

Final Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers Committee Meeting

Macclesfield Leisure Centre

Thursday 8th December 2022 at 8.15pm

Attendees – Mark Wheelton [MW], Mark Godden [MG], Barbara Murray [BM], Ray O’Keefe [RO’K], Tom Whittington [TW], Kim Eastham [KE]

1. **Apologies** – Bob Lynch, Keith Mulholland, Sue Stockdale, Steve Swallow, Jo Thompson

2. **Previous Minutes**

The previous minutes were accepted without any alteration.

However, ‘dogs on runs’, were discussed further [see point 12 below].

3. **Correspondance** [KE]

Response to Run Through and Run Northwest required when decision is made on Macclesfield HM

4. **Welfare** [MW]

Several welfare issues are being dealt with confidentially and we will notify the committee if and when it is appropriate to do so.

5. **Finance** [MG]

A draft proposal for 2023 fees will be circulated shortly and will be based upon the fees discussed in the October meeting. With an implementation date of 1st Jan, a quick turnaround for comments would be appreciated.

6. **Section Updates**

- **T & F [BM]** – Indoor Sports Hall sessions are underway [for the younger age groups] and are going well.
 - Spend for new equipment agreed:
 - T & F – Wind gauge. Thanks to Charlie Bird for securing a grant towards the cost of this.
 - Triple Jump mat, Long Jump mat and Turbo Javelins.
- **Fell [TW]** - All Wednesday groups going well and all club series races [Fell/Summer/Peak], all had an increase in participation. Planning is underway for 2023 recces, races & weekend away.

The Fell Handicap has proved very popular and is now closed for entries – limit reached at 70.

MW thanked TW on behalf of the club for all of his hardwork in this section.

- **Cross Country [MW]** – The last round of North Staffs league is w/e of 10/12. There has been a good turnout throughout all age groups.

Currently, U17's men are looking to secure 2nd team place. Individually, athletes are positioned 2nd, 6th & 10th. U13's boys are looking to win with individual athletes positioned 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th.

Manchester League – Heaton Park meeting has been rescheduled for March 2023. There is still a vacancy for a Cross Country Manager for the next season.

- **Road running [RO'K]** – Race attendance remains good by club runs. The 2023 road running calendar will be finalised shortly. Helsby four villages [January] & Alsager 5 [Feb], will be the first two races of the year [entries open and places are available].

Criteria agreed for London Marathon Club Ballot places [of which we have 3 this year], all entrants must:

A] Be a first claim competing member on the date that London Marathon announce the club allocation criteria [usually October]. Athletes must also be over 18 on the marathon date and this is a London Marathon rule.

B] To have been a competing member for the current and previous year

C] Have entered the public ballot & been unsuccessful and must provide evidence of rejection

D] It must be a least 3 years since entrant last had a ballot place [public or club], or a GFA place [Good for Age].

E] Entrants must have volunteered, in some capacity for the club in the current season.

Eligibility of volunteering will be determined by the Road running manager [for upcoming ballot, there is still time to volunteer before London Marathon April 2023].

7. **Club Records [KE]**

Last update completed end Nov 2022.

Where chip times exist, gun times to be removed for road running records. Action KE

Park Run performances should not be included in club records. Action KE to review records and remove any if necessary.

Fell trophy winners list to be included to club records list. Action KE/TW

8. **Health & Safety Training [MW]**

There is an UKA requirement for all new leaders & coaches [and a desire for existing leaders & coaches that re-new] to have First Aid training

A certified Emergency First Aid [at work] 1 day course, provided by Everybody Leisure would cost £400 for 12 people. Committee agreed to progress. Action MW

There could be additional requirements for a higher level certification for some leaders/coaches, for example Fell Section.

Mobile defibrillator investigations [MG]

The mobile unit utilised by Park Run cost £1038 plus vat plus new batteries [every four years], at a cost of £120. Further discussions will take place at the Feb 2023 meeting to discuss benefits/usage and need.

9. Club Colours [SS – written submission]

Our current supplier is closing after many years of business.

A proposal is underway for a club on-line shop and additionally, investigations are underway for an alternative club vest supplier.

10. Volunteering [KE]

A list of volunteer positions to be created, noting which are filled and which vacant. Action [KE]

11. Macclesfield HM Options [RO'K]

RO'K and KM have met with external race providers to discuss options for the future of the Macc HM on the existing route. RO'K and KM will provide recommendations prior to the next meeting for discussion.

12. Personal Information on the website [TW]

Names and contact numbers to be removed from the club website and replaced with a button option with generic titles. This should help reduce spam/scam emails and improve the online security of members. The committee thanks Neil Gunn for his research and continued help with this matter.

13. Dogs on Group runs

Dogs are not permitted on group runs for a number of Health & Safety reasons.

However, due to member feedback, TW will consider a test period where dogs could be permitted on limited group Fell runs. A proposal will be submitted for consideration. Action TW

14. Date of club AGM confirmed as Friday 24th March 2023 at Macclesfield Rugby Club. The committee thanks Charlie Bird for picking up the organisation of this event.

Next meeting – February 2nd 2023 at 8.15pm