

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

**Thursday 12 January 2017**

**Chair: Keith Mulholland**

**Time: 20.15**

**Venue: Athletics Club House**

Attendees: Bob Lynch (BL), Kevin Ranshaw (KR), Alison Gunn (AG), Neil Gunn (NG), Keith Mulholland (KM), Rob Hasler (RH), Ray O'Keefe (RO'K), Barry Blyth (BB), Mandy Calvert (MC), Tracey Porritt (TP).

**Apologies:** Brian Macfadyen (BMac), Nicola Tasker (NT), Daisy Pickles (DP), Jenny Airey (JA), Wendy Boardman (WB).

**1. Agreement of Previous Meeting's Minutes** - already agreed

**2. Correspondence (TP)** - all forwarded

**3. Club Membership Update and 2017/18 Fee (NG)**

NG reported that we currently have 716 members with a few new members over the christmas break. The online form for 2017/18 is on the website.

**4. Finance (NG)**

NG has sent the year end figures and they will be administered by Harts in February ready to be signed off at the AGM. NG did want to speak to the committee about the track surplus fees that are donated to MADF, NG would rather they not be passed over to MADF on the basis that once the money has gone it is then out of the control of Macclesfield Harriers. KR reminded NG that the committee have agreed that the monies be passed to the Trustees of MADF. NG felt that the money should not be released until it was needed and as the Treasurer of the club would like it noted that he felt the money should be 'ringfenced' for MADF and released as and when it was needed and would like the decision deferred until the end of the year. BL assured the committee that if no progress towards an indoor sports facility was achieved this year then an alternative proposal for using MADF funds would be examined.

**5. AGM - (Bollington Arts Centre 31/03/2017) (NG)**

NG has booked Bollington Arts Centre for our AGM meeting. KR has put a notice up regarding nominations for **awards**. NG said that the online voting is ready and available for people to use. KM commented that we would need somebody to take the trophies for engraving and collection. TP offered to take the trophies and ensure that each trophy was correctly named.

## **6. Club Officers – update**

KM and TP reported that as yet no one had come forward to volunteer for the positions of Club Treasurer, Track and Field Manager and or Sports-hall Co-ordinator. RH suggested advertising on facebook and website. KM was in agreement with this. NG has information on the various roles and responsibilities for any interested parties wishing to help the club and did add that he would not be continuing in the role of Treasurer after 31 December 2017.

We would like all club/family members to consider if they would like to volunteer to take on the roles of Club Treasurer and Track & Field Manager and/or Sports-hall Co-ordinator. NG and KR are very happy to help and support anyone wishing to take these positions. You can contact any committee or club member to offer your support or email [secretary@macclesfield-harriers.co.uk](mailto:secretary@macclesfield-harriers.co.uk) - Telephone: 07706 163120 and I will pass your details to the appropriate person.

## **7. Macclesfield Half Marathon – (MC)**

MC (race director) wanted to give the committee an update and share with the committee information about what was happening this year. Last year was very successful with over 900 runners across the various events, slightly disappointed about the number of runners for the half-marathon but a surplus of £7,000 was collected and donated to charity. MC would like the event to go ahead this year and would ask that the club get more involved in promoting the event, with the section managers helping to bring more runners on the day. Talking to people and perhaps suggesting getting a team of runners together for the half marathon or the 5k. MC would like to acknowledge the hard work of all the volunteers that have helped make this event a success over the years and is confident that enough volunteers will come forward for this years event. As this is one of the biggest events in Macclesfield MC would like help in getting people interested to take part or volunteer help. The first meeting is on 19 January to discuss and start organising this years event. The aim is to get more people taking part as we have capacity for at least 1,000 runners for the half marathon. The section heads all offered to help promote this event.

## **8. C25K – (NG)**

NG apologised on behalf of JA and WB as they were unable to attend the meeting. NG reported that the next course will start on 6 April 2017 and finish on 1 June 2017 with a Parkrun at Congleton on 10 June 2017. The online form is set up and ready to go.

## 9. Track & Field and Sports-hall (KR)

KR reported that the fixture list is up and in 'GO' magazine for the coming season. Only one fixture in the Cheshire Track & Field League at home this year which is in May 2017. **Sports-hall** – We have had 3 rounds in the sports-hall and the top five of the three age groups boys and girls will go through to the final.

U11 Boy's, U11 Girl's and U15 Girl's have all got to the final which will be held at Widnes on Sunday 22 January 2017. Hoping they do well on the day. That will then be the end of the sports-hall season apart from 2 separate events that will be held in March, one for U11's – Fun in Athletics and one for U13's and 15's.

## 10. Cross Country (RH)

RH reported that the North Staffs League was now finished and that the juniors had done exceptionally well. U11 Boys – second, U13 Boys – third, U15 boys won their division as did U11 Girl's and U15 Girl's, U13 Girl's - second. Senior Men came third in their division. We did not field teams for the U17's and U20's but great results. We have also done very well in The Cheshire Championships and RH asked if it was possible to give trophies or medals to runners who had attended every meeting and helped build up the points but not won race. BL said 'additional medals/trophies can be purchased for extra team members who in the opinion of the Team Manager has made a considerable contribution in supporting the teams overall performance in the league'. KR did say that runners or teams could be nominated for awards at the AGM.

## 11. Road Running (RO'K)

RO'K has published a list of road running races for this year with a wide variety to choose from. The first one is over the coming weekend, The Four Villages Half Marathon with over 30 Harriers signed up to run, so continuing the strong participation that was evident last year. RO'K has sent a list of prizes and rules for the club road running championships and this will be put on the website so that members know what to expect. BL did say he would send an email regarding **marshalling** help for the Wilmslow Half Marathon

## 12. Fell Running (BB)

BB has posted all fell activities on the website forum and has asked JB to put the listing of this years races on the main page. BB commented that Fell running only has prizes for the winners of races nothing for coming second or third. KR said that prizes are not given for second and third place but can be announced. At the moment there are trophies for first man and first lady. BL wanted to ask BB about Shaun Wilde who has offered to put on a taster session for

Fell Running and has taken a coaching and fitness course. BB has spoken to Shaun and arrangements will be made in the near future.

### **13. Statistics (NT)**

NT not present – Please email if any information required

### **14. Publicity**

KM reported that an offer had been made to fill the position of Publicity Officer. The new Publicity Officer would concentrate on individual stories about club members and their experiences with the Harriers to attract new members and give the writing a human feel, so that people will read the articles.

### **15. Any Other Business**

BL wanted to make committee members aware of three items that were not discussed at the meeting.

- a) Following an EA initiative, two road running group leaders have volunteered to become Mental Health Ambassadors on behalf of the club, and are due to hold an initial session of run, walk, talk in early February – details are on the club website.
- b) Volunteers are being sought by MMU to assess a cooling and heating device specifically for the knees. Details are on Harriers' website including contact information.
- c) Although we had a meeting with the Leisure Centre Management in early December regarding both maintenance and ongoing hire charges: to date there has been no response.

### **16. Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 20 April 2017 at The Clubhouse**