

## **Final Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers Committee Meeting**

**Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm**

**Macclesfield Leisure Centre**

**Attendees** – Keith Mulholland [KM], Bob Lynch [BL], Ian Humphreys [IH], Mark Godden [MG], Mark Wheelton [MW], Dan Hunsley [DH], Rachel Gilliland [RGi], Barbara Murray [BM] (part meeting only)

**Apologies** – Emma Lord [EL], Ruth Groarke [RG], Tom Whittington [TW], Kelly Buckley [KB], Owain Morris [OM], Craig Birch [CB], Kim Eastham [KE]

1. **Previous minutes/actions:** accepted. Regarding cost of awards night trophies- these will be limited to 1<sup>st</sup> place only going forward.

### **2. Welfare & First Aid reporting**

- a. Since the last meeting the welfare team have dealt with a couple of issues on an informal basis-nothing further to report.
- b. The club still has one outstanding case being dealt with by EA, no further details at this time.
- c. Recent encounter with a naked runner on a Monday group run: Dealt with extremely sensitively by the two leaders involved, including informing police, and supporting the group as individuals.  
Following a subsequent meeting with the leaders, relevant advice was drawn up and sent to all section heads for onward cascade. All confirmed that this briefing is now complete.

### **3. Finance and Membership [MG]**

- a. Club accounts show a balance of £12,879 from £7,714 at the beginning of January. This is due to membership renewal.
- b. Senior membership renewals are currently 452 against a figure of 476 for last year.  
Junior membership renewals are currently 139 against a figure of 207 for last year.

### **4. Section Updates**

- a. **Road Running [OM]**

- i. Road handicap: 21st July this is taking place from Leisure Centre. This is being used as a MND fundraiser for Rob Hasler and Brian West.
  - ii. Good turnout continues for road runs across groups and for races.
- b. **Trail Running [KB]**  
Nothing to report
- c. **Cross Country [EL]**  
Nothing to report
- d. **Fell Running [TW]**

Junior fell champs race: The club has been approached by FRA to host a 2026 junior fell champs race. This is in recognition of the stunning achievements of our young fell team - the u17 boys recently won the inter counties fell champs race (all MH) and other achievements too.

TW has been looking into the viability of helping out. So far has identified interest from Winkle Fete to do something around the Trout race in 2027, also exploring other events for 2026.

This is not a confirmed commitment, but discussions are being had. The FRA would support in terms of some funding and infrastructure, and all usual licensing rules would be adhered to.

The committee is supportive subject to all arrangements being in place including volunteers/marshalls.

- e. **Track and Field [DH]**
  - i. T&F Coaching Development Plan update: Craig Birch to update next meeting. **Action CB**
  - ii. Feedback from EA visit 15 May: main outcome was discussion around the 'funetics' programme, which is a training programme for coaches of the 4-11 age group, to make training sessions fun and interactive to get more positive engagement. Coach training would cost around £50-100/head. DH keen to get parents involved and trained. DH waiting for cost confirmation, and potentially looking to set up a training session in September. This could be funded from the donation to the club (see item 5). **Action- DH/MG to discuss funding and progress.**
  - iii. Indoor age group changes: the club has been asked whether the age group changes should be brought in on 1 April 2026. The club has decided to stick with the existing age groups for the full winter season.

## 5. Donation to club

The club has received a generous donation from a club member. Discussions have been taking place as to how best to use this. Agreed it is most appropriate to spend on the junior age group, and as per item 4 above, consideration will be given to spending this

money on training coaches in the 'funetics' programme.

## 6. AGM organisation going forward [ KM]

- a. Organiser required: A volunteer is required to organise the AGM going forward. DH suggested it would be good to get a parent involved. Also to post on the club website asking for volunteers. DH will speak to Charlie Bird to get a list of what is required in order to organise the event and take forward sourcing a volunteer.

**Action DH**

- b. Venue: We are looking at either holding the event at an alternative venue to the rugby club; or using the rugby club still either a different room, or different layout (e.g. no tables) and potentially starting the AGM earlier. Various venues discussed. Those potentially being taken forward- rugby club with changes as above; the football club, the masonic hall. KM will make contact with the latter two. **Action KM.**

## 7. MND Fundraising

KE provided the following update in correspondence: A sum of £2246 was raised in Rob's name through the AGM raffle. A big thanks to everyone who bought tickets and made it such a success.

Initial discussion with RNW regarding a 'Track Mile' will be picked up later this year.

The Polly Lander and Road Handicap events have both raised money through entry donations for both Rob Hasler and Brian West.

Other events being discussed/considered, if any members have any ideas, please get in touch with Mel Power.

KM has been approached by a potential supplier of stock linked to MND fundraising.

**Action- KM to respond and obtain more details regarding stock etc.**

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## 8. A.O.B

### Club Constitution

An amendment was passed at the AGM to the Club constitution, regarding a co-chair option for the club chair position. **Action RG to update.**

### Club Code of Conduct

RG to check that the club code of conduct reflects the EA code of conduct. This way, when members tick to confirm they agree to the club code, they will automatically also be agreeing to the EA code. **Action RG**

### Instagram page

This will be limited to club & member news and events, including events on club competition schedules.

### **Club kit update**

Vest and hoody sales going well with DP Sports. Account reconciliation will be carried out later this year.

New supplier for crop tops- Zeon Sports. Awaiting final proof and placing order shortly.

### **Macclesfield Running Festival**

Event on 26<sup>th</sup> October. Macc Harriers will recruit marshalls, and donate our £25 fee per marshall to the MND fund. KM to inform Run Through and put this on the website. **Action KM**

### **Club laptop**

The club laptop- used for producing stats/results at events- is expired. Michael Thorley will source a new one in discussion with MG. **Action MG/MT**

### **Hardship Fund**

Barbara Murray joined the meeting briefly to discuss the hardship fund and whether we wanted to continue with it. Agreement to continue with the scheme, which sees the club supporting a small number of junior athletes under certain circumstances, by not charging them for membership or track usage, and paying their EA fee.

## **9. Date for next committee meetings**

**Agreed as – Wednesday 27/8 at 7pm**

**Thursday 30/10 at 7pm**