

Middleton Harriers & Athletics Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday 8th February 2017 at Middleton Arena: 7:30pm

Attendance and apologies

32 members were in attendance, with 4 apologies.

Minutes of the previous AGM

Some members present approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th February 2016 to be a true and accurate record. Proposed by Christine Brooks, Seconded by Janice Pugh. **Agreed unanimously.**

Chairman Report

Peter Gilligan presented Chairman's Report For AGM 7 February 2017:

Welcome to this AGM of Middleton Harriers. Looking back over the last year I can see that it has been a very busy year for us all. In April we had the cross-country presentation a very enjoyable evening. In May we saw teams entered in the Sutton Park Masters Championship held in Sutton Park, Birmingham. Eddies Revenge our fell race was staged in June and the Club Championship was run in August. September was the month when we staged the first of the Jack/Roy 10k race from Bowlee a lot of hard work by Charlie and Craig resulted in a successful race.

In September we also saw teams entered in the Cross Keys Relays. In November we staged the cross-country races for the South East Lancs League in Heaton Park and the we also saw Members traveling to Cyprus for the four-day event and a holiday.

Boxing Day outing was well supported and this event was enjoyed. To round of the events we had the Club Presentation Evening on Saturday 28 January at the Norton Grange, good food, and all the champions received their cups and trophies. The Club Championship was well supported and keenly contested. It was good to see new members picking up prizes. Also members who took part in a number of Fell races and again the Fell Championship was keenly contested.

So what have we to look forward to this year? The Road championship is under way. The cross-country presentation is to be held on the 31 March at Middleton cricket club. Our own 10K in September and in October we will be asking for volunteers to marshal the Rochdale Half, 10k on the 8th October. The Club along with Rochdale Harriers and Rochdale Tri Club have been asked by Rochdale MBC to stage the race this year and we are now planning the event with the other Clubs.

Finally I would like to thank all the members of the Committee who have worked hard this last year to ensure the smooth running of the Club. I hope that you will all enjoy your running thorough out the coming year and that Middleton Harriers will be well represented in all the events that we become take part in. **Peter Gilligan Chairman 7th February 2017.**

Secretary's Report

Elaine Blades-Jordan presented the Secretary's Report: Welcome all and thank you for all coming. When we look back over 2016 we seem to have had another good year, with increasing numbers in membership, more variety in training nights & good support from our members.

I'd like to thank not only our runners who dedicate themselves to training hard, competing in races, joining in club relays, & club holidays but also those members who have managed to support and offer their help when needed to set up, and marshal races.

We have had great support from our club members to run our club events successfully including Eddies Revenge & the Jack Roy 10k. With Eddies Revenge managing a TV appearance on Manchester Live.

We also had club members support Mike McGee's race for Bowel Cancer, the cross country events that we support on a yearly basis and also the Peter Gilligan 5k that highlighted all the years of hard work that Peter contributes to events associated with running.

The club is looking strong, feedback for club races; relays both in road, Fell & cross country are to come. Lets hope that the dedication & support will continue, and that members continue to fly the flag for Middleton Harriers.

Well done All, Elaine Blades- Jordan

Treasurer's Report

Steve Bassam presented the income and expenditure account for the year 2016 (copy attached). For the year 2016, the club raised its annual subscription to £20:00 a year, thus still remaining one of the cheapest clubs in the area. This helped us raise extra income along with members volunteering to Marshall at Manchester marathon, income from Eddies Revenge and also from JackRoy10k. Therefore leaving the club starting 2017 with a profit of £1,050.

Steve however did explain that we made a loss at our presentation night this year and we also have old kit that may no longer sell. We therefore still need to be aware of our out goings and continue to try and raise extra income as and when we can. But all in all we have started the year with income & expenditure looking healthy.

Membership Secretary's Report

We had 19 new members last year, with a few members from 2015 not renewing their membership. Ge Kirk therefore announced that the total number of members had risen by a total of 16 overall since (2015).

- Membership has gone from 117 in 2015.
- To 134 Members in 2016
- With 74 males opposed to 64 & 59 opposed to 53

Ge also explained that she has been taking club membership for 2017 and that any members wishing to affiliate with EAA will need to pay an extra £14:00 before the 1st April. EAA runs from April till April. The club already pays £100 affiliation fee but cannot afford to pay the extra £14;00 for each member. Therefore members will have a choice.

Election of Committee

Peter Gilligan announced the Committee members and hoped positions would stay the same, therefore it was elected that:

- The position of President remains with Ge Kirk.
- The position of Chairman remains as Peter Gilligan
- The position of Club Secretary remains as Elaine Blades-Jordan
- The position of Steve Bassam remains as Treasurer.

Unfortunately both Kyrinda Carter Moore and Mick Flatley have retired from the committee. However we also had three new members who would like to be part of the committee, these are Bryan O'Neill, Jordan Burke & Ryan Lindsay, (with Jordan & Ryan sharing the role – i.e. will take it in turns). Therefore the following position of other committee members remains as: Christine Brooks, Emma Ball, Craig Sutherland, Ruth Hare and Stephen Granville, along with Bryan O'Neill, Jordan Burke and Ryan Lindsay.

This was then proposed by Derek Bury and seconded by Mick Buck. Members all **agreed unanimously**.

Events Secretary Report

Emma Ball was not able to present the Events Secretary Report: Craig Sutherland therefore acted up and just highlighted that the Road Championship races were both competitive and very enjoyable last year, with a good race selection and attendance from club members. Paul Jibson won the overall road championships and Joanna Adamson won the Female overall road Championship.

The 2017 races have been selected and are due to begin; the 2017 league will be called the "Road-Trail club championship".

Fell Race Report

Craig Sutherland presented the fell report: In previous years the Championship races were based on the Run The Moors Grand Prix Series in which we participate. In the 2016 season we changed the format to encourage participation. The number of qualifying races was dropped to 4, additional shorter races were added and some of the longer races dropped from the schedule.

In the Middleton Harriers Championship there was a good turnout in all the events: 16 men took part with 6 completing the required 4 Races while the ladies had 10 participating and 6 completing. The figures for 2015 were 10 men competing and 6 completing and for the women 9 competing and 3 completing. So overall an improvement in total numbers and also an increase in the number completing.

In the Run The Moors Grand Prix Series the club achieved success with Isabell Richter coming 2nd in the Senior Group and Karen Hallett 3rd in the Ladies 40 group.

Ryan Lindsay came 2nd in the Senior Males, Paul Collinge won the V60 and John Cox was 3rd in the V65 group. This is a very competitive league and all the runners are to be congratulated on completing the required number of races and achieving such good results.

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Cross Country report was feed back by Craig Sutherland:

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Other Business:

Presentation Night: Ge Kirk asked if anyone wanted to take the position of organising the presentation night, however no one volunteered. We discussed with club members if a buffet dinner would be better, as this would help keep the costs down. Members agreed that this would be a good idea. Ge was given about 3 places to find out costs. An e mail will go out to ask people club presentation night preferences i.e. Friday or Saturday. Due to this being sorted Ge was happy to continue with the organisation.

Weekend Away: John Cox asked if any other members were interested in the weekend away of the 9th April at the climbing hut in Wales. He so far has around 20 members but will offer places to others if no one else comes forward.

Club kit: Steve Granville discussed new club kit. He his taking orders and will take kit down to training nights.

Peter then thanked members for coming and closed the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm