

Draft minutes of Macclesfield Harriers & AC Committee Meeting

Thursday 17th May 2018

Chaired by Keith Mulholland

Time: 20:15 Venue: Athletics Club House

Apologies: GB

Attendees: CR, NT, MG, RO'K, KM, GL, MC, BM

1. Agreement of previous Meeting's Minutes

Agreed

2. Correspondence (CR)

Complete

3. Club Membership (MG)

MG pointed out the discrepancies between membership numbers and payments. The approximate figures are:

MH Members	MH Paid Members	MH Unpaid Members	EA Members	EA Paid Members	EA Unpaid Members
768	585	180	503	400	103

MG is finding there are difficulties in reconciling memberships with payments. KM is to discuss options to simplify this with MG and JB.

Track fees are covering the cost of hiring the track.

4. Finance (MG)

The club finances are in a healthy position.

5. Club Volunteers (BM)

Volunteers: Nick Settle (England Athletics) is running a volunteer workshop for the club on Tuesday 12th June 6.30-8.30. This is to review volunteering at the club and develop an action plan to encourage more volunteers. We have a cross section of the club participating in the workshop including: parents, coaches, club officers and representatives from most of the sections.

Track nights: Anna Carey has secured England Athletics funding for a Senior Level Throws coach to come to the club for 3 sessions to work with our throws coaches and athletes on technical development.

6. Communications Update (GB)

This hasn't really progressed. GB's working arrangements have changed, so he doesn't think he can lead this going forward although he is happy to contribute.

7. Club Development Plan (BM)

T&F Officials: Our new officials have been progressing towards their Level One Officials License by officiating at the first few track events, so far 6 new officials have been involved in the first 3 events.

Gamechangers: One of the young people has switched from officiating to coaching within the scheme and England Athletics are funding his coaching assistant qualification. In addition the club is funding another young volunteer to become an assistant coach.

8. Track & Field Maintenance (BL)

BL has met with the new leisure centre manager, Stuart Smith. Stuart is keen to resolve the track maintenance issues and is to meet with the council next week.

9. Macclesfield Park Run (Update from NG)

The 'core team' for Macc parkrun have worked tirelessly over the past few months and this resulted in a 'test event' on 21st April with about 30 runners, loads of volunteers and a full course setup. This went well and the inaugural event was held on 28th April when 367 runners came along to a very successful launch event. The first event was intended to be 'low key' to give the team a chance to get teething problems sorted but the power of social media took over...hence the large numbers.

There were 88 'first timers' (new to parkrun) so it seems to have gained interest in the town. There were a lot of runners from MHAC and Bollington as well. The course does require quite a bit of set up and a good number of volunteers so that will need to be watched going forward.

The core team is a good one and they do have a good list of volunteers lined up. Tim Marsh (Macc Harrier) along with Jim Nettle and Eve Taylor (parkrun Ambassador) has been very instrumental in the success and there are several Harriers playing an active role.

Basically the message is that parkrun in Macclesfield is up and running and hopefully the club and community will see the benefits.

10. Track and Field/Sports hall (BM)

T&F Newsletter: First issue produced in March to encourage T&F participation across all age groups and disciplines and to make sure all athletes are aware of forthcoming events. *Suggested that the newsletter should be in the drop down section of T&F on the website.*

T&F leagues: The first two league matches were well supported. U13/U15 were placed 3rd in the YDL and Seniors/U17 WON the first Northern League match. More volunteers are still needed for the

first Cheshire league match on 2nd June and the second one on 24th June which we are also hosting at Macclesfield.

Cheshire Championships 60 MHAC athletes entered between them won 21 Gold, 23 silver and 14 bronze, in addition to lots of PBs. *BM to send information to GL for the Macc Express*

Many thanks to everyone involved in the planning and running of this event.

11. Cross Country (RH & DP)

No Report

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

Good harrier turnout for road races. Unfortunately a few races have had dates changed – these are published on the website.

RO'K is organising the Club Handicap road race. This will be on June 6th from the clubhouse.

13. Fell Running (GB)

There have been strong performances across all races with Harriers picking up many category and team prizes, including the ladies at Fairfield Horseshoe.

Over 30 Harriers competed in Anniversary Waltz and Teenager with Altitude in the Lakes.

Robbie Peel and Kathleen O'Donnell represented Cheshire at Inter-counties Champs.

GB is currently trying to organise teams for both the British fell relays and Hodgson Brothers mountain relays in October.

14. Statistics (NT)

Lots of new records are being achieved in road and track/field. NT is updating the club spreadsheet. NT has filled this role for the past five years and is looking to hand it over at the end of the summer. If anyone would like take on this role, please make contact.

15. Publicity (GL)

MC has been given a civic award for her work with the Macclesfield Half Marathon. Congratulations Mandy!

GL continues to give the club a high profile in the Macclesfield Express. In June there will be a Fell Running report in the paper and July will focus on Track and Field.

GL would like any newsworthy items to be sent to her.

16. Track hire renewal 2018-19 and any other regular renewals?

Following the confusion over this year's booking, MG will be responsible for renewing the track booking and any other regular bookings.

17. 401 foundation Crowd funding (KM)

Ben Smith's email was discussed and it was decided to leave any support to individuals rather than the club donating. At some point in the future the club may decide to nominate Ben's charity as the beneficiary of a race.

18. AGM and Prize giving evening

The evening was a great celebration of athletic achievements. The event this year was over-catered and more advertising is needed next year.

BM would like to make the track and Field awards, which take place at the clubhouse, a little more special. This was agreed.

19. Macclesfield Half Marathon (Mandy Calvert)

MC was pleased to report that there are already 200 runners entered in the race. A main sponsor for the event has not yet been secured but eight small companies are donating towards the event. Ron Hill will be donating prizes for the Community Challenge.

DL will be starting training runs at the beginning of June to take runners from 5k to half marathon. This year's charities are Rossendale and Just Drop In. Thanks to Karl from Rossendale for the redesign of the Macclesfield Half logo.

20. Any other business

20.1. Hardcopy historical paperwork (CR)

BL to decide whether or not to keep a hard copy of most things.

20.2. £4£ fundraising possibilities – unfortunately I have been unable to secure any funding (CR)

No further action.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 24th July 2018 at 8.15

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, DL – Dave Larkin, MC – Mandy Calvert, NG – Neil Gunn