

## **Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers & AC AGM**

**24<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm – Bollington Arts Centre**

### **1. Apologies – Bob Lynch**

### **2. Opening address – Keith Mulholland [ Chairman]**

Welcome to all and thanks for coming.

First of all, I promise that I won't be too long, but to start with we have to thank one person in particular for the evening and that's Charlie who booked the venue, arranged the food and the trophy engraving. So, as a token of our thanks, we have some flowers for you.

Perhaps, one thing to say is that I didn't expect to be here in this role this time last year. As people may remember, I was chairperson from 2016-2019 and Mark [Wheelton], was also chairperson a few years before that. In late spring last year, we both became aware of the gaps in the committee and decided to get involved once again. We are both happy to carry on for another year.

We do need further committee members though. A Track & Field Manager to replace Barbara in a slimmed down role, a road running manager and a Club Statistician. The club relies on volunteers and we do need more people to step up and get involved.

For this year we do have some challenges to get through, such as the new EA requirements for substantial first aid training for run leaders, particularly in an off-road setting.

Last year we did appeal for a race coordinator for Run Macc Fest which was last held in 2019. As a committee we went through various options to restart the event. In the end we were approached by a commercial company who were interested in partnering with us to put on the event.

At the last committee meeting, we decided to go ahead with this proposal as we did want to have a road running event and it would raise money for charity as the club would be paid for every marshal we recruited. So, I hope that when the time comes (Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October) we can support this event together. So, to conclude, let's celebrate the last year and look forward to what 2023 brings.

### **3. Financial position/comment – Mark Godden [ Treasurer & Membership Secretary]**

The club have assets of £97k and made a cash profit of £5k, on a turnover of £41k [ which included grants which were used for new track & field equipment].

The membership has increased from last year with no increase in membership fee for 2023, remaining at £16.

The England Athletics [EA] fee has increased by £1 to £16

Track fees have reduced for this 2023 season to £50 for the year.

Due to EA changes in 1<sup>st</sup> Aid requirements for coaches & run leaders from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, there will be costs incurred by the club of £1k - £2k per year.

#### **4. Macclesfield Athletics Development Fund [ MADF] – Jim Pendrill [Trustee]**

Jim introduced himself as a new trustee of MADF.

The Macclesfield Athletics Development Fund [MADF], is a registered charity, separate from the Harriers, which supports the development of athletes for all the people of Macclesfield and surrounding area, regardless of age, ability, experience, club affiliation or not.

Plans for an indoor track is now not likely to proceed and thoughts need to be given for an alternative use of the funds raised.

MADF offered to Everybody Leisure, funds to extend the clubhouse to increase the size of the main room and improve the floor surface. These are currently awaiting costings and decisions.

#### **5 . Election of Officers – Keith Mulholland**

Sincere thanks were given to Barbara Murray [ Track and Field Manager ], Bob Lynch [ Welfare Officer] , Ray O’Keefe [ Road Running Manager ], Mark Wheelton [ Cross-Country Manager ] and Kim Eastham [Club Statistician], as all stepped down from their positions.

All existing officers were re-elected with Sue Stockdale elected Lead Welfare Officer, Mark Wheelton elected Welfare Officer and Emma Lord elected Cross-Country Manager.

Positions vacant:

- Track & Field Manager
- Road Running Manager

Anyone interested in either role should contact Barbara Murray [ T & F role], Ray O’Keefe [ Road Running Manager], or Kim Eastham [Secretary@macclesfield-harriers.co.uk].

#### **6. AOB**

a] The club awards & achievements were announced by each of the section heads. A full list of the recipients can be found on the club website.

b] Date of the next committee meeting is 27<sup>th</sup> April at 8.15pm