

Final Minutes for Macclesfield Harriers & AC Committee Meeting

Thursday 4 July 2019

Chaired by Emma Beveridge

Time: 20:15 Venue: Macclesfield Leisure Centre Cafe

Apologies

JB, RH, KE, AB

1. Agreement of previous Meeting's Minutes

Agreed

2. Correspondence (CR)

Update from CR: All dealt with

3. Club Membership (JB)

Our membership currently stands at 762, see below... possibly an all-time record for the 'post-renewal' period. About 35% of juniors, and about 65% of seniors, from last year's membership renewed (rough figures only because folk join and leave during the year). This is about par with previous years.

	Female	Male	Total
U11	31	30	61
U13	37	44	81
U15	21	21	42
U17	20	18	38
Junior	2	9	11
Senior	45	57	102
Veteran	57	78	135
SuperVet	163	129	292
Totals	376	386	762
Junior (<23)	111	122	233
Senior (>23)	265	264	529
Totals	376	386	762
U20	104	105	209
20-29	12	13	25
30-39	40	27	67
40-49	79	51	130
50-59	92	72	164
60+	32	56	88

Average age 45.8

4. Finance (MG)

MG noted that 103 of the stated members above have not paid their fees for this year. If you are one of the members who has not paid, please do so immediately.

MG will be chasing up anyone who has not paid and will ask group leaders to do the same. Please help by paying your fees immediately.

Club funds are in a healthy position with some money put aside to support the new indoor facility which we hope will be built soon.

5. Communications Update

The communications subcommittee will be instructing a company from Keswick to proceed with developing the new web site. The new web site will include sections for archiving historical posts; online kit-purchase; membership renewal as well as the traditional running/athletics pages. The development company will also provide training to the club's web site administrators. Another benefit of the new web site is that it will be more secure than the current one and it will also be available as an app on mobile phones.

6. Club Development Plan (BM)

A new manager for the Club Development Plan is required – BM has led this very successfully for many years and will now be moving to manage the Track and Field section in addition to her extensive coaching duties.

7. Track & Field Maintenance (BL)

There are many outstanding maintenance issues. The long-jump runway and the floodlighting problems continue to be unresolved and Cheshire East do not yet have a plan for resolution despite frequent requests.

The club is planning to invite local councillors and David Rutley MP to the track on 22 September to highlight the problems.

The track is due to be re-textured in 2020 – again pressure is to be put on Cheshire East to ensure that this is done. This is essential as in 2020 'TrackMark' accreditation will be required and as the track stands now it would fail.

If we get nowhere with putting pressure on Cheshire East, DK suggested that we should invite TrackMark to audit the track this year so that we can highlight the specific problems to Cheshire East rather than waiting for the formal 2020 assessment.

Everybody Sport & Leisure are responsible for 'fittings' at the track; although they are generally very good at their maintenance obligations, the buggy is now beyond repair and a replacement has been ordered. The winch system for the floodlights has been taken off site to ensure that it is safe and serviced.

8. Track and Field/Sports hall (BM)

- Youth Development League:
 - The U13 and U15 teams have had a great season and are currently second in the league. The final fixture is on 20 July and it is hoped that MHAC will win promotion.
- Cheshire League:

- So far there has been only one fixture – Macclesfield won. The second fixture is on 6 July
- There is a shortage of senior competitors
- Northern League:
 - The U17, U20 and Seniors are struggling for team members, particularly seniors and senior ladies
 - The next meet is on 14 July at Macclesfield. Hillary West manages the ladies and Robbie Finnis is the men's team manager. Please contact them if you are willing to compete.
 - The B, C and D road running groups will be contacted via Facebook to encourage them to support the track events

9. Cross Country (RH)

Nothing to report

10. Road Running (RO'K)

The road running season is going very well with a good turnout at all local races. The recent road handicap was well supported and a great evening's running. Thanks to RO'K for organising. RO'K suggested that next year's event should be followed by a Summer BBQ/Social Evening at the track.

The 2019 Not Langley not 7 will take place on the morning of Sat 26th October, ie a week earlier than previously. This is to avoid a clash with the Christmas tree sales in the car parking area: they use it from 1st November onwards. As last year, a morning race. It's currently about half full, 170 or so out of 350 entries we will take. Cake baking well underway.

11. Fell Running (DK/AB)

The Fell Group is well supported. We now have a ladies' rep (Alannah Birtwistle) and a men's rep (Dennis Kentrop).

The Monday evening group runs from Tegg's Nose and is led by JB.

The Wednesday evening group varies its start point – DK posts the run on Facebook each week. There is often a slower group as well as the main group.

Many Fell Races are scheduled on a Wednesday evening as part of the summer series.

The Sunday group is organised by Dave Tucker (DK is planning to discuss with DT the possibility of having two groups on a Sunday – one fast and one slower).

The Tegg's Nose fell race will take place Sat 3rd Aug at 2.30ish. Stephanie Wood is organising this traditional fell race which takes place alongside the sheepdog trails. All welcome to either run and/or marshal. Please let Stephanie know if you are able to help in any way.

The High Fell series has been very well attended.

There is also a lot of interest in this year's Fell Relays. There are some good local routes in the relays which might be useful for a fast Sunday run.

The Bob Graham plaque in the clubhouse will be updated soon with Tom Whittington's name – Congratulations Tom! To date 60 Macclesfield Harriers have completed this gruelling fell run.

12. Statistics (KE)

KE has recently updated club records on the web site and in the clubhouse. Please let her know if you think that you can claim a new record.

13. Publicity (GL)

Please let GL know about any achievements/promotions/successes that she could include in her reports to the Macc Express.

Macclesfield Express continue to publish a monthly article relating to our club. Upcoming plans are for July and August articles to be written by junior club members.

September's focus will be on cross-country.

October will look at the fell relays.

14. Club Colours – Update (MG)

Nothing to report

15. Club Library - Update (MG)

Nothing to report

16. Any other business

16.1. New Website (EB)

See communications above

16.2. New Club Secretary (CR)

Lynne Graves has kindly volunteered to take over the secretarial role as CR will be busy with family matters soon and will be away from Macclesfield regularly.

16.3. Clothes swap/sale (GL)

GL will be holding a one-off club kit swap/sale in aid of the MaccRunFest charity partners. EB will post on Facebook how donations of kit/running shoes can be made.

We all have newish items of kit we never use, or perhaps bought running shoes that don't fit, or perhaps (juniors) grown out of – this is a good opportunity to recycle them and raise some more money for our charities.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 3 October 2019 at 8:15 in the Leisure Centre Cafe

EB – Emma Beveridge, CR – Christine Ritchie, MG – Mark Godden, BM – Barbara Murray, BL – Bob Lynch, RO'K – Ray O'Keefe, RH – Rob Hasler, KE – Kim Eastham, GL – Gillian Lindsey, DK – Dennis Kentrop, AB – Alannah Birtwistle, LG – Lynne Graves, JB – Julian Brown