

Minutes from Macclesfield Harriers Committee Meeting  
Macclesfield Leisure Centre  
Thursday 11th November 8pm

Apologies NG, RH

1, Agreement of previous meetings minutes - from June 2020 - agreed

2, Correspondence -LG - None

3, Finance - MG - Subs for next year - April 2022- March 2023:

Competing Senior with track	£93
Competing Senior without track	£34
Non Competing Senior	£16
Over 11 Junior	£93
Under 11 Junior	£75

Those present accepted the proposal for sub increases

Although these fees have increased they are still lower than they were in 2019  
Subs are due at the end of March 2022

Membership is down by about 100 people this year

The club is likely to make a small loss this year

The cost of hosting events has increased - track cost, 1st aiders, some clubs not sending athletes and the ability to raise money has been squeezed - for example unable to sell refreshments.

We are happy to carry on hosting Track and Field events to support the track and the young athletes but we need to aim to cover as much of the cost of hosting these events as possible - and we need to make the leagues aware

4, Road - RO'K - Lots of races have returned and lots of athletes participating although numbers are slightly down

Road running championships will be starting in January with 1 race per month included - Races of different lengths from 5k to half marathon. In January it will be The 4 Villages half marathon, February Alsager 5

Usually we organize quite a few races - have we got the people who are willing to organise? There is also a huge cost to organising Macc Fest and although we have got excellent base/car park it is a dangerous course and the traffic management company is a massive cost. Maybe think about changing the course/doing a 10k. James Williams has expressed an interest to organise.

Training is going well with good attendance and people booking their place via social media/messaging the leaders. Groups are generally meeting at the same place then subdividing according to pace/numbers. Everyone seems happy with this arrangement

5, Cross Country - RH - Races are much more streamlined with chip timing and athletes paying upfront. This has made it much easier for athletes, team managers and the organisers

Chip timing has come down in price massively

Rob Hasler wants to step down as XC manager at the end of the 2021-2022 season - need to find a replacement

6, Track and Field - BM - Presentation for track and field will be at the AGM and presentation evening.

The Track and Field End of Season Report 2021 is on the Website with a very successful return to competing and lots of notable performances. The T&F awards will be posted on the website soon.

There are athletes who have been on the Junior waiting list for quite some time so if any members are interested in assisting with coaching please get in touch so that we can offer them places

Next year will be BM last year as T&F manager - if anyone is interested in taking on the role please get in touch with her.

Proposal from coaches for coach volunteers - to purchase dry robes to keep them warm and dry as they spend hours standing outside in all kinds of inclement weather coaching our young athletes - suggestion of buying some to keep in the clubhouse to be worn at the track if required (would belong to the club and not individuals)- the cost of these are £160 each so to buy for all coaches would add up to a considerable amount - not fair to buy for some and not for others., What other options can be suggested?

7, Fell - TW - Lots of new members running in fell in the last 18 months - up to 30 people attending some training sessions, groups split into 3 depending on speed/ability. Plenty of leaders with some in the pipeline

Good turnout in the races in all three of the race series

Review of the Peaks race series - discussions with NG as there is overlap between trail and fell on these races - alot are trail based, although some have more difficult fell elements

Overhaul of trophies - some are not fit for purpose

Propose to have a mans and a womans trophy for each of the race series and retire some of the older ones - there is a trophy cabinet in the clubhouse. TW to source new trophies

Support for organisers of fell weekends away - cost to be paid upfront which can be a big financial commitment for the person organising - short term loan from club to book - organiser to collect monies from athletes then pay club back so no extra work for MG

8, Trail/Website - NG- Website fully operational. Good feedback, good support from website company when needed. People from each section can add posts. More content/features can be added as required.

Trail Discussions with TW about linking trail/fell see above. Trail runs to be made available Saturdays/Sundays

9, Club colours - SS1 - There are 80 bobble hats still available to buy. Macclesfield Harriers race dots now available to buy

10, AOB - BL - AGM and presentation evening provisionally booked for Friday 1st April at the Rugby club. Date agreed - to confirm booking.

LG to do Agenda

Section heads to think of list of winners

RO'K to make blank spreadsheet for nominations - NG to put on website

Awards to be discussed at next meeting

Date of next meeting : Thursday 10th February 2022

BL - Bob Lynch, MG - Mark Godden, BM - Barbara Murray, RO'K- Ray O'Keefe, TW - Tom Whittington, LG - Lynne Graves