

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

**Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm**

**Macclesfield Leisure Centre**

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

**Apologies** –Ruth Groarke [RG], Ian Humphreys [IH]

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

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

- a. new issues to report:
  - 1) on 25 September a member of the public was approached by coaching staff, as they had been watching the juniors for a considerable length of time. The person became abusive and then left. Leisure Centre staff have since been asked to and have carried out checks of the track area for suspicious persons when the track is in use.
  - 2) a former member has raised an issue in relation to a historic club event. The committee delegated the Welfare team and club President to respond.

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

- a. Club accounts:

Predicting £5k profit at year end. This is mainly from hosting T&F events, where we budgeted for £2k loss but made £1.1k profit. Also, coaching costs were budgeted at £4k and actual costs were £2.3k, and equipment costs were budgeted as £2.3k with actual costs at £850.
- b. Proposed membership fees:

EA fees are rising by £1, but club membership fees will reduce by £1, so for those club members who pay the EA fee, there will be no overall change.
- c. Budget approved by the committee.

### **4. Kit update [RG] (written submission not discussed at meeting)**

- a. SOAR vests are due into Run North West in January. RNW is taking the financial commitment. Information will be released to club members when they are in stock.

- b. Club vests are still selling well at DP Sports. RG is in discussion with MG regarding a stock take in the New Year, and whether additional vests can be purchased with payback funds held by DP Sports.

## 5. Section Updates

### a. Road Running [OM]

The club ballot for London Marathon places has been published. The draw will take place on Tuesday December 9 at track clubhouse. Expressions of interest invited by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Agreement for E group to recruit a further 5 LIRFs.

### b. Fell & Trail Running [TW&KB]

TW will be stepping down from the role of Fell lead in January, but will stay and help for the AGM. The proposal is to merge the Fell and Trail sections, and have Ladies and Mens captain roles, each covering both Fell and Trail. Ladies captain would be Kelly Buckley, and Men's captain Nathaniel Booker. KB will attend committee meetings, cover LIRF and 1<sup>st</sup> aid training, and continue to organise Saturday trail runs. Nathaniel would be the lead for Wednesday evening runs and fell champs events. The 2 current sections will be merged on the Website.

Emergency contacts for run attendees- KB to arrange a post on Facebook to remind members to bring emergency contact details on runs.

Junior fell champs- the club will host an event at Wincle Trout in 2027. 2026 was not possible due to other events.

### c. Cross Country [EL]

Events have been well attended by seniors, but not by juniors/U15s. EL will try and promote across the younger age groups.

### d. Track and Field [DH]

- i. Competition: There have been good results, with entries stable despite falling numbers amongst certain age groups.  
The EA PB awards certificates with levels 1-9 have raised interest amongst junior members.  
Hosting dates are agreed for 2026.
- ii. Startrack: Anna Carey standing down from organising. Another parent volunteer is needed. This will drive the decision as to whether to continue with Startrack.
- iii. Sportshall fees: Currently collection £2.50 from each parent. Other clubs seem to pay without collecting cash. **Action DH** to investigate alternative payment options.
- iv. Track in field drainage: Plans are being prepared to resolve the ongoing in field drainage problem. More info to follow.

## 6. AGM organisation going forward [ KM]

- a. Awards spreadsheet- OM is managing.
- b. Collection of awards to commence in January. Gayle Yeandle and Sarah Cassie will lead.

- c. Engraving of awards- DH&OM will take trophies for engraving 1<sup>st</sup> week in March.
  - d. Venue: The rugby club and catering has been booked, both the main and side rooms. AGM will commence 30 mins before the rest of the event.
7. **AOB-** Club Xmas drinks arranged for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at Bollington Brewery Tap.

Website club contact forms: Some club contact forms that get sent to club leads, have been attracting spam messages. If this happens to anyone, could they please contact Neil Gunn, and he can add additional security to the relevant contact form.

8. **Date for next committee meetings**

**8 January; 4 March; 7 May; 8 July; 10 September; 11 November**