

Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers & AC Committee Meeting

Thursday 25th January 2018

Chaired by Keith Mulholland

Time: 20:15 Venue: Athletics Club House

Attendees: Mark Godden (MG), Keith Mulholland (KM), Gillian Lindsey (GL), Ray O'Keefe (RO'K), Christine Ritchie (CR), Nicky Tasker (NT), Bob Lynch (BL), Pauline Lynch (PL), Rob Hasler (RH), Dave Larkin (DL)

Apologies: Alison Gunn (AG), Graham Brown (GB), Barbara Murray (BM)

1) Agreement of previous Meeting's Minutes - Agreed

2) Correspondence (CR) – All Forwarded

3) Club Membership (MG)

The new membership fees have been highlighted on the web site and renewals have started. There have been a few transfers in from other clubs.

4) Finance (MG)

The 2017 accounts have been finalised and are currently with Harts for auditing. Any club member who wishes to see a summary should contact the treasurer (treasurer@macclesfield-harriers.co.uk).

5) Club Volunteers – Track and Field Manager

The club still needs a T&F manager. Anyone interested in helping/filling the position please contact KM or BL

6) Communications Update (GB)

There have been two meetings of the comms sub-group. The focus has been on the website. The next stage is to pull together a requirements document. That's sits with GB who has been too busy, so may need to pass this task on.

7) Club Development Plan (BM)

A very positive report received from BM:

Club Development Manager - report to MHAC committee meeting 24 January 2018

Game Changers Pilot Programme and T&F officials: We have 8 new T&F officials with 7 more due to attend the course in March. Dates for T&F leagues have been circulated to all officials who are required to attend 4 events to complete their Level One qualification.

Volunteers: Age group team managers and a T&F match scorer have been recruited for 2018.

T&F Coaching Clinics: Dates have been set for the 2018 clinics which now incorporate two senior 'Come and Try' events - one for Throwing and one for Jumping. These are supported by MADF and England Athletics (Come and Try events).

365 Training Course: *five T&F coaches are signed up for the England Athletics 365 course (run, jump, throw progression for young athletes) on Wed 31st January. Spaces are still available. Coaches have also attended CPD courses in throws and sprints in December and January.*

Club Development Plan: *The annual review and update of the development plan is due now. Hopefully this will be completed before the next committee meeting.*

8) Track & Field Maintenance (BL)

BL is trying to arrange a meeting with Mike Harding – the Leisure Centre Manager – by the end of January to discuss essential maintenance.

9) Macclesfield Park Run (Report from NG)

Report received from NG:

The core team (those who will play a key role) are progressing well with the actions to make this happen. The team will be looking at course options early in January (not sure of progress). The parkrun ambassador (Eve Taylor) hopes to apply for a start date from parkrun HQ in spring but wants this to be kept confidential to avoid a massive turnout for the inaugural run as the team are relatively inexperienced.

I did mention that there would hopefully be members from the club who could support this first run if the team need support.

10) Track and Field/Sports hall (KM)

Congratulations to the U 15 Girls team who won the Indoor Sportshall competition and to the U11 Boys team who came 3rd.

Macclesfield is hosting the Cheshire County Championships on 12 and 13 May.

BL proposed that the Cheshire Championships be included in the awards determination for 2018 – the committee agreed the proposal.

11) Cross Country (RH & DP)

All age groups performed extremely well in the Cheshire Championships with some stand-out performances in the Junior Section. In the North Staffs league the club performed extremely well and collected a number of trophies.

The Gazebo (discussed last meeting) will shortly be purchased once the logo has been finalised. The cost will be round about £500.

Report to follow detailing Sian's successes

12) Road Running/Road Handicap (RO'K)

Club races for 2018 have now been finalised including the Grand Prix races. Many local races sell out quickly and RO'K will continue to provide details of entry levels/remaining places via the web site and Facebook.

Marathon Runners – RO'K would like to hear from anyone planning to run a Marathon in 2018 so he can publicise them on the web site and Facebook, particularly if they are running for a charity.

Emma Beveridge will be organising the Forest 5 in July

13) Fell Running (GB)

Due to the postponement of the fell handicap in December the 2017 Championship hasn't yet concluded

There are 3 races left in Winter fell series; Long Mynd Valleys, Lyme Park park run and fell Handicap. Mark Burley is current leader

The 2018 club championship and Summer Wednesday night series races have been publicised on Club website, forum and Facebook. New this year is a Lakes Championship - reflecting the number of Harriers racing there.

14) Statistics (NT)

Nothing to report

15) Publicity (GL)

January's publicity in the Macclesfield Express included two articles; the first focused on Macc Harrier's charity fundraising – a total of £15,000 in 2017; the second focused on the different weekly running groups organised by the club and emphasised the safety requirements for dark nights and winter running.

February's report will focus on the indoor sports hall athletics

March will focus on cross country

April issue will focus on Marathon running and the numerous charities that are supported by the Macc Harriers runners at events such as London and Manchester marathons.

16) AGM and Prize giving evening

KM to ask NG for nominations form. BL is collecting the trophies, AG, RO'K and RH to help. Date for nominations meeting is Tuesday 27 February, 8pm at the clubhouse for section heads and Dave Larkin (cross-disciplinary challenge). Venue and catering has already been booked for the AGM on 16 March by NG.

17) Any other business

17a) Confirmation of email addresses for committee members (CR)

KM has sent his email address to CR; BL provided the new address for the Junior Waiting List.

17b) Transfers in to Macclesfield Harriers (CR)

See above (para 3, Club Membership)

17c) £4£ fundraising possibilities (CR)

This has been investigated by the club in the past without success. CR to make some further enquiries.

17d) Couch to 5k Spring 2018 – brief update (CR)

Report from Abi Leyland below. It was agreed by the committee that this is a sensible approach:

We (E Group Leaders) have decided (I hope that's ok) not to run the C25K Course this Spring. Current active E Group members are 130. And on many of our runs we have between 20-30 runners out. We feel from a safety point of view, those group sizes are sufficient, and if we run another course, we will get even more runners joining us.

17e) Macc Half Marathon Training (Dave Larkin)

Dave Larkin is organising training runs for last year's community team entrants (5K). These will start on 1 June and will run through the summer on the first Saturday of every month. The hope is that these community teams will be ready for the Macc Half Marathon Community Team Challenge by September. Dave may open up the training to a wider audience; both club members and non-club members.

Date and Time of next meeting: Thursday 17 May 2018 at 08:15pm

Chair: Keith Mulholland (**KM**)

KM – Keith Mulholland, CR – Christine Ritchie, MG – Mark Godden, GB – Graham Brown, BM – Barbara Murray, BL – Bob Lynch, RO'K – Ray O'Keefe, RH – Rob Hasler, NT – Nicky Tasker, GL – Gillian Lindsey, AG – Alison Gunn, DP – Daisy Pickles