

Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers Committee Meeting

Wednesday September 17th at 7.00pm

Macclesfield Leisure Centre

Attendees – Keith Mulholland [KM], Bob Lynch [BL], Ian Humphreys [IH], Mark Godden [MG], Mark Wheelton [MW], Rachel Gilliland [RGi], Emma Lord [EL]

Apologies – Ruth Groarke [RG], Tom Whittington [TW], Kelly Buckley [KB], Owain Morris [OM], Dan Hunsley [DH], Kim Eastham [KE]

1. **Previous minutes/actions:** approved.

2. **Welfare & First Aid reporting**

a. Outstanding previous issue now completed. Nothing further to report.

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

a. Club accounts:

Net income- £11.3k

Further £6.4k of costs due track fees (4k), and hosting events (2.4k)

b. We are due to receive payment for volunteers at the half marathon 26 October, which will be donated to the MND fund. Likely to be in the region of 20-25 volunteers/

4. **Kit update [RG]**

a. Sales of vests, hoodies and T-shirts continue as planned via DP Sports directly.

Crop tops from Zeon Sports have arrived and will be sold directly to members initially, thereafter will go on the DP Sports website.

SOAR vests for marathon runners are in design, and an order will go in October for January delivery. Run North West will sell these directly to members either online or they can be tried on in their shop in Wilmslow. There is no financial risk to the club in terms of minimum orders, Run North West will order and sell these at cost to our members as a gesture of community running spirit! RG is managing the process from Harriers side, and we will remind members of the option to purchase in January once they arrive in store.

5. Section Updates

a. Road Running [OM]

A senior men's team took part in the North West Road Relays on 14 September. Participation in club runs and road races remains high.

b. Trail Running [KB]

Nothing to report

c. Cross Country [EL]

Cross Country season commencing. North Staffs league accommodates individual entries, but the Manchester league entry system has changed. Emma Lord as the Cross Country Team Manager now needs to coordinate entries. So any members wishing to take part in the Manchester league must contact Emma to enter. EL has communicated this across all groups, and via the website.

d. Fell Running [TW]

Relay season is upon us and we have teams in both the Hodgson Relays and the British Fell Relays in Wales in October. In the latter we have 2 ladies teams- open and V40, and 3 men's- open, V40, V50.

We are hosting a junior fell champs race next May, venue tbc.

e. Track and Field [DH]

i. T&F Coaching Development Plan update:

An annual training plan has been developed for U14, aligned to the UKA Athlete Development Pathway. This results in a better structure for Tuesday and Thursday night training sessions.

For U12s we have drafted an agreement with England Athletics which gives us access to their Funetics Training Programme. The plan is to enrol circa 8-10 parents of existing and new U12 members onto the Leading Funetics course, which costs £20 per person. The committee agreed to use some of the money donated recently by the parent of a junior member for this purpose.

ii. Startrack- took place over the summer as in previous years. This year's coach would like someone else to take over the management of it next year. BL queried whether it should be continued in its current form? Discussion required over what needs to change. **Action DH/BL**

iii. 2025/2026 autumn/winter indoor training:

Due to start 4th November and we require a coach and coaching assistant to lead. If no one is found then we will just have outdoor training this year.

iv. Cheshire T&F Grand Prix: The final match at Macclesfield on 6th September was a great success, with over 200 athletes attending, including 51 Macclesfield Harriers, winning 12 awards. Feedback will be collated in order to make the 2026 series even more successful.

6. AGM organisation going forward [KM]

- a. Organiser required: We still need a name to take overall responsibility for the awards. OM has kindly agreed to track the return of awards via a spreadsheet, but someone needs to coordinate everything to do with awards both pre event and on the night. Tasks can obviously be shared out but an overall organiser is required. **Action-section leads- DH/OM/TW/EL/KB**
- b. Venue: The rugby club has been booked, both the main and side rooms. Catering to be booked for circa 120. **Action RGi**

7. MND Fundraising

IH will be doing his 100th marathon on 9 Nov in Athens, and is keen to raise funds for MND. He will do fundraising page and circulate to club members.

Discussion with RNW regarding a 'Track Mile' will be picked up later this year. Other events being discussed/considered, if any members have any ideas, please get in touch with Mel Power.

8. AOB- Nil raised

9. Date for next committee meetings

Agreed as – Wednesday 12 November at 7pm

Proposed dates for 2026:

7 January; 4 March; 6 May; 8 July; 9 September; 11 November