

## **Middleton Harriers AGM at Middleton Arena. 13th February 2018 (for 2017 Season)**

In attendance at this meeting 19 members

### **Apologies**

There are 8 apologies, Wendy Grundy, Jenny Poole, Derek Bury, Elaine Blades-Jordan, Emma Ball, Julie Jones, Janice Pugh, Anthony Lowe.

**Minutes:** Minutes of last year's AGM being accepted as correct: proposed by Ruth Hare seconded by Roger Pealin.

### **Chairman's Report**

Peter gave his report as follows; I am pleased to say that we have had another very successful year with some very good results in the Road Championship races, Fell Races and now concluding the cross country races. It was disappointing that the road race that we had planned to stage at Bowlee was cancelled due to the Council booking the Venue for the car boot sales. Our Fell race Eddies Revenge took place in June and was a great success. The Club was involved in the running of the Rochdale 10k and Half Marathon races this along with Rochdale Harriers and Rochdale Tri.Club. The Social side has not been forgotten with outings to Wales and a Holiday in Benidorm and of course the Road Presentation Night held in January as well as other functions held throughout the year. We have welcomed new members throughout the year some being made aware of the Club through the excellent Web site which is kept up to date by our Secretary.

I would like to thank all the members who have acted as Marshalls and given help in the various events the Club has been involved in particularly the cross country race which we put on in Heaton Park for the South East Lancs. league and the Rochdale races. So a very good year and I hope that the coming year will be as successful.

### **Secretary's Report**

Due to Elaine not being able to attend due to illness, the Chairman read out Elaine's report: Looking back over 2017 we seem to have had a busy year with many ups and downs. Whilst many members took part in the club championship races on both road and cross country we also managed several relay teams including Terry Nortley, Calderdale Way Relay and one Northern Athletics event. Unfortunately we did not meet the Welsh Castles criteria and therefore we did not compete in this race in 2017. For some members this was a great disappointment of what usually is a great weekend.

On the up side, members did club together and make the local Rochdale 3 day event a success and many members enjoyed a social night after this event. As Peter has said in his report we have had good support from Members who have helped with Marshalling at various events including the Mike McGee race for Bowel Cancer, and the Welsh weekend climbing Snowden.

Due - The Club yet again is looking strong with new and old members keeping the Club ticking. A good variety of ages and plenty to do for all. Lets hope that the dedication and support will continue and the members continue to fly the flag for Middleton Harriers.

### **Treasurers' Report:**

Steve gave his report and gave out the year end balance sheet showing the Club in profit by £678. Craig asked if we had any old Club Kit which could be sold at a reduced price which we can.

A vote was submitted as to acceptance of the balance sheet. Proposed as correct by Anne Lowe and seconded by Craig Sutherland.

### **Membership Report**

We have had 13 new members join this year and 1 re-join.

Welcome to Terry O'Neill, Ian Woodgate, Ian Tate, Richie Carr, ~~Graham Jordan~~, ~~Keith Kent~~, ~~Rob Bishop~~, Michael Radcliffe, Janine Ashton, Janine Jordan, Jo Lynch, Karen Cherry and ~~Anne Smith~~ welcome back as re-join Rose Rowson.

We did end the year down in numbers on full Membership this last year in part to some of our Older members who are no longer taking part in competitive races opting to become Social Members which is good as it keeps them in touch with what is going on in the Club.

We ended the year with Full Membership at Men 58 (down 6 on 2016) Ladies 52 [down 7 from 2016.

Craig asked if we need to be in EAA and ARC. This was discussed - We are in ARC as this offers the best value for money which the Club pays, EAA are now sponsoring so many races that we have left it up to members if they wish to join EAA. We (the Club) don't get any more benefit from EAA than we do from ARC, also a reminder that the fees for EAA will be increased each year until 2021. Our Club subs are to remain the same this next year at £20 per member, £6 per member Social fl7

### **Election of officers**

Most committee members have agreed to stand again, Chris Brooks has resigned but will continue to be of assistance when need. Peter thanked Chrils for all her help and input to the Club. We have two new members wishing to join the committee: Anne Lowe and Cathy Murphy, Proposed: Steve Bassam, seconded Craig Sutherland.

### **Events Secretary**

Craig gave us his report on the last seasons races all of which were very well attended. He said he was pleased we had a very successful year in terms of events and results achieved, May Bank Holiday saw Middleton Harriers participate in the Terry Nortley Relays at Close Park in Radcliffe we had two teams entered: "The Young Fellas" who came a brilliant 1st ahead of a strong Bolton United Harriers and the "Mid Aged" who came a very respectable 20<sup>th</sup> overall.

We were also able to get a team down to Sutton Park in May to successfully compete in the British Masters Athletic Federation Road Relays.

The next day saw us a little nearer home in the Calderdale Relay in which we fielded 2 teams; an open team and mixed team.

Both the teams did well, the open team finishing 32d and the mixed team 72nd and 10th in class out of an overall field of 96.

Finally in September we competed in the Northern Athletics Road Relay Championship held at Sport City Manchester. A total of 3 teams - 2 mens, 1 ladies. The Ladies came 62nd leaving a few big name teams in their wake and the men came 79 and 97th, and they left behind a number of bigger clubs. In all it has been a busy year and for the coming year, in addition to the above competitions we are hoping to put a team in the Welsh Castles Relay in June. He asked that is anyone wishing to participate in any of these relays and he had not yet been contacted to do so A.S.A.P.

### **Fell Race report;**

Craig gave report that the Fell section is going very well. This season saw a closely contested championship conclude with both Men and Womens championship being decided by countback. Participation has been good this season though lower than last year. The overall ladies Champion Emma Ball and Men Champion Jordan Hughes.

### **Web site:**

Stephen Grenville said that any information from members should go to him for inclusion on the web site, WhatsApp group is now 48 persons and this form of communication is going from strength to strength. Fiona Bolton commented how helpful it was that Craig (if known) has been putting the route for Wednesday night training on the facebook page which has been a big help



**Club e-mail:** Emails have been sent as requested.

**Socials:** The most recent event has been the annual Presentation Night held at the David Lloyed Tennis Club held in January. Ge asked if this venue was OK everyone enjoyed the night with it being a Buffett rather than a sit down meal and we did the Trophy Presentation first which seemed to be better as it gave Members more time for dancing and the taking of the local beverage. Ge to Book again this venue and the DJ for the Presentation night. But we will have to increase the price of tickets from f15. To either £18 or £20 per ticket. Ge asked if any other Member would like to take on the organisation of the Presentation Night for 2019 - no takers.

Ge reminded the meeting that the XC Presentation and Quiz is on the 13th April 2018 at Middleton Cricket Club. 7.30 start. Hot Pot to be arranged.

Also the Club Race this year will be at Hopwood Hall College, Middleton we are bringing back the Hopwood Trot of road race which will take place on Wednesday 15th August 2018 further details nearer the time will be on our web-site etc.

**Club Kit:** As Steve {treasurer} pointed out in his report we have written off some old kit, but if members or family would like to purchase any of this old stock at a small fee for training etc. that would be ok. We are going to purchase BUFFS (at the request of a number of members) these I think will be £7.50 -£10.

#### **A.O.B.**

It was suggested that the set-up at the start of races was not comfortable in the old tent so we have purchased a new smaller tent that has a thicker lining to help keep out any drafts etc. and hope that this will help.

Club Member Anne Lowe asked a question regarding the pacing of the Wednesday night training Groups (most particularly referring to the middle group) generally the largest group of mixed abilities. The question was if members or guests find that this group is too fast or too slow why can't they either run in the earlier (slower paced) or later (faster paced group). This issue has been raised before and the outcome was that if some members are not willing to change groups once they have set off – they further split into smaller groups {of same speed} - which would make the runs more comfortable for all members. This is just common sense, the only thing we ask as a Club is that members (especially ladies) don't break away to run on their own, as long as two members are together this is acceptable. Another question raised was would it be possible to provide beverages at the end of races- ie. XC events – I'm afraid the answer is if members wish to bring their own hot drink that is entirely up to them, most would just want to get home and jump into a hot bath. Finally it would like to be noted that at the end of races (especially XC) most of the fast runners are not waiting to cheer on and encourage our slower runner at the end of these races. This is what our Club is all about EVERYONE being supportive of each other and encouraging new and slower members as we all had to start somewhere so you all top jollies please take note.

Anne Lowe asked if we could promote a starter group of runners which would encourage complete novices/nonrunners to participate in running as other local clubs had done. There was general agreement that the Committee should investigate and action this.

Ge thanked everyone for attending this our 37th AGM. There being no other questions the meeting closed at 8.55pm

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