

Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers Committee Meeting

Wednesday 15th July at 6:30pm

Macclesfield Leisure Centre

Attendees – Keith Mulholland [KM], Bob Lynch [BL], Mark Godden [MG], Ian Humphreys [IH], Mark Wheelton [MW], Kelly Buckley [KB], Owain Morris [OM], Rachel Gilliland [RG], Bev Hartigan [BH] (Guest)

Apologies –Sarah Cassie [SC], Dan Hunsley [DH], Emma Lord [EL]

Bev Hartigan was introduced to the meeting, who is keen to get more involved, with an emphasis on championing young athletes with potential.

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

2. Welfare & First Aid reporting [KE]

No new or ongoing issues.

Dogs on leads: There is signage around the track area showing no dogs without leads. MW has spoken to leisure centre to ensure that staff check compliance with this.

Adverse weather: Proposed policy agreed by committee as follows, using the national weather warning colour coding system:

Red heat warning = no official groups runs to be advertised

Amber warning = group leader decision, focus on amending pace and distance to suit the conditions.

Severe cold weather warning= no run

Wintry conditions = group leader decision.

At all times the group leader will be supported when they need to make such a decision.

3. Finance and Membership [MG]

- a. Club income to date this year (6 months in) is £33k, with £23k expenditure
- b. In next 6 months: £7k track fees to pay plus entry fees for fell relays.
- c. T&F events should break even.
- d. Membership at circa 700, with 100 not having renewed.

4. Kit update

DP Sport- we have placed a top up order for vests and T shirts.

Soar- the vests have arrived and are being distributed.

5. Section Updates

a. Road Running [OM]

OM is standing down from the role at AGM, so is looking for a successor. The committee thanked Owain for doing a tremendous job whilst in the role.

Also a thank you to Ray O'Keefe for organising the road handicap event. However the committee voiced disappointment that only 11 club members attended. Suggested possibly to run this event on a Tuesday in future to get more attendees from track sessions, and to avoid clashing with road run groups.

Welsh Castles Relay: A team of 20 harriers took part in the Welsh Castle Relay. The club impressed on their first time at this event, finishing 12th overall. Thanks to all those who helped organise our participation at this event.

b. Fell & Trail Running [KB]

Wincle Trout want to donate £200 to the club. Agreed that this will go to the MND fund.

A previous member who is now deceased, Mick Corcoran, has kindly donated his medals back to the club.

c. Cross Country-no update

d. Track and Field

An email was received from an attendee of Tuesday senior track training sessions, with concerns regarding lane allocation, and asked the committee to consider other options, to allow senior members greater track capacity. This was discussed, and concerns also raised that there weren't any obvious options to reduce junior track capacity, which is already stretched. Possible working with Macclesfield & District Tri Club was considered, who use the track on monthly Mondays.

Action: MW to discuss with MAD Tri Club; KM to respond to the member email

BH spoke about the backlog in juniors joining the club via the waiting list, and also the lack of availability of track & field officials. Suggestion that club volunteers could be persuaded to volunteer as T&F officials.

Action: BH to speak to DH regarding both of these issues.

6. AOB

- a. October Run Fest income to go to MND.

7. Date for next committee meetings

10 September; 11 November

Post meeting note: proposed dates for 2027: 14 Jan, 10 March, 13 May, 14 July, 9 September, 10 November.