 December 2018

Chaired by Keith Mulholland

Time: 20:15 Venue: Athletics Club House

Attendees

KM, GL, BM, PL, MG, R'OK, EB, BL

Apologies

CR, RH, GB, KE

1. Agreement of previous Meeting's Minutes

Agreed

2. Correspondence (CR)

Update from CR: All dealt with

3. Club Membership (JB)

Update from JB: I've no membership issues at the moment: we currently have 716 members: but Trev Longman has mentioned a couple of times to me that he'd like to give up the role of club colours/clothing at the end of the year: also I know he's away for a month in January: so now might be a good time to ask around for a successor.

Post meeting Steve Swallow has already stepped forward and has had a brief meeting with Trevor.

Membership fees will be kept at the current level for 2019/2020

4. Finance (MG)

The club is in a healthy financial position. The track fees collected have been sufficient to pay hire fees. Any surplus income from track fees will be held in reserve for coaching and additions to the MADF fund when the indoor plan goes ahead. The club paid the new affiliation fee to Northern Athletics of £968 (£2 per EA member).

5. Communications Update (KM)

Efforts are on-going to update the website. Ewan Edmondson is helping with this task. Some quotations have been acquired from external companies. The Comms group will meet again in January to decide a way forward.

6. Club Development Plan (BM)

Craig Roberts completed a Field Judge course recently. Additional time-keepers and track judges are required.

7. Track & Field Maintenance (BL)

The club will continue to request essential maintenance at the track. Various items have been highlighted to Everybody Sport. The track requires refurbishment in 2020. Everybody Sport have been informed of this.

8. Track and Field/Sports hall (BM)

Nana Whitlock has taken on the role of Team Manager. The U11 Girls fielded a strong team and are tied in 1st place in the league. Aadi Whitlock will be invited to represent Cheshire in the regional finals.

Indoor T&F have been competing in Sheffield and Sale Open meetings. Indoor age group championships will be held in the New Year in Sheffield.

T&F dates for meetings are now arranged for next year. Three home fixtures have been arranged (Cheshire, Northern and YDL in July)

9. Cross Country (RH & DP)

A quick summary of the cross country season - we have had record numbers across the age groups with over 125 runners competing. We are in the running for multiple medals at the final North Staffs race with the current division leaders being, our U13 boys, U17 Men, Senior Men and Men Masters (40+). Our U13 girls are currently third in their table, as well as our Men's Veteran team (50+).

We are well placed in the Manchester Leagues with once again excellent performances from our juniors.

The remaining races of the season include 2 more Manchester Area Cross Country fixtures, the Cheshire Championship race at Forest Park, Birchwood, the Northern Cross Country Championship races at Pontefract and the English National Championships at Harewood House, Leeds.

All dates and entry details are available on our website.

10. Road Running/Road Handicap (RO'K)

Last Road Race for 2018 was Stockport 10. Final results for the Road Running Champs are currently being calculated and will be released by the end of the year. First races for 2019 have been announced on the club website and Facebook. Just waiting for the races for the Cheshire Road Race Champs to be announced before the full race schedule for 2019 is released. Will try to include all the local races organised by running clubs.

11. Fell Running (GB)

Terry's memorial run was very successful, it was great to see so much support from all members of the club. Next year it will be held as an affiliated race. 2019 Fell champs have been finalised and are now on the Forum and Facebook Page. There will be 28 races which includes 2 mini series. High Fell and Summer. Runners need to complete 10 races to qualify. We are looking at holding navigational skills sessions and Wednesday night training sessions which all groups can participate in, ie Hill Reps and confidence building sessions for runners new to Fell Running. We will be aiming to enter strong teams for the Hodgson Brother Relays and National Fell Relays next year. National Fell Relays are local as they are being hosted by Dark Peak.

Emma Beveridge (EB) is taking over from Julie Gardner as ladies' Fell rep. She will take over the ladies role on the relays from Rachael Lawrence too.

GB and EB are going to alternate in terms of attendance at the committee meeting

12. Statistics (KE)

Updated position on the club stats role:

1st part of handover complete - thanks to Nicky T

2nd part (Track & Field elements) - NT to explain and support KE through 1st events of the coming season.

Generic email account set-up and in working order - thanks to John Bunyan for setting up.

Updated version of club stats uploaded on a monthly basis to the website. Thanks to Julian B for help with this.

No issues or questions outstanding.

13. Publicity (GL)

The Macclesfield Express had an October article on Fell Relays. The November article was on "Run and Talk" and December will feature Cross Country. January article will be on Indoor Sports Hall and February Cross Country end of season. All ideas for the monthly articles, and any significant results/news items that could be publicised 'as and when' should be sent to publicity@macclesfield-harriers.co.uk

14. AGM and presentation evening

The AGM has been booked for Friday 22nd March at Macclesfield Rugby Club.

BL to set up a meeting in Late Jan of sub group to finalise awards in all categories ready for returned trophies etc to be engraved. In the meantime can section heads start to get awards back- fell, road, XC, and special awards- Details of last year's awards on club website.

15. Any other business

A bench to commemorate Terry Neild will be placed in Macclesfield Forest, subject to approval from United Utilities.

15.1. Guide runners (CR)

Update from CR: Currently EA are not running courses for Guide runners. There are qualified Guide runners in Cheshire East and their contact details can be found on the EA website. If we want to offer this as a training course for our members in the future the course cost is between £20 and £30

15.2. Contacts on MH Website (KM)

Current contact details on the website can only be accessed using a PC and not from a tablet or phone. This will be remedied with the new website.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 28th February, 8:15 pm in the Clubhouse

KM – Keith Mulholland, CR – Christine Ritchie, MG – Mark Godden, GB – Graham Brown, BM – Barbara Murray, BL – Bob Lynch, RO'K – Ray O'Keefe, RH – Rob Hasler, KE – Kim Eastham, GL – Gillian Lindsey, AG – Alison Gunn, DP – Daisy Pickles, EB - Emma Beveridge