

Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers & AC Committee Meeting

Thursday 20th April 2017

Chaired by Bob Lynch

Attendees : R Lynch (RL), K Ranshaw (KR), N Gunn (NG), N Tasker (NT), R O'Keefe (RO'K), R Hasler (RH), P Lynch (PL), G Brown (GB), A Gunn (AG)

Apologies : Keith Mulholland, Barry Blyth, Tracey Porritt & Daisy Pickles

1. Minutes of AGM and previous committee meeting already agreed.
2. Correspondence – RL to pass some correspondence to the Secretary about the track hire.
3. Club Membership – the online process is working better this year with BACS payments being the most popular way of renewing. At time of meeting 171 had not renewed but KR said there was a list of 101 who probably won't renew. End of April is cut-off point when people will be resigned from EA (although they can be re-instated). NG to send targeted email to those outstanding. NT clarified that club records claimed after end April by members who have not renewed or not renewed as competing members will not be valid. YDL have indicated a one week grace period for T&F athletes, said KR, but memberships are checked for races.
4. Finance – NG said no financial issues. Manchester league extra medals required. Membership of 3 leagues paid up to date already.
5. AGM – RO'K asked if the venue was big enough? Committee thought it was good value at £92 for the evening, but it was very well attended and therefore very full, almost to capacity. There are still some awards trophies still not claimed and some vouchers.
NHG is to ask David Jackson to check/fill in a membership form for the new honorary member (Mick Corcoran) so he can formally be made a member of the club.
6. Club Volunteers – Treasurer position – 1 person is potentially interested. NG has sent him info about the role. Jason Justice will manage the EA membership from the end of May.
KR has had contact from a potential volunteer to fill the role of T&F Manager.
Following the meeting, RL has confirmed that the Club Development Officer be formally changed to Barbara Murray.
RL is covering collection and paying in of track fees and track passes at the moment until someone else can be found to do it. AG asked if it was worth emailing all track attendees to explain the situation in the hope that someone might come forward.
7. Indoor Sportshall – KR reported that 9 athletes had been selected to represent Cheshire – 4 U11Bs, 2 U11Gs, 1 U13B, 1 U13G and 1 U15G. The U13Bs and U15Gs had won the regional final and so qualified for the National Finals held over the weekend 22/23 April. Reports on the events will appear in the next GO! magazine.
T&F – The first YDL fixture is at Bury on 22 April. The club's only home fixture is in the Cheshire League on 7 May and then on 13/14 May the Cheshire T&F Championships are being held at Warrington. Fixtures in all three leagues then continue throughout the summer.
8. XC – RH reported that the most notable performance of the season was from Sian Heslop who represented England in the 4 nations and finished second. Very good turnout all season from all age groups and all performed well.
Next season there will be no entries on the day in the Manchester League so teams need to be organised. Late entries will be allowed up to 1 week before event.
RH can't attend the North Staffs League AGM.
9. Road Running – RO'K reported a great turnout at the road running races so far this season with approximately 30/40 different men and 40/50 different women competing. They came from all the different road running groups and 43 members ran at Wilmslow Half Marathon. At the Chester Spring 5 the men's team were second and the women's team were third. Popular races seem to be selling out fast. It was suggested that publicising how the teams are doing on

- Facebook would encourage participation. Those running in Cheshire GP races gain extra points in the club champs. The club was given £350 by Wilmslow for marshalling at their half marathon.
10. Fell Running – GB reported the success so far of the Intermediate Fell Group (IFG) and the fell taster sessions organised by Julie Gardner (IFG) and Shaun Wilde (taster sessions). There were 40 Harriers at the Cloud Nine race and 16 at Herod Farm recently. There are lots of people entering all types of races and it was suggested that runners could be encouraged to enter the English Championship races where a team of 4 is needed to score for the club. We have some good youngsters coming through, but the age limit is 18 for some races.
 11. Statistics – NT reported no new records. The results of the last T&F meet at Ellesmere Port on 3 Sept (West Cheshire) will be needed for the Mini T&F competition on 16th September for the awards to be presented.
 12. Publicity – new Publicity Officer is doing a good job getting of the club’s topical issues in the Macc Express.
 13. AOB – AG asked the committee about the future of GO! Magazine as she felt that the paper mag was now old fashioned and all the content was out of date by the time the magazine was published. The club’s website can be used to cover most items and also social media is widely used by the membership to pass on information. GB, whose background is in communications & marketing, has offered to take a lead in thinking about the future of the club communications strategy (ie. web, Facebook and magazine) with a small team of helpers. NG and AG said they would be happy to be involved in this and anybody else who was interested could contribute. AOB – E Group have requested permission to recruit 2 more leaders. Kelly Hough and Pat Ahern have been proposed and this was approved by the committee, although RL said he would like E group to formalise a mid-week run.
GB will ask in the Fell Group if leaders are needed.
NHG said we need another leaders meeting – RO’K agreed to organise.
RL asked if we need a first aid refresher course – all agreed. RL will organise.
AOB – GB suggested a multi-discipline winter league, ie. road, xc & fell. RH said it could dilute participation in XC, and there is already a heavy commitment with XC races. GB agreed that a winter league for fell only would be much easier to administrate. The date for the club’s Fell Handicap race can now be agreed as the XC dates for next season are available.
AOB – it was suggested that the Boxing Day Handicap run should be a club run with no handicap and therefore hardly any organisation involved. All agreed it was a good idea.
AOB – an off-road training session at Alderley Edge was suggested on Monday 8th May. RL will book the car park at Alderley Edge NT.

Next Meeting – Thursday 22 June

**Alison Gunn
(on behalf of Tracey Porritt, Club Secretary)**