

Minutes from Macclesfield Harriers & Athletic Club Committee Meeting

23rd May 2013 (20.15 – 21.50) -Chaired by Kevin Ranshaw

Attendees: Kevin Ranshaw (KR), Philip Barnes (PB), Neil Gunn (NG), Keith Mulholland (KM), Carol Barnes (CaB), Clare Finnis (CF)

Apologies: Chris Bentley (CB), Rachael Lawrance (RL), Phil Cheek (PC), James Noakes (JN), Bob Lynch(BL), Julian Brown (JB)

The two new attendees – Carol Barnes and Clare Finnis – were welcomed to the meeting.

1. Agreement of Previous Meeting's Minutes (All)

The minutes for the last meeting were agreed. It was also confirmed that KR should be a new signatory on the Club's bank account (replacing the previous secretary).

2. Correspondence (CF)

All e-mail correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate club member(s). There has been no postal correspondence.

3. Club Membership Update (JB)

Membership is still about 500: 100 new members and 80 removed from the list by KR. Many have still not paid membership fees. JB will be asked to send an updated members list showing who is still to pay - they will be approached by the appropriate team managers. KR will request that this list is circulated.

4. Finance Update (NG)

The club's finances continue to do well. An investment is due to mature on 28th August. This will need to be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Track and Field (KR)

We have entered teams in the Cheshire T&F League, Youth Development League (upper and lower age groups) and Northern League where all the 1st round matches have been held. We are struggling with low numbers of participants in U17 and U20. A report will appear in the next GO! magazine.

Macclesfield has since hosted a successful 2nd round Cheshire T&F League match with 284 participants.

It was agreed that Macclesfield could offer to host the Cheshire Track Relays on 31st August 13.

KR also advised that the profit raised from this year's Startrack event will be going to the Macclesfield Athletics Development Fund.

6. Cross Country (JN)

JN has most of the season league details and these will be collated and published on the website soon.

7. Road Running (KM)

There have been 4 races so far this season with an average of 15 turning out to represent the club. KM is concerned that we only have 4 competing women yet the turnout for training is good. PB

suggested that the website forum should be the primary source of information for advertising races, this will be tried. There was also an issue of location for some races, as many are a long way away.

8. Fell Running (PB)

We are 4 races into the season with 48 runners competing for the club so far. The website forum has created a real sense of community and teamwork. 33 competed in Rainow with the positions of 2nd, 3rd and 8th place being gained. For the championship, competitors are asked to compete in 3 races, one short, one medium and one long. They are all reasonably close to home.

9. Indoor Sportshall (KR)

The AGM has been set for 5th June – KR is attending.

The next season's training sessions have been arranged to run from 1/10/13 to 10/12/13 and re-start 7/1/14 to 28/1/14 as last season proved so successful.

10. Honorary Membership (All)

NG has completed some research and found that most clubs award honorary membership as recognition of long service and exceptional service to the respective club. It was decided that we would consider awarding honorary memberships annually at the AGM in March each year, with 2014 being the first year. Candidates will be considered nearer the date.

11. Funds from Macclesfield Half Marathon (KR/NG)

A sum of £860 has been paid to the Club to cover courses as follows:

- 3 people to attend a Leadership in Running Fitness course
- 1 person to attend an Athletic Leader course
- 3 people to attend a Coaching Assistant course.

The LiRF courses have been attended – the other courses will be arranged as soon as practicable.

There was a discussion on the funds raised by the Half Marathon and how they are allocated.

12. Bollington First Responders (PN/NG)

Kath Turner had raised concerns to NG over the possibility that First Responders may be called away from a meeting to attend an emergency. First Responders may be in the position where they attend as civilians with no insurance. It was decided that First Responders would not be used to cover events including the Forest 5 until clarification of service provision and insurance were obtained. Update: NG investigated and it is OK for Forest 5 but probably not for larger events.

13. Sponsorship and high visibility vests (NG)

Hoyle Solicitors are still intending to supply hi-viz vests for the winter season. They will have a logo on to promote the firm.

14. Club records: Vet Age Categories (RL/ CR)

We are now recording all the veteran (well now called masters) 5-year age category records. This means that there are a lot of "gaps" in the records which need to be claimed as we had not recorded these in the past. There will be an article in GO! about this.

The club records are also being updated and will be on the website and in the clubhouse soon.

It was agreed that:

- records would only apply to the age group in which they were achieved
- there would be new Veteran (Masters) T&F Awards for both male and female athletes.

15. Publicity (CaB)

The Macclesfield Express newspaper is happy to run regular articles provided by the club in its community pages. In return they would like to advertise at an event. The Langley 7 was suggested for this purpose. As race director JB is to be approached about this first.

A suggestion was also made that the Macclesfield Express provide a shield/trophy to award at the event. CaB will approach them about this.

16. Website (NG)

The website has improved, but could be better. Images were obscured with text, which may be hard to rectify.

The website should be made clearer for prospective members to understand, for example an explanation of competitive seasons could be listed for each discipline. All to review.

17. Any Other Items

The Track and Field Awards will be presented at an event to be held on either 21st or 22nd September 2013. There will have to be a meeting to decide allocation of awards prior to this.

All other awards will be presented at the annual Awards Evening and AGM to be held on 28th March 2014.

Next meeting: **1st August**(was 23rd July); chaired by PB in the Leisure Centre Café at 20.15