

Middleton Harriers Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Tuesday 8th March 2016 Held at Crowshaw Drive Rochdale

Present; Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Ge Kirk (Membership sec), Ruth Hare, Craig Sutherland,

Chris Brooks, Mick Flatley

Apologies; Kyrinda Carter-Moore, Steve Bassam, Stephen Granville, Emma Ball, Elaine Blades-Jordan

Minutes; The Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th January –under Action to be taken, Chris.B. Noted an error to Ref Club Kit. This was in fact sorted at the last meeting.

Joint Chairman's Report and Secretary's Report; (Elaine had to leave early as not feeling well)

Peter started his report by welcoming the Committee for the next year. Since the last meeting we have had the Presentation Evening which was a great success and he thanked Ge for all the hard work done. Next year we will be returning to the Norton Grange.(see socials)We then had the AGM on the 9th February at the Arena, which it has to be said was a reasonable turnout from our members but unfortunately there were no new members in attendance, this being an issue that we will have to address for next year. Perhaps we could have the AGM on a Wednesday after training? The last of the cross country races have been held and we will be having the Presentation Evening on 15th April at the Middleton Cricket Club. Usual format – quiz and hot pot supper. A lot of work has been carried out on the Welsh Castles and an Entry has been sent off for the VETS team. Within this year we will have Eddies Revenge fell race in June and the 1st of our own 10k race in September. A lot of work to be done for both these races. With the increase of subscriptions this year it is hoped that the Club will start to improve the capital amount that we have in the Bank. We are not without money but care will have to be taken on any expenditure that is made during this year. It promises to be another good year for the Club so let us hope all the members find the races selected for the Club Championship suitable for their standard of running.

Correspondence; Ge has received the Affiliation Form from ARC for year 2016/17 season. This will be dealt with and sent off with cheque for £165.00

Treasures Report; Steve B. Has sent his apologies but has sent a copy of the latest report showing how the Club is fairing at the moment. It seems that the Idea for Members to pay their Subs. via. Bank transfer has been a success.

Membership Sec; Currently 118 members. Since the last meeting we have had 1 new member and 1 resignation.

Altogether there are 46 female and 55 males = 101 paid members to date.

The membership fees for 2016 have been increased to ; Single member £20 Family membership stays at £30 and Junior and Social increase to £6. But it has been suggested that for next year we scrap the Family Membership and just have single, Jr and Social. This of course will have to be approved at the AGM next year(2017).

Events Sec. Report; Emma sent her apologies, but wished everyone who will be racing at Trafford 10k good luck.

Training; Training is still well supported. Craig and Mick asked if we could remind Members that the sessions at the track at Kingsway on Monday and Thursday night are well constructed sessions with times taken so that members can home in on their individual progress. This is approx. £3pp per session. Perhaps Stephen G. Could put an e-m out with this info.?

Fell Races; Plan's for Eddies Revenge Fell Race on 29th June 2016 are going ahead the race has been advertised with the FRA.

Race Updates; Sample flyers have now been done for the JackRoy Middleton 10K race on 4th September 2016 at Bowlee and the course has now been verified. So all systems go. Online entry only. It was brought up by Ge. That we are bound to get entries on the day, do we reject them? This is something that we will have to discuss at the next meeting.

The date for the Annual Handicap has now been changed to 10th August 2016 7pm start

Club E-Mail and Web scanner; All going OK at the moment. No report this month

Club Kit; Ruth and Cathy Murphy are taking care of the Club Kit, it was suggested that we hang fire on ordering any new kit as we still have quite a bit to sell already.

Illness; Club members had an e-m. fro Andy O'Sullivan informing everyone that he has been diagnosed with Bladder Cancer. Ge will get in touch with him as he only lives a few minutes away. We all wish Andy the very best of luck in beating the little bu—er bugs. (Ge

has sent a card and spoken to Andy since this meeting and he wished to thank everyone for their support and the Card)

Club 50; Ge to e-mail Sue for winners of the January/February and March draws.

Socials; The XC Presentation night booked for 15th April 2016 Price per person £5 to cover hot pot supper and venue. Road Presentation night- booked for 28th January 2017 at the Norton Grange Hotel Castleton. We have gone back to the Norton Grange after some complaints that the food was cold, not enough of it and other factors. The price of the tickets will have to increase for next year as we will be having a 3 course meal with tea or coffee.

Ge has also booked the DJ from the Lancashire Raquet club for this event as everyone I asked said they enjoyed the music he played.

A.O.B. Mick suggested that we have just one Team this being a mixed team in the Calderdale Relay on 14th May 2016 as this is £66 per team. A question asked with the Organisers at Sutton Park race allow us to take part as we are connected to ARC.

(Ge has since spoken to the Secretary of ARC and we are covered)

There being no more business to discuss

Meeting closed 9.05pm

The date of the next meeting – 17th May 2016 at Crowshaw Drive.
7.30pm