

Minutes of Macclesfield Harriers & AC Committee Meeting

Thursday 25th June 2015

Chaired by Keith Mulholland

Time: 20:15

Venue: Athletics Club House

Attendees: Nicola Tasker (NT), Kevin Ranshaw (KR), Brian Macfadyen (BM), Clare Finnis (CF), Bob Lynch (BL), Daisy Pickles (DP), James Noakes (JN), Tracey Porritt (TP).

Apologies: Neil Gunn, Alison Gunn, Julian Brown, Barry Blyth

- 1) **Agreement of Previous Meeting's Minutes** – already agreed
- 2) **Correspondence (TP)** – all forwarded
- 3) **Club Membership Update (JB & NG)**

Non-payers discussed – The EA List currently has 48 names as of 15th June 2015

NG proposes a meeting on his return from holiday with Bob, Kevin and Julian to look at the process for 2016/17. NG proposes that the non-payers be 'resigned' from the club as far as EA is concerned. KR agreed that there are too many non-payers and suggested the 'membership renewal' date be set earlier to enable the administration process more time. BL suggested that new competing members should be fast tracked.

4) Finance (NG)

Finance update has been sent at the beginning of June – no issues. NG is looking into the possibility of getting a payment card as cheques are getting to be an issue. KR suggested that we would require a card that allows one signatory only. RBS may be able to supply this.

5) C25K (NG)

NG has sent an update on course 3 (very successful). The general opinion from all members is that it is great for the club but the numbers running in E and D Groups are unwieldy and need to be managed in a better way. BL reported that NG already had about 38 names waiting for the next C25K course but as yet no one had come forward to lead the course. KR suggested that maybe more leaders may be required to facilitate the problem. KM suggested that as there are no conclusions await NG's return from holiday to discuss further.

6) Macclesfield Half Marathon

Still on track. NG has reported that it is likely a traffic management company will be used to support the day (costs as yet unclear). BM stated that we have £6,500 committed in sponsorship including two main sponsors for the half marathon and a sole sponsor for the 5K. Publicity and advertising are works-in-progress.

7) Track and Field and Sports hall (KR)

Cheshire T&F League – 1 Fixture so far. Second in our match; currently 4th in the league for Men/Ladies/Overall and U11's. 3 fixtures to come; next one 5th July.

Youth Development League – 3 fixtures so far. Better second round than first resulted in 4th place in the league. May get third. U15Bs attendance poor; other age groups good. Final round on 18th July 2015.

Northern Men's/Ladies League – 2 fixtures so far. Excellent turn-out of athletes for second match resulted in a win for the club and movement up the league to first place. Two further matches to come; one at home in August.

Indoor sports hall – no report as this is a winter competition.

8) Cross Country (JN /DP)

North Staffs League confirmed and venues sorted. Manchester League not updated. BL had suggested changes to the rules for the North Staffs league but these had not been implemented at their AGM. JN thought to change junior races to make a bigger group for North Staffs. It may be a good idea to have a single calendar with up to date details and accessed electronically.

9) Road Running (KM/DP)

Road races are well attended, mainly due to several members of E and D Group taking part regularly.

Mobberley - 44

Dunham Massey Race 1 – 22

Dunham Massey Race 2 - 23

Buxton Half – 9 – Challenging course reflects low turnout

Sport in the Port – 27

Sarah Harris (B group leader) has arranged for the next 4 Thursday night runs to be at Staffs Moorlands races and the Wizard 5. All running groups are welcome for these events.

KM said that the increase in numbers through the groups have lifted the profile of the club. DP has stressed that despite advertising for a female road running manager so far there were no takers. BL suggested more focus on selected races by KM was contributing to better attendance. KM highlighted recent excellent performances in the Club Championship and Cheshire Grand Prix by Louisa Whittingham (a junior U17 runner) earning many points for the club in the latter competition.

10) Fell Running (BM/BB)

Barry's Report - This is attached for the committee members to read and a copy will be published in Go!

Brian's Report - Good attendance and healthy rivalry at club races. BL asked about the money raised at Wincle Trout, was it given to the organisers for future races. Craig Harwood's memorial plaque was discussed. BL said the plaque was finished and mounted on granite. BL envisaged that it would probably be unveiled at Macclesfield Half Marathon. Not yet decided where it should be hung. The cost of the plaque was £336.

11) Statistics (NT)

NT asked the committee if both gun and chip times could be used in reports. BL agreed that both could be used and to inform AG for Go Magazine. KR said this was okay for track and field.

12) Publicity (SW)

SW very busy at the moment with exams. KM very impressed with the work he has been doing for the club.

13) Any Other Items

KM Julian Brown has suggested he would like to acquire 'Buffs' – instead of beer as the 'free gifts' for runners at this year's Langley 7 as they are relatively cheap the more you buy, and already has a design in mind if acceptable to the committee. BL agreed to this but did say he would like them in Harrier's colours. DP and KR disagreed and thought any colours would be acceptable. KR asked if buying 'Buffs' would cost more, BL said charity money could be reduced to facilitate this.

BL discussed talk by Steve Peters: Mental attitude and performance on 16 July 2015 – 40 places available first come first served. Likely to take place at 20:00 hrs after training. Should be very interesting. BL would also like the younger Harriers be encouraged to attend.

BM asked if the club would be prepared to fund car stickers to promote the club. The club roundel would be favourite with the website address added. BL said that they cost 'next to nothing' to produce. KR felt we need to get a quote and discuss artwork. They could be sent out in Go magazine.

First Aid: 15 group leaders have attended an emergency response course and as a result 15 small first aid kits have been purchased. An accident/incident form has been produced for minor events and these should be forwarded to BL/Welfare Officer for review and comment as necessary. KM suggested that it be included on future agenda's – so can say 'nothing to report'.

Summer Ball: Takes place on 25th July 2015 and costs £35.00 per person.

14) Date of next meeting

Thursday 10th September 2015

15) Chair: James Noakes

