

Draft Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 12th January 2021

(This was a Zoom teleconference meeting due to Lock-down rules.)

Present: Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Ruth Hare, Craig Sutherland (Sec), Ge Kirk (President), Cathie Murphy, Steve Bassam (Finance)

Apologies: Emma Ball

Minutes: Agreed.

Matters Arising: None

Correspondence: None

Chairman's Report: Peter thanked everyone for attending and opened his report by pointing out that the Club AGM needed planning but due to Covid restriction it could not be held. The Committee would continue to meet with the current arrangement of Zoom meetings. Steve Bassam added that the constitution allowed for a 15 month hiatus in AGMs. The Club Road Championship for 2021 would have to go by the board, Covid being the determinant factor and it will probably be Easter before any action can be taken. On the areas of Web management, etc, Craig will advertise for volunteers to take on these roles now that Elaine is no longer a club member.

Finance: Steve reported that a provisional report had been prepared and that he would contact Derek Bury to get them audited.

The provisional 2020 end of year financial summary shows an overall cash loss on the financial year of £633.59, offset by stock to an overall book loss of £354.09. However, those figures hide a much more positive picture.

You will remember that starting with 2019's accounts we decided (& it was agreed at last year's AGM) to leave any memberships/EAA/Club 50 etc funds banked in December to remain in the year where it falls, recognising that previously similar funds were artificially being moved forward to the following year every year. It was expected that although this would result in a one off artificially high gain in 2019 it would balance out in subsequent years. In 2019 we left £692 membership, £144 Club 50 & £334 EAA totalling £1,170 in 2019's accounts that technically belonged to 2020.

Due to Covid the rate of income has decreased, bank transfers got off to an unusually slower start this winter, and with the reduced-price memberships have meant that only £245 of 2021's funds were banked in December 2020 and have been left in 2020's accounts. Overall the situation is healthy, stock levels and value are good and we are able to pay for training courses for club members. The most recent being Martha Urwin (LiRF).

Membership: Ge reported that Club membership is now at 17 ladies, 9 men and 2 social with one new member, Anna Wilcox. England Athletics had been in touch to inform us that there was a new member engagement officer and that the EA fees would remain at £15. Take up for Club 50 was low at 12 so far.

Cross country: No updates.

Club Races: Cathie had been in touch with Elaine and confirmed that Hopwood has been booked. Craig reported that Eddie's Revenge is on the Fell Runners Calendar.

AOB: Sue Taylor had been in touch to let us know that Rochdale Half Marathon was scheduled for 3rd October.

Next Meeting: 7:00pm 9th March (Zoom).