

Minutes for Macclesfield Harriers & AC Committee Meeting

Thursday 9th January 2020

Chaired by Emma Beveridge

Time: 20:15 Venue: Macclesfield Leisure Centre Cafe

Apologies

KE DK

1. Agreement of previous Meeting's Minutes

Agreed

2. Correspondence (LG)

All dealt with

3. Club Membership (MG)

We currently have 740 members of which 250 are juniors

Membership for the coming year is due for renewal by 31/3/2020 and we had hoped to collect all fees through the EA system which is still the long term aim but for now we plan to use the EA system for affiliated member renewals only and continue to handle new members and unaffiliated member renewals under the current system.

All members' emails in the EA system must be correct. EA will send emails inviting people to renew with a link to pay. If emails are not correct then members will not get the email and their membership will lapse. MG has posted on the website and the various harriers pages on facebook urging everyone to log on to their EA portal and check their details especially email address are correct.

For 2020/2021 we have simplified the fee structure and in many cases reduced the fees:

Senior non-competing	£14 (£2 reduction)
Senior, competing, no track use	£31 (no change)
Senior, competing, with track use	£81 (no change)
Junior, 11+ (on 31/08/20)	£81 (£20 reduction)
Junior, under 11(on 31/08/20)	£64 (£22 reduction)

The sibling discount has been removed.

A lot of background work is required to prepare the membership data (i.e. to allocate the correct membership category to each member) and will probably not be ready until March

4. Finance (MG)

The club finances are healthy.

The club has agreed to pay individual entry fees at track and field events particularly Cheshire league, fees are already paid by the club for cross country and fell relays.

5. Communications Update (EB)

The new website will be up and running very soon – just a few final tweaks to be made.

6 Track and field maintenance (BL)

Maintenance requirements have been submitted to ESSAR a while ago. Still waiting to hear from the council

7 Track and Field/Sports hall (BM)

T&F Sports hall U11 girls won = not had the final yet

There are 3 coaching clinics coming up on 14th March 28th March and 4th April supported by MADF

On Tuesday 14th January David Lafferty (Michael Laffertys son) came to track with a donation in his name to support the coaching clinics, there has also been a donation from Barry Blyths family

The Track and Field fixture list for 2020 is available on the club website

We need more officials and volunteers

3 people are doing assistant coaching courses

8 Cross Country (RH)

The North Staffs league has finished – we did well, there was a report in the Macclesfield Express

There were 50 runners across all the age groups at the Cheshire Champs on the 4th January, we did really well and came back with lots of medals

123 people in total have competed across all the cross country competitions and there has been a good atmosphere at all the races

The gazebo has started to show some wear and tear but should be able to be mended and last another season

9 Road Running (RO'K)

There has been a general increase in numbers of people entering races

There was a road leaders meeting in November and we were able to encourage more people to do their leaders courses as a couple of the groups are struggling for leaders
The wearing of hi viz and lights when training in the dark was also discussed at the leaders meeting and the club has agreed to make it a rule that people wear them. People are always reminded on the Facebook posts advertising the runs. The club has agreed to buy some hi viz vests for leaders to lend to people who turn up without them

In the junior road champs only 1 girl qualified by doing enough races. To encourage more juniors to take part, more parkruns have been added to the calendar on dates where there are no track events. There is also a 5k race in September

A list of races will be put on the calendar on the new website

10 Fell Running (DK/AB)

A new list of races for 2020 is now available

There are 3 series – Summer, High fell and Local series

There is a donation from Barry Blyth's funeral to get a new trophy for a fell enthusiast.

Maybe do a wall of remembrance in the clubhouse

JB is going to do a coaching course

We are promoting bring your own bottles to races – water will be provided but not cups.

Terrys High Five and The Forest Five races are both plastic free

11 Statistics (KE)

Nothing to report

12 Publicity (GL)

GL wants to step down, as yet no replacement has been found – we need to advertise to members. GL will still submit articles given to her for The Macclesfield Express

13 Club Colours – Update (MG)

Nothing to report

14 Any other business

A Date for AGM – Friday 3rd April at the Rugby Club again – good food, plenty of parking

B Boxing Day handicap – Very good feedback. The people who organised it don't live locally so are looking for help to organize it for next time

C Celidh – booked for 31.1.2020 at the rugby Club. £20 which includes food. Promises to be an excellent night, advertised on facebook and the website

D the BLS course in November was a great success, there will be another one organised for later in the year.

Date of next meeting – ?

EB – Emma Beveridge, MG – Mark Godden, BL – Bob Lynch, BM – Barbara Murray, RO'K Ray O'Keefe, GL – Gillian Lindsey, AB Alannah Birtwistle, RH - Rob Hasler, LG – Lynne Graves

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TBC