

Final Minutes - Macclesfield Harriers & AC Committee Meeting

Thursday 12th June 2024

Macclesfield Leisure Centre

Attendees – Keith Mulholland [KM], Bob Lynch [BL], Mark Wheelton [MW], Kelly Buckley [KB], Dan Hunsley [DH], Owain Morris [OM], Mark Godden [MG], Kim Eastham [KE].

1. Apologies – Barbara Murray [BM], Tom Whittington [TW], Michael Thorley [MT], Emma Lord [EL], Steve Swallow [SS], Sue Stockdale [SSt]

2. Previous Minutes – All agreed

3. Safeguarding & Welfare [MW]

- Safeguarding - Case 3 – Nothing further to report at this time
- Safeguarding Standard [new for 2025].
 - The club is currently meeting the majority of the requirements. A key area for focus is our ‘Code of Conduct’. Some members do not tick this element on our website, when completing the membership form. Investigations to be carried out to see if this can be made a mandatory step in the membership process. **Action DH**
 - A safeguarding sub-group will be setup to agree and establish the Safeguarding standard for 2025 . **Action MW**
- Accident reporting – One case reported since the last meeting. The incident was minor and all the correct procedures were carried out.

4. Correspondance [KE] – EA Proxy forms for voting at the June AGM on junior Age Group changes. Voting submitted, the club have 5 votes. The vote against the changes was ‘lost’. This means that England Athletics will seek to implement the new age groups from 2026.

5. Finance and Membership [MG]

- Finance – Accounts for Jan to May 2024 were circulated ahead of the meeting. There is nothing of significance to report at this time.
- Membership – 100 members chose not to renew their membership. 50 of these had EA affiliation and have now been removed from the EA database and work is underway to remove them from the club facebook groups. 50 were social members and these will be removed from the club facebook groups.

We continue to welcome a good number of new members and this does seem to follow the usual ebb and flow pattern of previous years.

6. Section Updates

- **Road Running [OM]**
 - There has been a good turnout for races on the club calendar
 - There are some requirements for additional leaders across the groups. OM and KE have discussed retention and support of leaders and will set-up an informal meeting with leaders from all groups to discuss further - **Action OM**
 - Notification of London marathon places is usually October and last year the club received 2 ballot places.
 - Cheshire road relays – date to be confirmed. **Action OM**

- **Cross Country [EL via written update]**
 - Nothing to report at this point in the closed season

- **Trail Section [KB]**
 - Weekly numbers have improved for group runs
 - First Aid weekend planned for 16/17 November 2024 with currently 8 committed leaders. There are 4 spaces available and any potential candidate should contact KB or their section lead if interested. This is the 2 day course and will be held at the clubhouse [Club house now booked for the course]. **Action KB**

- **Fell Section [TW via written update]**
 - The three fell race series are well underway, with over 75 people participating so far.
 - Wednesday evening training has an attendance of 25/30 runners across the groups.
 - April saw the annual away weekend. 13 people undertook the Cumbrian way over 2 days

- **Track and Field [DH]**
 - Two events have been hosted to date, the County Championships and a Cheshire League meeting. The committee would like to thank Michael Thorley for his work in organising these successful events. In order that we can host these events, we always need volunteers. If members feel they can offer an hour [or more], please speak to Dan Hunsley or Michael Thorley.
 - The Cheshire League event was not well attended by other clubs. This meant that we had to contribute more money than usual to cover the costs. BM has raised this attendance issue with the league body. No response has been received yet.
 - There are grass cutting issues with Ansa. DH is monitoring the situation.

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7. Club Colours [SS– via written update]

- Nothing to report at this time regarding kit.
- SS confirmed he will step down at the next AGM [2025], or earlier if a suitable replacement is found.

8. Vacant Club Positions [KM]

- From the 2025 AGM the following positions will be available.
 - **Chairperson**
 - **Vice Chairperson**
 - **Secretary**
 - **Club Colours**
- Anyone interested in a role, or wishing to find out further information, should speak to any of the committee members.

9. Club Website [NG via written update].

- The website had a server and security update 25/5. This was successful however, a couple of users did experience problems post the updates. These have now been resolved.
The committee thanked NG for his help and expertise in managing these changes and issues.
- XC content does need review and updating – **Action EL**
- Mental Health Ambassador content is out of date and needs review and refresh – **Action MT**
- Confirmation of club positions /names are required for website – **Action KE**
- Macc RunFest can be removed from ‘club races’ – **Action NG**
- Historical data and trophies [carried forward from last meeting]. Website wording and placement needs agreeing with interested parties. **Action KE**

10. A-O-B

- Request for a point of sale/Card machine, has been made for use at the clubhouse tuck shop and also for club kit. Further investigation is required. BM & SS to consider case for P-O-S/Card machine & report back please. **Action DH**
- Club members can post their fundraiser messages /just giving pages, on the club closed facebook groups. This will be monitored and if it causes too much traffic, meaning club running content gets buried, the committee will reconsider.
- BL asked that the Eye Society and Alzheimer's Research be considered as the chosen charities for 2024/25. The committee agreed.
- Star Track event commences 22nd July at the track. Anna Carey leading
- It was agreed that gazebos and club flags could be used at the Deadly Dozen event at the track on 22nd June – **Action KE**
- A reminder that June is LBGTQ+ month and so supports our club ethos of inclusivity and diversity.
- Post meeting discussion/ email exchange for noting and including within the August meeting. MT has done some initial investigation on software to centrally

manage email list[s] and circulation. MT is looking for support [and/or comments], from the committee to perform a deeper investigation into this and/or other options.

- **Date of the next meeting is 8th August**