

Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers & AC Committee Meeting

Thursday 28 September 2017

Chaired by Keith Mulholland

Time: 20:15

Venue: Athletics Club House

Attendees: Kevin Ranshaw (KR), Keith Mulholland (KM), Neil Gunn (NG), Nicola Tasker (NT), Alison Gunn (AG), Rob Hasler (RH), Ray O'Keefe (RO'K), Barbara Murray (BM), Gillian Lindsey (GL), Tracey Porritt (TP), Jude Whitehall (JW).

Apologies for Absence: Bob Lynch (BL), Graham Brown (GB), Daisy Pickles (DP), Barry Blyth (BB).

1) **Agreement of previous Meeting's Minutes** - Already Agreed

2) **Correspondence (TP)** – All Forwarded

3) **Club Membership (KM)**

KM reported that we now have 730 members with 323 members over the age of 20 with EA membership.

4) **Finance (NG)**

NG informed the committee that monthly updates are sent out. Bank account systems are all working fine with no fraudulent activity that we have experienced in the past. Money is being spent on coaching but we have a healthy balance.

5) **Club Volunteers** – Treasurer, Track and Field Manager, Secretary and Catering Manager (KM)

NG reported that Mark Godden would be taking over the role of Treasurer for the club towards the end of this year. No one as yet has come forward for any of the other voluntary roles.

KR informed the committee that as of 29 September there would no longer be a T&F Manager. The three leagues that we are in have all been given contact points and the dates of the events to be held will be given and we will be asked when we would like to host. KR did also say that as the T&F Managers role is very extensive he could foresee problems hosting events unless volunteers stepped forward to help out. BM suggested splitting the role into manageable chunks and re-advertising for volunteers to step forward and help out when necessary at the track. KM suggested we advertise for an event co-ordinator and still try for a T&F Manager.

6) **Track Maintenance and Fee Proposal – (KM)**

Track Maintenance: KM reported that we were still waiting for Mike Harding to contact the club regarding the cage netting that is not safe, and needs replacing and the Long Jump run-up needs attention as it is usable but in poor condition. BM has followed this up and the cage netting has now been ordered. The long jump area is also being looked at by ESAR.

Fee Proposal: KM informed the committee of the change in track fees from weekly collection to yearly subscription. We have had feedback from 6 people and concerns have been addressed. The proposal will go ahead from April 2018.

7) Club Development – (BM)

EA Throws Initiative: A very successful 'Come and Have a Go at Throwing' event was held at the track on Wednesday 30 August with funding provided by England Athletics, article is on the club website.

Game Changers Pilot Programme: MHAC have been successful in their application to participate in this volunteer pilot programme managed by EA for young people aged 14-25. The first phase is focused on Track and Field Officials. The project started on Saturday 16 September at the Club Mini Competition. We have several volunteers who will attend an officials training course on 25 November.

Track and Field Officials Course on Saturday 25 November: The T&F Officials course that the Game Changers will attend is to be held at the Club House 10:00-16:30. Seven parents/others have also registered an interest in attending this and members of other clubs may also attend.

Clubmark: Slow progress at present due to other commitments. Committee asked if they would agree to include a code of conduct for members within the membership pack and available on the club website. BM to work on the content.

First Aid Course: Scheduled for 15 November and promoted via the website and facebook to all coaches and run-leaders. NG suggested a donation to the company (Horton First Responders) hosting the course. The committee agreed.

8) Macc Half Marathon

KM reported a very successful day, 20% increase on last year with over a thousand runners.

9) Track and Field/Sports hall (KR)

KR has sent an end of season summary to AG for the next issue of GO! Magazine. Season has now finished. Mini Event was held on 16 September but numbers were small. NG has put the results on the website. During the summer we have taken part in the three leagues:

YDL: U13's and U15's – fifth just avoided relegation

NL : Finished fourth – we do not have many seniors in this league

Cheshire T&F - Fourth overall, the men came third and the women fifth. U11's came seventh which was unfortunately the worst season we have had since we have been keeping records.

Sportshall – Season starts on Sunday 15 October at Crewe. Indoor training starts for U11's on Tuesday evening 6:30-7:30.

10) Cross Country (RH)

RH reported that the cross country season was just about to start at North Staffs next weekend, lot of response and entries. No entries on the day this year for all age groups.

11) Road Running (R'OK)

R'OK informed the committee that we are coming towards the end of the road running season, Langley 7 left and also Stockport and Wilmslow 10K. Good turn out for all the races this season. Turning attention now to races for next year.

12) Fell Running (GB)

GB report as follows:

English Champs: Dan Croft top 10 in V50, Barry Blyth 3rd V70. Female: Julie Gardner and Kath Turner placed in V55 and KT placed in V60.

Anne Marie Jones has now joined Macclesfield from Altrincham. She was 1st V60/3rd V55.

Club Champs: Current standings – Kevin Good 1st, Robbie Peel 2nd, Mark Messenger 3rd. Ladies: Kathleen O'Donnell 1st, Gill Lindsey 2nd and Andrea Frost 3rd. Three races left: Windgather, The Roaches and Club Handicap.

Wednesday Night Series: Overall 10 members managed to complete at least 5 races , with at total of 93 turning out for one race.

British Fell Relays: To be held on 16 October in Llanberis, 2 male teams, 1 female and 1 mixed team.

The winter league series has now been publicised.

13) Statistics (NT) - Nothing to report.

14) Club Communications and GO! Magazine (AG)

The results of the Club Communications survey are in and the next step is for Graham Brown to arrange the first Committee sub-group meeting (this will be open to any interested club members). The committee discussed Go! Magazine and agreed that the December 2017 issue will be the last one – the main reason being that the majority of content is out of date, or repeated as items are now on the club website and social media so quickly.

15) Publicity

GL reported that publicity was going very well and is going to put a calender together of dates for events. We have a regular column in the local paper, and also one-off stories that can go in the sports pages for athletes achievements for the club. GL would also like to promote club events gave the committee samples of the work she had done so far and would like to include not just great achievements by individuals but also the human stories of everyday runners. GL would like these stories to be pinned up in the clubhouse so members and parents can see the clubs successes and the hard work and time many athletes put in week after week.

16) Any other business

a) Taster Course – NG mentioned a taster-course called LIRF to CIRF organised by England Athletics. It is aimed at LIRF (Leader in Running Fitness) qualified group leaders who may want to move up to CIRF (Coach in Running Fitness). The cost is £20 per person and the course is being held at Bury on Monday 16 October, from 6:30 – 9:30. 2 D Group leaders have had approval from Bob Lynch to attend and NG and AG also want to attend. It was suggested that it be offered to all group leaders if they were interested and the committee approved payment from the club to cover costs.

ACTION: RO'K to publicise within the Road Running Group Leaders (complete).

b) Plyometric Boxes – BM asked if the club would be willing to fund the purchase of a set of Plyometric Boxes for use at track training. At the moment the athletes use the podium for this (jumping on and off) but there are specific boxes for that purpose. The cost would be between £280 and £800. The committee felt that a maximum of £500 would be OK. BM to do further investigation.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Thursday 30 November 2017, 8.15pm (Clubhouse)