

Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers & AC AGM

27th March at 6.30pm – Macclesfield Rugby Club

1. Apologies - Dan Hunsley

2. Opening address – Keith Mulholland (Chair)

Welcome to all and thank you coming along this evening.

Thank you to Gayle Yeandle and husband for managing the trophies this year. A huge amount of work goes into this and its very much appreciated by the club and committee.

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 the club has continued to support and fundraise for Rob Hasler, Brian West and the MND charity. Both Rob and Brian and their families have been longtime members, supporters, volunteers and friends of the club. Tonight, vouchers generously donated by Run North West will be presented, which were raffled and raised £370 for MND.

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

The club is in a good financial position. We made a cash profit of £4,800, with income up by 21% and expenditure up by 12%.

After having made a loss of £2k hosting events in 2024, we made a £1.2k profit hosting events this year. Thanks to Michael Thorley, who worked with other clubs to put the Cheshire T&F league on a more secure financial footing.

The club has donated a total of £2.5k in charitable giving to the MND charities for Rob Hasler and Brian West.

Basic club membership has reduced by £1 for the 2026/2027 season, however for competing members this is offset by an increase of £1 in the EA affiliation fee. Track fees remain the same.

Membership renewals are due by 1 April. As of 27 March, 113 seniors have renewed with 249 still to go. Juniors renewals requests will be sent on 1 April.

Current membership numbers: seniors 462, with a notable swing away from competing; juniors 204.

4. Election of Officers – Keith Mulholland

KM announced that whilst he is continuing in the role of Chair for 2026/27, he will be stepping down at the next AGM. Any club members potentially interested in standing for the position next year, are encouraged to find out more about the role by approaching Keith, or any member of the committee.

All existing officers were re-elected to their posts:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
Chairman	Keith Mulholland
Vice Chair	Ian Humphreys
Secretary	Rachel Gilliland
Lead Welfare Officer	Mark Wheelton
Welfare Officer	Kim Eastham
Treasurer & Membership Secretary	Mark Godden
Track & Field Manager	Dan Hunsley
Road Running Manager	Owain Morris
Fell & Trail Section Manager	Kelly Buckley
Cross Country Manager	Emma Lord
Club Colours	Ruth Groarke
Club Statistician	Jim Rowley

5. AOB- nil raised

6. MADF update spring 2026

Macclesfield Athletics Development Fund, is a charitable trust, managed by 4 trustees, and is independent of MHAC finances.

There has been little progress this year, with proactive fund raising having ceased once the fund reached its £100k target back in 2018. We continue in discussions with Everybody Health & Leisure, to move forward with a plan that we (the trustees) think is suitable, believable and achievable. During the last year we met with leaders from Everybody to ascertain whether their latest option was going to progress. This involved improving the infield drainage and providing a single synthetic football pitch alongside

the current approach road way. This always relied on contingency monies being released from the earlier reconfiguring of the Alderley Business Park. To date this money has not been released and has in fact been further reduced, so the latest plan was just to improve the infield drainage, to allow all year round use for athletics, football and other sports. This is scheduled to take this summer, but no date has been set.

Meanwhile the current track facility is reaching the point where retexturing has become urgent, despite the facility recently passing its 3 year Track Mark inspection. To be clear, the Fund should not be used for this as it is for enhancement/development, not maintenance. So we continue to invest the Fund, whilst awaiting further information from Everybody as to plans and timescales for both maintenance and development of the site.

-Break for Food and Drink-

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

Date of the next committee meeting is 7th May, 7.00pm at the Leisure Centre café.