

## **Middleton Harriers Minutes of the Committee Meeting**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Held at Crowshaw Drive Rochdale

**Present;** Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Ge Kirk (Membership sec), Craig Sutherland, Chris Brooks, Steve Bassam, Stephen Granville, Bryan O'Neill.

**Apologies;** Emma Ball, Elaine Blades-Jordan, Ruth Hare (no apologies' from Ryan and Jordan)

**Minutes;** the Minutes of the last meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May

### **Joint Chairman's Report and Secretary's Report;**

Since the last meeting there has been the AGM for the South East Lancs.X Country League.

We will be putting on a race in Heaton Park on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017. There have been two meetings regarding the Rochdale ½ and 10k Races to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017 the Club

will be covering the 10k race and plenty of marshals will be required. The Sutton Park

Master relay on 20<sup>th</sup> May followed by the Calderdale Way relay on 21<sup>st</sup> May on 28<sup>th</sup> were well attended, then we held Eddies Revenge on 28<sup>th</sup> June, which again was well attended

At this point I would like to thank Craig on behalf of the Club for his hard work in getting

this race sorted and of course all who helped.

**Elaine's Report** Lots have taken place since the last meeting, firstly the Calderdale

Relays we managed two teams with no disqualification with everyone in the right places at the right time. Middleton Harriers teams came on 32<sup>nd</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup>. The next major event was Rochdale 3 days event which substituted Welsh Castles. A great turn out followed by Curry Night on the Sunday at the Copper Pot of which every one enjoyed.

We also hosted Eddies Revenge Fell race which was well supported by Fell runners and well Marshalled by the Club. We are currently half way through the Club championship with the Club Handicap as our next event.

**Treasures Report;** Steve B. Gave out copies of the current balance sheet which shows the Club in the black.

**Membership Sec;**

Currently 118 members. Since the last meeting we have had 2 new members Janine Ashton F45 and Rob Bishop M35

Altogether there are 51 female and 67 males = 118 paid members to date.

Ge also mentioned that she still had not received info. ref. Keith Knott d.o.b. and address and contact details. Also Natalie McConnell d.o.b. and contact details.

**Events Sec. Report;** Emma sent her apologies, but sent in her report.

Salford 10k and Littleborough 5k some members achieved PB's. Great turn out for the Norden 3 day event on all days especially Friday and Sunday Fell sections. Friday's 6 mile road race well supported with 7 male and 14 ladies running. Southport ½ marathon was also well supported with again 7 male and 6 ladies taking part and once again some member's getting PB's .It was noted that the start and finish area's were a bit congested. Emma also has had a few comments made to her regarding the length of time it took for the results at Eddies Revenge and a few mistakes made and a little confusion with the marshalling. She also had some very good feedback from runners on how everyone enjoyed the race yet again and the appreciation on all the hard work by Craig and Peter on getting the race up and running. The Club has had a very kind offer from Bev. O'Neill she said she would use the timing chips from the Park run she is a director for and said she would arrange to do all the times next year.

**Training;** Training is still well supported on Monday and Wednesday but there have been mixed feelings regarding the charges to non Middleton Harriers member being asked to pay £1.50 to train with us and the other problem is the collection of this money with no takers at this point in time, so it has been shelved for the time being. Bogot Hole Clough, the authorities are looking for Clubs who would be interested in using the facilities there for some training nights we believe that Salford might be interested? But this again has been put on the back burner for the time being.

**Fell Races;** The season is well underway and Craig gave Ge his report, which I have attached at the end of these minutes as it is quite detailed. Ref. Eddies Revenge report we had 132 starters and 130 finishers with 2 retirements and the Highlight of the night was that BOB the DOG Started the race. (he's free, well a boneio and he's anybodies so we might bark him to start the race next year)

**Race Updates;** Sample flyers have now been done for the JackRoy Middleton 10K race on 3rd September 2017 at Bowlee and the course has now been verified. so all systems go. online entry only. The Club Handicap race is on 16<sup>th</sup> August again at Bowlee and the charge is £2pp. And once again the same format, every runner brings a prize to go on the table and everyone who finished picks a prize up. Ge said she will ask Elaine to put info. on Facebook and Stephen G. to send out E-Mail. To all member's.

**Club E-Mail and Web scanner;** All going OK at the moment. Bryan reported that we have had more than 400 new followers and the number of tweets each month is increasing. On Watsap we have 39 members?

**Club Kit;** SG brought in 2 samples from Ron Hill stores to show us the material and the cut of the vests, this is an ongoing problem with the vests as some members

would like these vests to be shaped, again it's watch this space!. Chris is to ask Cathy Murphy to contact SG regarding the ordering and stock levels as it seems this is being doubled up. Ge asked if we could get any money back from suppliers and this is one task that SG said he would try and do.

**Illness;**

John Cox not been feeling 100% we wish John all the best. Jason Hughes has a knee problem.

**Club 50;**

The June and July draw took place in committee. June – John Sproson and July Alyson Lamb. SB to send out the chqs.

**Socials;** No Report.

**A.O.B;** Craig has pointed out that we need to prioritise on a few races which clash. The North west Road Relays clashes with X Keys in early September if this is correct then we will choose 12 stage relays. Chris pointed out that if this is the case then we need to start organising teams and transport.

Emma has asked if we can get any BUFFS in club colours or in plain green?

Ge mentioned that if any member is free week-end of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August to help distribute leaflets for the Rochdale 10k and ½ (for 1-2hrs only) this would be greatly appreciated ,a meeting with other clubs is to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> August so further information will be available then.

**The date of the next meeting** – 12<sup>th</sup> September at Crowshaw Drive. 7.30pm

**Action;**

Stephen Granville to put e-mail on web site and Elaine to

put on Facebook the JackRoy race details and ask for volunteers for the day.

Also the Club Handicap details for members and guests.

Stephen to ask the Kit suppliers if we can get refund on items not required?