

Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers Committee Meeting

Macclesfield Leisure Centre

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 8.15pm

Attendees – Keith Mulholland [KM], Mark Wheelton [MW], Mark Godden [MG], Barbara Murray [BM], Ray O’Keefe [RO’K], Sue Stockdale [SS], Kim Eastham [KE]

1. Apologies – Bob Lynch, Steve Swallow, Tom Whittington

2. Previous minutes agreed.

3. Welfare [SS/MW]

In line with UKA and club policy, an update was provided to the committee regarding a current and ongoing issue. Further updates will be made when appropriate.

4. Finance [MG]

As at end Sept 2022, the club has a 9k surplus over the year. There is no further expected income for the year and there are track fees to be paid.

Discussion took place on 2023 subs. The proposal was to hold the base subs at £16 and consider a reduction in track fees to circa £50.

The club will pay the fees for the following affiliations/entries :-

- **T & F** – Senior/Junior Cheshire League [Other leagues covered by affiliation fees which are also paid by the club]
- **Fell** - British Fell relays & Hodgson relays
- **Cross Country** – Manchester and North Staffordshire leagues affiliation fees with athletes paying a small entry fee.  
The English National relays and Northern relays
- **Road running** – North of England and National road relays [ not currently planned but future payment agreed for team entry]

As a principle, when representing Macclesfield Harriers, the club will pay for any team entry for any county, northern and national event[s]. The Club Constitution to be updated to reflect this. Action KE

5. Section Updates

**Road [R’OK]**

Good attendance at recent race events on the club calendar and looking forward to a more ‘normal’ race calendar in 2023

Potential routes were discussed for a new road running event to replace the Macclesfield HM. Langley 7 was also discussed as a possible event. Discussions will continue once the Macc HM meetings have concluded with the two event companies.

## **Fell [TW]**

Race schedule & attendance now appears to have returned to pre-covid levels, with the section seeing lots of new members and many great results as races.

The recent Hodgson relays saw the club achieving a brilliant top 20 result at this prestigious event.

The Club Fell Handicap has been scheduled for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December

## **Trail**

Contact point for the Trail section is under discussion. Neil Gunn will continue in this role and provide updates to the committee etc. until a volunteer is found.

The Trail Section Championship Calendar has not gained much interest this year and club attendance has been low.

## **Cross Country [MW]**

Both North Staffs and Manchester leagues are about to commence, with 55 athletes entered for the Manchester League and 43 for the North Staffs. Thanks were given to BM and Jane Walker for helping to find team managers for all age groups.

A Cross Country Section Manager is required for the next season.

## **Track & Field [ BM]**

Mixed results across T&F leagues this season, seeing the club finish 7<sup>th</sup> relegated to NW2 division in the Youth Development League [U13/U15], 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Northern League [Senior Women/Men], 5<sup>th</sup> in the Cheshire League [U13 – Sen], and 7<sup>th</sup> in the Cheshire League [U11's]. Across all age groups, approx., 120 athletes took part in at least one T&F event. However, there is a need to encourage more athletes to attend events more regularly, especially for away fixtures.

BM thanked all officials for their time and support, with around 40 officials & helpers giving their time across the season. A special mention & congratulations to Andrew Dickinson and Ogbeialu Nkochi-Nwankwo who gained their Level 1 timekeeper official's qualifications and to Shaun Wilde on both his Level 2 & Level 3 Field Official qualifications.

BM is stepping down as T & F manager and has been looking to split the role down by league responsibilities to lighten the overall role. Shaun Wilde has kindly agreed to pick up the responsibilities for organising the T & F officials for the club league fixtures.

### Leisure Centre Update

A pleasing improvement in the ongoing maintenance of the T & F facility, with a plan now in place [projecting forward], for future maintenance. Mark Messenger is covering maintenance on track nights.

## 6. Safety at club races [MW]

A review of our safety procedures was undertaken after the TH5 race. Risk assessment are a consideration for all club races.

Emergency 1<sup>st</sup> aid training will be considered for all run leaders and costs for this and basic 1<sup>st</sup> aid will be investigated – Action MW

Research into purchasing a mobile AED – Action MG

## 7. Club Records [KE]

Update to the club website will be completed before end October

## 8. Club Colours [SS]

Update will be provided at the next meeting

## 9. A-O-B

A] With Health & Safety considerations uppermost, dogs are not permitted on official club runs

B] As a club we have much good news, achievements and stories to share, both on an individual and team basis. The reporting of these needs to be encouraged and shared throughout the club, via the club website, social media/ club Facebook pages/Instagram etc. Neil Gunn has kindly offered training on posting articles and news onto the club website. Further discussion required at the next meeting & to be included on the agenda – Action KE

C] All sections require more help and volunteers. Time constraints at this meeting meant that this could not be fully discussed and will be included on the next meeting agenda, when hopefully, all sections can be represented to discuss and share ideas.

Next meeting – December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8pm