

Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers Committee Meeting

Thursday January 15th at 7.00pm

Macclesfield Leisure Centre

Attendees – Keith Mulholland [KM], Bob Lynch [BL], Mark Godden [MG], Mark Wheelton [MW], Rachel Gilliland [RGi], Kelly Buckley [KB], Owain Morris [OM], Ian Humphreys [IH]

Apologies –Ruth Groarke [RG], Emma Lord [EL], Dan Hunsley [DH]

1. Previous minutes/actions: approved.

2. Welfare & First Aid reporting [MW]

- a. new issues since last meeting:
 - 1) dealt with informally by the welfare team
 - 2) involved a report to the police by a run leader following an incident with a driver during a club run. The police may follow this up but there's no further action required by the club.
- b. Following a discussion with Active Cheshire (funded by Sport England) the club is now part of the Information Sharing Welfare Officer Group. A visit by Active Cheshire will be arranged in due course

3. Finance and Membership [MG]

- a. Club accounts:
 - £2.5K made on hosting this year, compared to a loss last year. The improvement mainly due to DH and Michael Thorley managing the changes to the Cheshire Grand Prix.
 - Catering made a profit this year mainly due to use of the sum up system.
 - Overall £4k profit. Next year budgeting for closer to break even, including £1 membership fee reduction.

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

- a. SOAR vests are due into Run North West shortly. 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. January stock take complete. Bobble hats available for sale, and will be sold at the upcoming AGM. MG to discuss with RG.

5. Section Updates

a. **Road Running [OM]**

Welsh Castles Relay- The club will be entering a team to compete in this event in June. It may require minibus/accommodation to be arranged. The committee discussed and whilst supports in principle a team entering this event, it would not be funded by the club as it is only for elite runners rather than open to all.

Fixtures for the year ahead are released. There will be extra male and female trophies for the Cheshire road grand prix.

OM to arrange a run leaders meeting. ABC in a good position, D- 2 new leaders to undertake training.

b. **Fell & Trail Running [KB]**

1st aid courses to be repeated in September/October. The additional off road module on the leaders course was deemed not to be essential.

c. **Cross Country [discussed in EL's absence]**

In 2027 the inter-counties will be held on 9 Jan, which means the county championships qualifying date is now earlier in December. The league dates may therefore need to be adjusted to avoid clashing with the county event.

d. **Track and Field [raised by BL post meeting]**

- i. The county champs in May at Warrington will only cater for U12s upwards, meaning there will not be any specific competition for U10s unless they are included in the Cheshire GP league or open meetings.
- ii. New age group meetings come into play on 1st April and it is important we prepare for that both for training and competition.
- iii. Discussions taking place regarding holding an open meeting at Macc in April (possibly 18th but this clashes with Warrington), in order to get the younger age groups used to competition.
- iv. No definite response yet regarding infield drainage work. We are keen for this to take place in the summer, followed by the overdue track retexturing in early 2027.

6. **AGM organisation going forward [KM]**

- a. Special awards voting opened on 23 Jan and will close 22 Feb.
- b. Awards spreadsheet- OM is managing, all section leads need to update winners names.
- c. Collection of awards by Gayle Yeandle and Sarah Cassie needs to be complete by mid Feb, and then all awards to be in clubhouse by 19 Feb.
- d. Engraving of awards- DH&OM will take trophies for engraving last week in Feb.
- e. Venue: The rugby club and catering has been booked, both the main and side rooms. AGM will commence 1830 before the rest of the event at 1900.

7. **AOB-** Website updates- can section leads send any required website updates to Neil Gunn for publishing.

8. Date for next committee meetings

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