

FINAL Minutes – Macclesfield Harriers & AC Committee Meeting

Macclesfield Leisure Centre

Thursday 14th September 2023

- **Attendees** – Mark Wheelton[MW] , Kim Eastham [KE], Barbara Murray [BM], Ray O’Keefe [RO’K], Kelly Buckley [KB].

1. Apologies - Bob Lynch [BL], Keith Mulholland [KM], Mark Godden [MG], Sue Stockdale[SSt], Steve Swallow[SSw], Emma Lord [EL], Tom Whittington [TW].

2. Previous Notes – Accepted as minutes[June]. All actions complete.

3. Welcome to new committee members – Kelly Buckley as Trail Lead and Emma Lord as Cross-Country Manager

4. Finance [MG – written submission]

- Our two hosting events [T&F], have broken even
- Terry’s High Five income will be donated to charity
- Membership trends are below.
 - Reduction 2020 to 2021 was due to covid
 - Senior numbers now exceed pre-covid levels
 - Junior numbers have been recovering slowly but are not yet back to pre-covid levels

		30/08/2023	31/03/2023	31/03/2022	31/03/2021	31/03/2020
Senior	Male	266	285	260	228	259
	Female	227	239	247	233	235
Junior	Male	102	192	183	195	128
	Female	76				117
Total		671	716	690	656	739
Senior Track users		59	72	64		

5. Welfare [MW]

- Nothing further to report regarding case 1. Awaiting further information and advice from UKA
- MW & BL met to discuss all club safeguarding documents. BL handed over to MW
- MW & SSt to meet 3rd Oct to review documents and agree a way forward for the recording of T & F volunteers

6. Section Updates

- **Road Running [RO’K]**
 - Good participation continues

- RO'K will step down as Road Running Manager at the end of this season. A volunteer to pick up this vital role is needed if our road running calendar is to continue next year. Any interested parties should make contact with Ray or any committee member for further information on the role.
 - Volunteer marshalls are still required to support 'Run Through' with their Macclesfield Running Festival. Please contact Keith Mulholland on chair@macclesfield-harriers.co.uk if you can help. The volunteer form can be found at <https://macclesfield-harriers.co.uk/macclesfield-running-festival-2023/>
- **Fell [TW – written submission]**
 - The 2 day Mountain First Aid course will take place 23/24 September at the clubhouse.
 - It has been a great summer for long distance fell & trail challenges, with some excellent participation & results
 - There will be four Macclesfield Harriers teams competing in the British Fell Relays & 1 team in the Hodgson Brothers Relays
- **Trail [KB]**
 - Trail runs continue to be arranged each weekend [either 1 or 2 on Saturday and/or Sunday.
 - Participation numbers in the trail group runs does vary & consideration will be given as to how to encourage participation – **Action - KB**
 - Clarification is required regarding First Aid courses – **Action -KB/KE/MW**
- **Cross Country [MW/EL]**
 - Organisation is completed for the forthcoming season. A dedicated [Closed] Facebook page has been established for all Cross Country athletes to access and share information.
 - All AG Managers are in place, with the exception of Senior Men. This position is still vacant. Please contact Emma Lord for further information
 - The committee agreed that a new lighter gazebo can be purchased – **Action-EL**
- **Track & Field [BM]**
 - The final Cheshire League fixture of the season was well supported with over 70 Harriers from u11's to Seniors taking part. MHAC finished 2nd in this fixture. MHAC also finished 5th in the Youth Development League and 7th in the Northern League. Thanks were given to the club coaches, team managers & officials for all their time and encouragement this season
 - Track coaching groups are going well and more new starters will be taken on later in September. Seniors are welcome to join T & F training for all events.
 - The T&F Manager role has been split into T&F manager and T&F Officials Co-ordinator. Michael Thorley will continue in the role of T& F Officials Co-ordinator in 2024 with support from Craig Birch. The T&F Manager role remains vacant [role description is available via the website and/or contact Barbara Murray for further information].
 - The club leads for each of the T & F leagues in 2024 are:-

- Anna McDonald [YDL]
- Simon Frith [Northern League]
- Simon Egerton [Cheshire League]
- Indoor sportshall competitions are being led by Caroline Gisby with Matt Lynas as league contact. Indoor sportshall training for u11's will start on Tuesday 31st October, 6.30pm – 7.30pm at the Leisure Centre.

5 Club Colours [SSw]

- The committee would like to see the new sublimated vests at the next committee meeting.- **Action- SSw**

6. Club Records [KE]

- Thanks to Jim Rowley. Great progress has been made with the look and feel of the Club Records section.
- All submitted records have been updated to the workbook

7. Vacant Club Positions for 2024 [KE]

- Cross Discipline Challenge – Dave Larkin would like to step down and is looking for a volunteer to pick up this role.
- Road Running Manager
- Track & Field Manager

8. Club Race / Club Supported Race [KE]

- Discussion took place regarding what constituted each type of race.
 - i. A Club Race is where Macclesfield Harriers & AC apply for the race licence and the licence is granted in the club name and the Race Organiser is a Macclesfield Harrier & AC member.
 - ii. A Club Supported Race is where the club agree to support and provide involvement to a race by supplying for example, general support, volunteers, marshals, race knowledge, signage etc. The race licence is NOT in the name of Macclesfield Harriers & AC and Macclesfield Harriers & AC do not have any Race organising responsibilities. The committee needs to agree involvement for any Club Supported Race each time the race event is held.

9. Date of next committee meeting – 9th November at 8.15pm