

Final Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers Committee Meeting

Macclesfield Leisure Centre

Thursday 4th April @ 8.15pm

Attendees - Keith Mulholland [KM] via telephone, Barbara Murray [BM], Michael Thorley [MT], Owain Morris [OM], Kelly Buckley [KB], Emma Lord [EL], Dan Hunsley [DH], Kim Eastham [KE].

1. Apologies- Bob Lynch [BL], Mark Wheelton [MW], Mark Godden [MG], Steve Swallow Tom Whittington [TW]

2. Previous minutes – All agreed and actions complete.

3. Welcome to new committee members [KE]

- Dan Hunsley was welcomed as the new Track & Field Manager

4. Safeguarding & Welfare [SSt]

- A member of Macclesfield Harriers and licenced run leader has been temporarily suspended, pending an investigation by England Athletics.
- Accident reporting – No cases reported since last meeting.
- Further First Aid Course in planning stage. See update from KB under trail section.

5. Correspondence [KE]

Nil

6. Finance [MG via written submission]

- First quarter club finances were distributed
- There are a number of leader licenses that have not been renewed and some cases where leader training has not been fully completed and therefore accreditation & license cannot be given. – **Action KE** to discuss with individuals concerned.
- There was discussion regarding membership renewal and payments. The question was asked about linking the membership and payments for seniors as is done for juniors – **Action MG**

7. Section Updates

- **Road Running [OM]**
 - The 2024 Road Running calendar is set

- Changes for the 2025 calendar are now being considered with some new additions [for example supporting more local races and adding in longer distance[s]]. Feedback and suggestions will be requested from the road running members via a google form – **Action OM**
- Sadly due to personal reasons Amy Dalton has had to stand down from her role with the road running section.

- **Fell Section [TW]**
 - Historic records of fell rounds [and also special cross club awards], have been submitted for inclusion in the club records data. This will mean that all club records and club achievement awards will be noted and retained - **Action KE to check with JR**

- **Trail Section [KB]**
 - Pleased to announce that weekend run numbers are improving, with a regular 10k type run working well and popular.
 - A two day first aid course is being organised for the autumn. Potential dates being identified with the leader volunteers. **Action KB**

- **Cross Country [EL]**
 - North Staffs date have been received
 - Manchester League are looking at equalising the Male/Female distances. With options of Male athletes running the current Female distance or Females running the Male distance. All clubs to vote on this 8th April. The committee agreed a position of Male athletes changing to Female distance. This was largely due to U20's competing , the logistics of timings and competing in the winter and also for consideration of the officials on the day. **Action -EL**

- **Track & Field [DH / MT/ BM]**

BM formally handed over the Track & Field position to DH [T & F Manager] and MT [T & F officials co-ordinator]. Huge thanks once again for everything BM continues to do and has done for the club.

 - Assistance is still required on training nights to meet/greet parents, manage administration tasks for new starters, act as point of contact for queries etc. **Action BM to ask for volunteers**
 - Website content has been reviewed, with ideas for renewal and updating **Action – DH**
 - Sports Hall information to be given more prominence on website – **Action DH**
 - Purchase of Electronic Distance Measurement [EDM] proposal agreed by the committee at a cost of £1524 including battery charger – **Action MT**
 - A grant has been received from Everybody Leisure Sport Foundation. This has been used to support two athletes with fees. Many thanks to BM for applying and organising this worthwhile grant.

8. Club Colours [SSw]

- Due to the increased costs of the new sublimated kit, new club vests will now cost £20.00 for juniors and £24.00 for seniors.
- After a number of years in the role, SSw announced his intention to step down.

9. Club Website – KE

This topic has been introduced to the standard agenda. This is being done to recognise the changes in how our club now communicates, utilises information and our increased reliance upon the site to deliver. It also recognises the significant time & effort required to achieve this by all our content owners and Neil Gunn.

Items requiring review.

- Mental Health Ambassador[s] – **Action MT**
- Cross Country pages need review and updating – **Action EL**
- Club Officials – **Action KE**
- Club Trophy winners [and historic] – **Action JR/NG**

Neil Gunn has offered training to anyone responsible /volunteering to manage/update material.

10. Vacant Club Positions [KM]

Club Chairman – KM standing down at next AGM 2025

Vice Chair – MW standing down at next AGM 2025

Secretary – KE standing down at next AGM 2025

Club Colours – SSw standing down.

If anyone is interested in picking up any of these positions please speak to the current role holder or any member of the committee.

11. A-o-B

- The run leader role has seen many changes & additional responsibilities over the last few years. A meeting required to discuss the Run Leader role and what is required of the leader volunteers - **Action KM**
- The Committee agreed to a proposal made by Sarah Cassie for a club wide summer social event. More information to follow.
- Date of the next AGM is confirmed as Friday 28th March 2025 at Macclesfield Rugby Club. **Action KM to liaise with Charlie Bird**
- **Date of next committee meetings for 2024 are 13th June [time to be confirmed], 8th August, October 10th, December 5th.**

