

Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers & AC AGM
28th March at 7.15pm – Macclesfield Rugby Club

1. Apologies - Ian Humphreys

2. Opening address – Bob Lynch, President

Bob opened the evening with a welcome address, thanking all for their support, and introduced Rob Hasler, pledging the club's support in his MND charity fundraising.

3. Rob Hasler- responded with thanks to all, speaking about the help the charity gives him and the help he will need with adapted living.

4. Keith Mulholland [Chairman]

Welcome to all and thank you coming along this evening.

A big thank you to all of those who have volunteered for and supported the club this past year. Specific thanks to all officials and run leaders for their commitment.

This year will see the club support and fundraise for Rob Hasler and the MND charity.

Rob and his family have been longtime members, supporters, volunteers and friends of the club. We hope that as further fundraising events are announced through the year, as many members as possible will attend and support in any way they can.

Tonight we have a great raffle, supported by generous local business with some amazing prizes, which has so far raised over £2000.

5. Financial position/comment – Mark Godden [Treasurer & Membership Secretary]

The club is in a good financial position, with assets totalling just under £100,000. This comprises about £88,000 in cash and £11,000 physical assets. We made a cash profit of £1,200 on a turnover of £38,000.

Basic club membership has increased from £16 to £19 for 2025/2026 season. The EA affiliation fee has increased by £1. However, due to an increase in the number of people with track passes we are able to keep the track fee at £50. Therefore, competing members (all juniors and most seniors) will see an increase of £4.

We hosted three track and field events during the year, making a loss of £1,900 on these. In previous years we have broken even. This loss was due to inflationary increases in costs and a reduction in the number of participants. This problem affects all clubs hosting event, and we are in discussions with them about ways of reducing this loss. However, our budget for next year includes an allowance for a similar loss.

In terms of charitable money raising, we are paid £25 per volunteer at ‘Macc runfest’, which is organised by RunThrough. We have decided that this year the money raised will be used to support Rob Hasler.

At the end of 2024 we had 720 members, 24 more than last year. The increase is due to an increased number of juniors – senior member numbers are stable. Total membership is still slightly below the pre-pandemic level.

6. Macclesfield Athletics Development Fund [MADF] – Jim Pendrill [Trustee]

On behalf of the MADF trustees Jim Pendrill gave an update on plans by Everybody Sport and Leisure (ESAR) to develop the land around the track, and the infield, with new football pitches. Since last year’s AGM, MADF trustees have further met with ESAR and presented our ‘wish-list’ for how MADF funds could be used as part of the plans. We have stated that our preference is for MADF funds to go towards any potential future investment in the clubhouse facilities for the benefit of athletes. Trustees are meeting ESAR again on April 22nd and will update the Club Chairman on developments.

7. Club Constitution amendment- Mark Wheelton

Mark Wheelton presented the following motion, which was passed:

“That the club agrees to create an additional officer position on the Committee, of Club Co-Chair, whilst still retaining the existing position of Chair. The new role (s) should only be advertised in the event of a single chairperson not being elected. The new role would still only retain one vote at committee meetings, as at present for the chair. The appointment of co-chairs for any given period should not preclude the reversion to a single chairperson in the future, as circumstances allow. Should this proposal be approved by the members at the AGM, that the Club Constitution & Rules be amended accordingly.”

8. Cheshire T&F Grand Prix

A motion was passed confirming the approval by West Cheshire AC, of a proposal to change the name and constitution of Cheshire Track and Field League to Cheshire Track and Field Grand Prix.

9. Election of Officers – Keith Mulholland

New and existing committee members were elected to new roles as follows:

Position	Name
Secretary	Rachel Gilliland
Vice Chair	Ian Humphreys
Lead Welfare Officer	Mark Wheelton

Welfare Officer Kim Eastham

All remaining officers were re-elected to their posts:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
Chairman	Keith Mulholland
Treasurer & Membership Secretary	Mark Godden
Track & Field Manager	Dan Hunsley
Road Running Manager	Owain Morris
Fell Section Manager	Tom Whittingham
Trail Section Manager	Kelly Buckley
Cross Country Manager	Emma Lord
Club Colours	Ruth Groarke
Club Statistician	Jim Rowley

10. AOB

a] The presentation of club awards and achievements then followed. A full list of recipients can be found on the club website.

b] Date of the next committee meeting is 24th April, 7.00pm at the Leisure Centre café.