

FINAL minutes – Macclesfield Harriers & AC Committee Meeting

Thursday 5th December 2024 at 7pm

Attendees – Keith Mulholland [KM], Mark Wheelton [MW], Mark Godden [MG], Emma Lord [EL], Kelly Buckley [KB], Owain Morris [OM], Dan Hunsley [DH], Tom Whittington [TW], Kim Eastham [KE].

1. **Apologies** – Bob Lynch, Sue Stockdale, Ruth Groarke, Michael Thorley, Rachel Gilliland.
2. **Previous minutes** – All agreed.
3. **Safeguarding & Welfare** [MW]
 - Case 4 – A temporary suspension has been issued by EA and the investigation is still ongoing.
 - There have been no accident reports raised since the last meeting.
 - The recent 2 day Outdoor First Aid course [delivered by ITC First], was very well received and had a full attendance of twelve members. The committee agreed that the club would continue to use this provider for any future needs.
 - The defibrillator at the clubhouse requires instructions for use on children. This is an Everybody Leisure responsibility. **Action MW**
4. **Correspondence** [KE]
 - **Physiotherapist Update** – MW & KE met with Peter Talbot to discuss a potential partnership with the club. Peter would attend on a monthly basis, at the clubhouse to advise members and offer advice and treatment via short appointments that would be free of charge. Subsequent appointments if needed, would be payable and managed between member & physiotherapist. The committee agreed to move forward with PT in the New Year – **Action KE**
 - **Club Standard 6 – Safeguarding & Licences.** Attainment of this standard is a mandatory requirement of club affiliation from April 2025. All club officials, run leaders, coaches and coach assistants will need to have a valid licence at all times [this includes an up to date DBS]. EA do email reminders well before licence expiry and all club leaders, leaders, coaches and assistant coaches do need to act upon these.
5. **Finance & Membership** [MG]
 - After some financial forecasting by the Treasurer, the committee looked at options for club subs for 2025 [EA will be increasing their affiliation costs by £1 per member for 2025] and agreed: -
 - i. £41.00 for a competing member
 - ii. £19.00 for a social member
 - iii. Track will remain at £50.00 per year. Therefore £91.00 per year for a competing member with track pass.

6. Section Updates

Road Running [OW]

- TCS London Marathon. The club have two places confirmed. The draw for these places will take place Tuesday 17th December. **Action OM**
- An update on the Grand Prix fixtures are expected 16th December. The club road racing calendar will then be finalised and published. **Action OM**
- The good attendance at club races continues.
- Cross discipline Challenge – The co-ordination of this has now been picked up by Egg Cameron and Jane Walker. If anyone is interested in finding out more about this challenge, they should contact Egg or Jayne directly.

Trail Section [KB]

- There have been declining numbers for the weekend trail runs for some time with many different options considered and tried. To start the new year, event style runs will be tried for Jan/Feb/March [1 per month]. Many thanks to the trail leaders for all their time, considerations, and patience during this time.

Cross Country [EL]

- There has been great attendance at meetings and a great turnout for the recent event at Wythenshawe.
- DH and EL to look at junior participation and involvement. **Action EL/DH**
- Cross Country section of the Website requires review and updating. **Action EL**

Fell Section [TW]

- Weekly [Wednesday] attendance has been similar to 2023 and currently the leader situation is adequate.
- Participation is down on 2023 for the fell series of events [especially ladies].
- Given the recent issues with Trail, KB & TW to discuss cross over of events and training. **Action TW/KB**

Track and Field [DH]

- Spond has recently implemented for u11's/u13's with a particularly good take up. Spond will also be used for Sportshall promotion. There are no current plans to roll this out to the Senior members.
- Competitor analysis [Juniors] has been completed. Looking at training attendance and competitions. Many Juniors are competing outside of the league structure and at Cross Country and this is positive.
- Cheshire League AGM is due shortly. A grand prix type series of events is expected to be proposed, and a further update will be given at the next meeting. **Action DH**

7. Club Colours [RG – Written submission].

- DP Sports were instructed as our new vest supplier after Wasp Sports went out of business. A new delivery of vests is imminent with a waiting list to work through. RG contact everyone on the list when they are available.
- A new order for club T-Shirts will be placed once the vests arrive.
- Purchase of club kit is now cashless, and items can now be purchased via bank transfer.
- A new club shop on the DP Sports website has been set-up. Members can now order, pay and arrange collection/delivery direct from the supplier.
In addition to the update from RG:
- A review of club colours was raised. It was agreed that this would be revisited in three months [March] once RG has settled into her new role.
- The possibility of two sets of club colours was discussed – **Action TW**

8. Vacant positions [KM]

- We have received interest for the positions for Chairman and Secretary. These will be followed up.

9. Club Website

- Can all sections please send all the relevant updates for the New Year [race series, dates], to Neil Gunn so the static pages can be updated and events added. Training can be provided for those wishing to make updates themselves [not to static pages]. Please contact NG if training required. **Action All**
- Archive information and 'old' website [now out of support]. The text, images and results are still available, however, accessing them is very tricky. TW to have a look through the obsolete version of the website to look at some of the articles and information and report back. **Action TW**
- Utilising dropbox as a storage solution will be revisited [owner/volunteer would be required as a gatekeeper for access]. Thanks to NG and John Bunyan on all the work and time spent to date, on looking at all the 'old' / archive records and information.
- The generic @membership address will be renamed and allocated to DH for track and field usage . **Action NG/DH**

10. A-o-B

- Club Xmas Drinks – Thurs 12th December at the Bollington Brewery. Thanks to Owain for organising and advertising.
- Agreement was given for MadTri to borrow the club Timing Clock for their track event. **Action MW**
- Date of next committee meeting is January 15th [Wednesday] at 7pm. The main item will be AGM planning. The AGM will be held March 28th at Macclesfield Rugby Club.