

Final minutes for Macclesfield Harriers & AC Committee Meeting

Thursday 2 May 2019

Chaired by Emma Beveridge

Time: 20:15 Venue: Athletics Club House

Apologies

KE, GB

1. Agreement of previous Meeting's Minutes

Agreed

2. Membership fees proposed changed from AGM discussion

Discussion postponed until 2020

3. Correspondence (CR)

Update from CR: All dealt with

4. Club Membership (JB)

Membership is around a very healthy 700 mark. For the future, Mark, Julian and Justin will investigate the England Athletics Membership Package to manage our club membership.

5. Finance (MG)

The club funds are in a very healthy position but the club still needs to ensure that expenditure over the year does not exceed income. Most members have renewed their membership but there are still 150 people who have not yet paid. To make the Treasurer's life easier, please can all outstanding membership fees be paid immediately. The open meet to celebrate 20 years of the new athletics track was very successful and made approximately £400 profit. This will be ploughed back into coaching and into MADF.

In the near future the club will need to buy:

- A new flag
- New skipping ropes
- Marshall's bags containing emergency first aid equipment
- Paediatric first aid courses for junior coaches
- Run Leader courses, including some for Fell leaders

6. Communications Update (GB)

See AOB

7. Club Development Plan (BM)

BM is to step down from managing the Club Development Plan. A replacement is required so if you would be interested, please contact any member of the committee.

8. Track & Field Maintenance (BL)

The Leisure Centre continues to complete the small jobs that have been identified. The two outstanding large jobs (Long Jump run-up and eight non-working floodlights) are the responsibility of Cheshire East who continue to ignore the problems. BM is again going to chase up these jobs.

9. Track and Field/Sports hall (BM)

The season has started well with a successful YDL meet recently at Blackpool. The U13s and U15s came fourth out of 8 teams which is a great start to their season. The Cheshire League starts this weekend.

There is a busy Track and Field season ahead and coaches ask that athletes step up to represent the club in the various teams.

Sian Heslop and Phillip Goodfellow had excellent runs in the London mini-marathon – congratulations to them both.

Finley Proffitt has smashed the Harriers' 5K record – it has stood for 20 years – a fantastic achievement

There is an updated scoring system for Track and Field awards – Sarah will be putting this onto the web site.

10. Cross Country (RH & DP)

The four dates for the North Staffs CCL are confirmed as:

- 28 September at Knight's Grange
- 26 October at Stafford Common
- 16 November at Park Hall
- 14 December at Rodbaston

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

The Road Races are going well with a good turnout of Harriers for most local races. This year's road running club handicap will be on 1 July.

The 'Not Langley Not 7' race has now opened for entries. This year the race will take place on 26 October.

12. Fell Running (GB/EB)

Fell races have gone very well with a great turnout of Macc Harriers for most races. This year Macclesfield have supported a High Fell series and are doing very well, in fact the Ladies' Teams are outstanding with lady vets taking many prizes. For a Low Fell club we are holding our own in the High Fell races.

Steve Lomas is continuing with Hill Training; the next two sessions are:

- Alderley Edge – Friday 10 May at 18:30

- Cumberland Clough car park - Friday 31 May at 18:30

GB has decided to step down from organising the Fell group – a replacement is required; please contact a member of the committee if you are interested in taking over this role.

Congratulations to Rob Gittins who completed the Joss Naylor Challenge in April, ably supported by many Harriers

13. Statistics (KE)

All stats have been updated as at the end of March. Since then there have been some fabulous new records – these will be updated as soon as possible.

14. Publicity (GL)

In the Macclesfield Express in May there will be a focus on the Run Macc Fest which includes

- Half Marathon
- 10k
- 5k
- Fun run

In June the Macc Express focus will be on Fell Running, in particular the OMM Two-day event in Scotland which involves navigation as well as running.

In July the focus will be on Road Running, in particular the training aspect of road running

Please contact publicity@macclesfield-harriers.co.uk if you have any results from races or meets that you would like to see in the Macc Express. MG will be sending the results from the Snowdonia Trail Marathon on 14 July to the newspaper.

15. Club Colours (MG)

MG is to look at whether there can be any improvements in the club kit. He will seek members' views more formally through the web site and Facebook.

16. Club Library (MG)

MG is investigating whether we should create a 'lending library' of running books at the club house.

17. Any other business

17.1. Social Media & New Website (EB)

James Williams is to project manage the development of the new web site and is meeting EB/GL soon to get the project moving.

The club now has an Instagram account. Catharine Crossley manages the senior account and Charlie Bird manages the junior account.

EB is looking for a volunteer to set up and manage a club Twitter account.

17.2. Running Groups

The road running groups are well organised and well supported. EB is planning to run with each group to understand how they operate.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 4 July in Macc Leisure Centre Café at 20:15

EB – Emma Beveridge, 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