

Final Minutes for Macclesfield Harriers & AC Committee Meeting

Tuesday 24th July 2018

Chaired by Keith Mulholland

Time: 20:15 Venue: Athletics Club House

Apologies – RO’K, AG, NT, GB, RH, BL

1. Agreement of previous Meeting’s Minutes

All agreed

2. Correspondence (CR)

Dealt with

3. Club Membership (MG) (JB)

We have about 685 'renewed' members on the database at the moment. For the first time in a while the senior membership is now quite a lot bigger than the juniors. Sarah to let MG know how many among the juniors are 'pending' (i.e. with her and not yet on the membership list). Just getting a few (say 5) new joiners a week at the moment.

Very rough breakdown.....

	M	F
U11	33	29
U13	36	39
U15	23	20
U17	14	13
Junior	11	5
Senior	209	224

MG asks that members who haven’t paid this year’s fees do so promptly please.

4. Finance (MG)

Club finances are healthy and track fees are being covered.

5. Communications Update (GB)

The club needs a person to head up the commissioning of a person/company to revamp the club website. KM to post on Facebook/website for a volunteer.

6. Club Development Plan (BM)

Gamechangers: As a result of participating in the Gamechangers project (which is drawing to an end) we now have additional young officials and coaches supporting the club.

Volunteers: MHAC participated in an England Athletics Volunteer workshop on Tuesday 12th June at the Club House. A draft Volunteer action plan is being developed from this, but we need more volunteers to see through some of the actions.

Track nights: The 3 throws sessions with Matt Lambey were very successful, coaches and athletes enjoyed the sessions in brilliant sunshine and are using the new skills in training and competition.

Star Track: The week long Star track summer athletics course for 9-15 year olds is going well, with around 45 participants. Our two newly qualified coaches, Rob and Peter are assisting Anna Carey and her team.

Under 9 sessions: BM will meet with the Leisure centre manager in August to discuss re-introduction of the fun and agility sessions on Saturday mornings for under 9s.

7. Track & Field Maintenance (BL)

The Long Jump runway retexturing is still programmed to go ahead, but it is the council's responsibility to get the work done. The ESAR management have not yet been told when this is scheduled, but rumour has it that September is likely.

The Steeplechase water jump leak has been fixed.

BL will compile a list of relatively small items of maintenance in September. This will cover the next 12 months.

8. Track and Field/Sports hall (BM)

We have had 3 home fixtures this year - two Cheshire Leagues and one Northern League. These have been well supported in most age groups - with 90 athletes turning out for the first Cheshire League. We are doing well in all the leagues - all credit to the athletes, team managers, volunteers and officials supporting the events.

Northern Men's and Ladies League

After 3 rounds, Macclesfield are currently lying 1st in the Div 4W league table. Promotion is looking possible, but we need a good turnout in the 4th round **at Wrexham on 4th August.**

Youth Development League

At the final round in Wigan last weekend, Macclesfield secured an excellent 3rd place, giving 4th overall in the league to remain in this league next year.

Cheshire League

Currently we are in 3rd position both overall and in Under 11s, with the final match to come on 2nd September.

Sportshall training

Under 11s will be training indoors on Tuesdays Oct 16 - Dec 18. Sportshall to be booked.

9. Cross Country (RH & DP)

Nothing to report

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

Road running is going well and there is good participation in club road races.

Running group leaders are to meet to discuss progression between run groups and the recruitment of new leaders.

11. Fell Running (GB)

Wednesday night summer series

With just 2 more races to go, Cracken Edge and Eccles Pike, Robbie Peal has already secured overall 1st for the men. Kathleen O'Donnell looks odds on to be first lady.

Fell championships

Dave Brockbank leads the championship, but Robbie Peel and Chris Bentley have a race in hand. Alannah Birtwistle is just ahead of Kathleen O'Donnell for the ladies.

British fell relays - Ambleside 20 October

The Club has 5 teams entered: Open, v40 and V50 men's and v40 and v50 ladies.

MG reported that 19 harriers in total ran the Snowdon trail marathon/half marathon/ultra in July. Great achievement from those harriers.

12. Statistics (NT)

NT has nothing to report. One person is interested in taking over NT's role in club statistics. NT to facilitate this.

13. Publicity (GL)

Some great articles in the Macclesfield Express over the past few months, celebrating the good things that go on in the club. The recent article about volunteer game-changers was excellent.

GL will contact section heads for further ideas for newspaper articles. It was suggested that articles may focus on run leaders and track coaches over next few months.

14. Macclesfield Half Marathon (Mandy Calvert)

Organisation is progressing to plan.

Entries are about 40 down on 2017 at this time with the 5K and Fun run about the same. Our main priority is to get entries, especially teams in the Community Challenge. This is something that all club members could help with. Getting a team together from their school, work, community group etc.

Entries to date:

275 Half

93 5K

18 fun run

MC spoke to Congleton HM and they have less than 100 entries to date.

We have had a brilliant response to sponsorship raising over £6.5k. Macclesfield Borough Council are the Headline sponsor for the Half Marathon and JJ Cookson for the 5K. We have over 12 small community sponsors too.

Dave Larkin has been leading series of monthly 5K to Half Training Runs. The next one is at Alderley Park on 4th August.

We have music for 2018 and have 2 bands who will be playing at points on the course.

First Aid Cover will be from SJA and Traffic Management from SEP.

The relationship with Everybody is OK and MC would like to speak to them especially around catering. They seem to think that they have a right to provide catering. This is not in the terms of the Track Hire which we pay for, but I do want an amicable solution. We will be selling cakes and soft drinks as usual. If Everybody want a catering marquee as in 2017, I want to ask them for a donation or 20-30% of their takings.

Ray still needs a Sector Marshall and a call has gone out to club members to ask for volunteers. There has been a good response to date, but always need more!

I have attached a picture of the 2018 medal. Karl Downing from Rossendale and Macc Harriers has done a great job with the new 2018 Branding and design.

The main challenge is to get more people to sign up. We are ready for you! It is difficult to reach all club members as they are all in different FB groups, but the committee are going to different runs and using their contacts.

I would also like to express my thanks on behalf of the committee to all the club members who give up their time, without which we could not run this event.

15. Any other business

15.1. Hardcopy historical paperwork (CR)

All historical paperwork is to be kept. Going forward, Dropbox will be used to store club paperwork.

15.2. Juniors' presentation

BM and club coaches to look at improving the presentation evening for juniors. This may involve 'fun sports' and improved catering arrangements

Next Meeting – Thursday 20 September at 8:15pm

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, NT – Nicky Tasker, GL – Gillian Lindsey, AG – Alison Gunn, DP – Daisy Pickles, MC – Mandy Calvert