

Minutes of the Macclesfield Harriers & AC Committee Meeting

Thursday 22nd June, 8.15 pm, Clubhouse

Chaired by Keith Mulholland

Attendees: Keith Mulholland (KM), Bob Lynch (RL), Neil Gunn (NG), Graham Brown (GB), Kevin Ranshaw (KR), Nicky Tasker, Rachel Heslop (RH)-Item 3

Apologies: Ray O'Keefe, Daisy Pickles, Rob Hasler, Tracey Porritt, Barbara Murray, Alison Gunn.

1. **Minutes:** Minutes of the previous committee meeting already agreed
2. **Correspondence**-all passed on
3. **Clubmark:** The club's Clubmark accreditation is out of date. Several modules need to be prepared in order for this to be renewed. RH and BM are willing to undertake this task.
4. **Club Membership:** The club currently has around 600 members. Jason Justice has now taken on the EA membership role.
5. **Finance:** The Club bank account has been subjected to multiple fraudulent transactions. No money has been lost from the account due to the prompt actions of NG. New arrangements are being progressed in order to stop this happening in the future
6. **Track Fees:** To remain at £2.50 per session until the end of March 2018. The system for track fee collection is to be reviewed in the next few months with a view for implementing changes from April 2018. KM, NG, RL and KR are to look into proposed changes.
7. **Club Volunteers:** The club still needs a new Treasurer. All enquiries can be directed to NG and or KM. There is a possibility that someone may take over the T&F Manager role
8. **Track Maintenance:** There are several items requiring maintenance (two particular ones are replacing the Hammer cage netting and remedial work on the long jump run ups). Despite reminders to ESAR these repairs have not taken place. These issues will be escalated to Peter Hartwell (ESAR CEO) by Barbara Murray.
9. **C25K:** Course 6 has finished recently with 20 graduates. It is proposed to run an autumn course. The committee were prepared to support this pending additional mid week training sessions being publicised.
10. **T&F:** Anna Carey has agreed to be the new Sportshall coordinator.

Our only home match this season was round 1 of the Cheshire League, so bearing in mind that travel would be involved for all other matches, the current position is as follows:

Northern Mens and Ladies League

After 2 rounds (of 4) the club lies 3rd in the table. The top 2 teams are promoted.

There has been a reasonable turn-out, but the team is very dependent on the U17 athletes who have stepped forward to compete.

A concerted effort in the remaining 2 rounds might enable a move up the table, but the teams above us have proved to be too strong so far.

The next round is at Oldham on 9 July.

Youth Development League

Three rounds (of 4) have been completed here and we are currently 6th in the table. The bottom 2 teams are relegated, so we are currently facing demotion.

There has been a very good turn-out to date, but the other teams are proving to be too good and unfortunately, we are not able to field athletes in some disciplines e.g. pole vault.

The final round is on 15 July at Ashton-under-Lyne.

Cheshire League

Just 1 fixture so far in this league (at home) with 3 more to come. League positions are...

- Ladies 6th
- Men 4th
- Overall 4th
- U11s 7th

The next match is on 2 July at Crewe.

11. **XC**-nothing to report.

12. **Road Running**: Still very good participation in Club Road Races with 28 at the Mid Cheshire 5K, 32 at Round the Runway 5M, 31 at Lyme Park Parkrun and only a recent slip in numbers with 7 at the Bowdon 5K and 9 at the Dunham Massey 5K. This slip in numbers might be because these races were midweek evening races and not in the Cheshire Road Race Grand Prix. Looks like there are good numbers entered in some of the upcoming races. There have been some excellent road running performances by Macc Harriers especially from some of the Juniors. The men and women teams came 2nd at the Mid Cheshire 5K leaving both teams in second place overall after two races. Next Cheshire Road Race Grand Prix race is the Alderley Edge 10K on July 2nd.

The North Cheshire 5k series open ladies prize was won by one of our junior runners (Lauren Robinson), with another of our junior runners (Sam Kyriacou) winning the Junior Ladies prize. Congratulations to Lauren and Sam.

Will keep up communication with road-runners via the club website, Facebook and email.

Action: Ray O'Keefe to arrange road running leaders meeting

13. **Gawsworth 10k**: This year's race has been cancelled due to issues in recruiting sufficient volunteers. The race organiser has asked the committee if we would take on the organisation. The committee felt that

the club had too many commitments (particularly in September) and that it would not take on this task this year. **Action:** KM to contact Jenny Birtwistle

14. **Fell Running:** Carl Hanaghan and Graham Brown successfully completed the Bob Graham round 16/17 Jun
- Robbie Peel and Alan Bunyun representing Cheshire were 3rd team at U19 intercounties fell champs (behind Cumbria and Yorks)
 - English champs @ Tebay - Mark Messenger (MM) / Barry Blyth (BB) / Julie Gardner (JG) (good turnouts at Weets and Shropshire too) Dan Croft joint 9th / MM 47th in V50
BB 5th in V65 and 3rd in V70
JG joint 13th / Kath Turner joint 15th V55 & KT joint 7th V60

Club Fell champs:

Last race was Bosley - 18 Harriers turned out

113 Harriers have turned out. BB will win the enthusiast award raced 11 times

MM & DC fighting it out for men's title and Claire Griffin & Gill Lyndsay ladies title

Next races are Whaley Waltz - Sat and Langley fete and Kinder Trog both this Sunday

- Winter league - publish this in next Go mag

- 138 members on Facebook group

15. **Statistics:** Plan to put Master Copy of Club Records on website.
16. **Publicity:** There have been great articles in the Macc Express recently (thanks to Gill Lindsey). In addition, a video on pace runners has been produced for the Macc Half (thanks to Karl Downing) and also an interview with Steph Wood again on the Macc Half has been broadcast on Silk FM.
17. **Club Communication Strategy:** GB to arrange a meeting to look at the future club communication strategy to review the use of the website, social media and 'GO' magazine.
18. **AOB:** A new café has been opened in West Park that could be of interest to running groups. There will be no GO magazine in March 2018 (NG and AG unavailable to produce the issue)
19. **AGM:** Friday 16th March 2018 (7:00 pm) at Bollington Arts Centre (now booked by NG)

20. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 7th September, 8:15 pm at the Clubhouse

Keith Mulholland
(On behalf of Tracey Porritt, Club Secretary)