

Final [amended] Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers Committee Meeting

Macclesfield Leisure Centre

Thursday 11th January @ 8.15pm

Attendees – Keith Mulholland [KM], Mark Godden [MG], Kelly Buckley [KB], Emma Lord [EL], Sue Stockdale [SSt], Ray O’Keefe [RO’K], Tom Whittingham [TW], Michael Thorley [MT], Kim Eastham [KE]

- 1. Apologies** – Bob Lynch [BL], Barbara Murray [BM], Mark Wheelton [MW], Amy Dalton [AD], Jim Rowley [JR], Steve Swallow [SSw]
- 2. Previous Minutes** – All agreed & all actions complete.
- 3. Welcome to new committee members**
 - Michael Thorley for BM, representing Track & Field
- 4. Welfare [SSt]**

Case one has now been concluded with a disciplinary hearing by EA of the member concerned. The person is no longer a member of Macclesfield Harriers and will not be able to rejoin in the future.

UKA decision and outcome of the case is below.

TIM MILLS	LICENCED COACH	EA	09/11/2023	1. CLUB MEMBERSHIP TERMINATED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. 2.COACH LICENCE REVOCATION BY UKA WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT AND THE SANCTION OF A LIFETIME BAN FOR COACHING, AND/OR APPLYING FOR A COACH LICENSE.	DECISION* <i>UKA notes paragraphs 17-22 of the Decision. UKA did not agree to the Decision not being published and does so in line with its policy to publish disciplinary decisions in the interests of participants in athletics.</i>
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Welfare Officers now feel that the matter has been concluded & will not be reported on again.

Accident Reporting

- All leaders have been reminded about accident reporting [via the leaders FB page].
- Qualified Run Leaders and 'Pop Up Runs'

All club runs will continue to be posted via FB. Where a qualified leader is not available, this should be acknowledged by the group **before the start** of the run and the run then becomes a 'pop up' event and undertaken by club members own risk. Club members should be given the opportunity to continue at their own risk or not.

All Fell Groups to be updated – **Action TW**

- **Volunteer forms**

Largely used for Track & Field parent volunteers, a google Form is now live [including verifier button], and is working well].

5. Correspondance [KE]

- Christmas message from David Rutley [MP] received. Club Officials [Chair & Secretary] confirmed as requested, including generic emails for the positions.
- Thank you again to all the club members that volunteered to help with the Macclesfield Running Festival, £925.00 was raised. The monies received from Run Through for this was split across three local charities: East Cheshire Hospice, Smile and Cre8.
Letters of thanks from all charities have been received.

6. Finance [MG]

Accounts for previous year were circulated prior to the meeting and accepted.

- Coaching costs have significantly increased to £3900. This will be an ongoing cost due to the recent UKA/EA changes in First Aid requirements.
- A stocktake of Club Kit is required - **Action SSw**
- We have been asked by Macclesfield Athletics Development Fund [MADF] committee, to consider releasing funds to them relating to track profit from previous year[s].

The committee discussed this request and will not be releasing any funds at this time due to :-

- Lack of a clear MADF plan for the funds
- Given our increased and ongoing costs at this time and in the future.

- Non-competing/Social membership is sufficient and acceptable for LiRF qualified members, that do not wish to compete but volunteer to lead group runs.

7. Section Updates

- **Road Running [RO'K]**
 - Road championship calendar of races for the coming season are now live on the website.
 - Amy Dalton & Owain Morris have kindly agreed to take on the Road Manager position from RO'K. Familiarisation of the role & working together over the next few weeks, will help ensure a smooth handover that will take effect post the club AGM in March.
 - A job description will be sent to AD & OM to clarify the split of responsibilities – **Action RO'K**
 - RO'K will continue organising the Summer Road Club Handicap and also the marshals for the Wilmslow Running Festival.
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- **Fell Section [TW]**
 - Race Championships have been announced on the club social media
 - Additional items of first aid/survival kit were requested and agreed for purchase [Israeli Bandages and 2-man storm shelters]– **Action TW**
- **Trail Section [KB]**
 - Consideration is being given on ways to boost trail group numbers. Organising a recce of peak trail races [on club calendar], is one initiative.
 - There are a number of Trail leaders wishing to complete the 2 day FRA led, First Aid Course - **ACTION KB**
- **Cross Country [EL]**
 - There has been really pleasing attendance at races this season. Setting up and using a closed Facebook group has helped with this.
 - The last XC race of the season is 2nd March 2024. Further to this, there are two national competitions.
 - A new , light weight Gazebo is still required – **Action EL**
- **Track & Field [MT]**

- Key officials are organised and agreed for the T & F events 12th & 19th May
- Volunteers are required for all our home hosted fixtures. Please contact Michael Thorley if you can offer any time.
- A T & F equipment check is planned for March – **Action MT**
- Rental of Electronic Measuring Devices to be explored – **Action MT**
- An overall T & F Manager is required and this is urgent. A job description has been revised. Anyone interested in finding out any more about the role should contact BM or MT – **Action BM/MT**
- T & F L1 & L2 officials are required. We need to be able to fulfil our obligation to supply officials at many of the key calendar events. Explanations and responsibilities of the role will be published on social media – **Action MT**

8. Club Colours [SSw]

- Stock-take of club kit required [see finance above] – **Action SSw**

9. Vacant Club Positions [KM]

- Signs Manager required asap – **Action TW**

10. A.o.B

- Lessons discussed for the next Boxing Day Handicap surrounding communications on eligible runners. Committee agreed that it would be good to retain the members and family approach as in previous years.
- AGM Actions
 - All trophies to be returned immediately to the club house – **Action All Section Heads**
 - Nominations form and news items to be scripted and communicated and ready live for 1st February if possible – **Action TW**
 - Teams call to be organised to discuss nominations and trophy winners w/c 4th March – **Action KE**
 - Check /confirm with Charlie Bird regarding venue - **Action KE**
 - Check availability of Olympus Trophies for engraving – **Action KE**

11. AGM & our annual club awards evening will be held on 22nd March at 7pm prompt. Macclesfield Rugby Club. All members welcome.

Date of next meeting [s]

- April 4th [short meeting to review AGM and pick up any urgent actions].
- June 13th

