

Middleton Harriers Minutes of the Committee Meeting Tuesday 10^h January 2017 Held at Croshaw Drive Rochdale

Present; Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Elaine Blades- Jordan (Club Secretary) Ge Kirk (Membership sec), Ruth Hare, Craig Sutherland, Chris Brooks, Steve Bassam.

Apologies; Kyrinda Carter-Moore, Stephen Granville, Emma Ball

Minutes: The Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th November were correct.

Chairman's Report Committee Meeting;

- Another busy period with the Club putting on the cross country for the South East Lancs League on the 19th of November which was well supported by Club members.
- There was also the first of the meetings regarding the Clubs involvement with Rochdale Harriers and Rochdale MBC in the staging of the Rochdale Half Marathon this has to be developed.
- There was the Club holiday to Cyprus, which was enjoyed by all who went again thanks to Kyrinda for her organisation.
- There have been cross-country races and Boxing Day saw the usual outing from the Hopwood Arms. The weather was kind to us this year it being dry but with a cold wind.
- We are looking again at entering a team in the Welsh Castles and Kyrinda has asked if the Club would fund the entry fee of £400. Something to be discussed later in the meeting.
- The year was finished with the annual outing on New Years eve from the visitor centre at Hollingworth Lake again a very enjoyable morning organised by John Cox.

I am trying to arrange the AGM for Tuesday the 7 February or the 21 February. Wendy at the cafe will let me know which of these dates fit in with what is going on at the Arena. To conclude I would like to thank you all for your work through out the last year and I hope that you will all be able to sign on for another year from the AGM.

Secretary's Report;

- Lots of events having once again taken place since the last meeting including Christmas social parties, Boxing Day & New Years Eve runs. Toni Brackstone won the London Marathon Draw on Boxing Day and has now entered this.
- The cross Country continues and we have just taken part in Greater Manchester Cross-country championship of which Craig will feedback on in due course.

- We have Presentation night to come on the 28th of January and the road-trail race championships are set to begin in February 2017.

Treasures Report;

Steve gave out latest Bal.sheet . The Club Bal.Sheet is showing the club in the Black, which is good. Steve feedback that we have been more aware of what we are spending and we are also managing to find extra ways of creating extra funds

It was suggested by Kyrinda Carter Moore if the club could contribute a sum of £400pounds to the Welsh castles relay – this was discussed and agreed/accepted.

Membership Sec;

Due to the current month, collection of annual subscriptions, Ge will feedback in the next meeting.

Events Sec. Report;

No report due to apologies from secretary. However the first Road Race is Liversedge ½ and is due to start in February. Transport was offered for the half marathons however very few people responded to the email. So we have not ordered a coach for the first ½ marathon but may be able to order one for the Southport ½.

Training;

- We discussed current training nights and agreed that they should stay the same. There are lots of choices for members to choose from.
- Craig also feedback that there are currently 3 route choices a 5mile, 7mile & 9 mile, given members on a Wednesday night a choice of how far they would like to run.
- Craig also mentioned that Jason (sprint trainer) had thoughts about using the track at Boggart. However it was reported that Salford Harriers had a lot of problems their within the community. It was also highlighted that we can access the track on a Monday and that the two choices meet more club runners needs.
- Elaine mentioned that Peter Dean has also proposed to take a group on a Monday night recovery run for those who have raced or want a more leisurely run.

Fell Races;

- Craig is attending the Grand Prix selection on Wednesday he will then confirm the races. They will be added to the club website
- Elaine proposed we add another 3 shorter fell races to help increase participation (like last year). This was accepted.

XC. Updates;

- The next cross-country is Saturday 14th at Kenworthy Woods.
- The senior males are 3rd in the South East Lancashire league.
- We have noticed a very good turnout for both the males and females do far.

- Some members also had a go at Greater Manchester xc championships.
- Can we consider Red Rose Next year – this was out voted. Races to remain the same.

Club E-Mail and Web site;

All going OK at the moment. The website has been given a new look. Members have noticed and like it.

Club Kit;

Stephen is not present but Members have ordered the New Club Jackets.

Stephen is still sorting club kit

Reports from members that the T-shirts are not suitable – Steve to continue with this.

Illness:

Jennifer Laptew has given birth to a boy on New Years Eve

Melanie Baker is expecting her first baby

Michelle Hushion needs an operation on her hip

Jo Sullivan has recently lost her baby during pregnancy.

Club 50;

The Big one will be drawn at the Presentation Night.

Socials;

The Road Presentation night is booked for 28th January 2017 at the Norton Grange Hotel, however response for this has been low. Ruth Hare feedback that there are a lot of club members either away or attending other events. Chris Brooks also mentioned that some members do not like Norton Grange due to the expense. We may need to re look at this for next year.

A.O.B.

- **JackRoy10k** : an email has been sent out to most clubs to request they consider this for there club championship, some clubs have already selected however Royton Road runners have got this in there club selection along with us.
- The council have agreed/approved the race.
- To keep this on the agenda for up to date news.
- Chris Brooks asked about Sutton Park, no dates received yet.
- Cross country night needs booking at the cricket club – Chris Brooks
- Club captain – it was discussed about the tittle club captains and agreed that we shall no longer use this title as everyone contributes in different ways.

Meeting closed 10.00pm

The date of the next meeting – 14th March 2017 at Crowshaw Drive. 7.30pm