

## **Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes 09/07/2019**

Present: Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Craig Sutherland, Ge Kirk (President), Anne Lowe, Ruth Hare, Craig Sutherland.

Apologies: Bryan O'Neill, Emma Ball, Steve Bassam, Cathie Murphy, Elaine Blades-Jordan  
Minutes: Agreed

Matters Arising: None

Chairman's Report: Peter reported that he had attended the SELCC AGM in May and had proposed that Middleton Harriers put on a XC Race in Heaton Park on Saturday, 19th October and that he would make arrangements for First Aid cover.

The training sessions at Heaton Park have been a great success with large numbers of people turning out. He noted that at the previous Committee Meeting Steve Bassam reported that only 10 people had signed up, so he was confused as to what the correct state of affairs is.

Elaine has the Hopwood Trot under control with a meeting planned for Wednesday 24th July at Middleton Arena.

The races, both road and fell have been well supported with a good measure of success for those taking part.

Overall the club appears to be in good order thanks in no small measure to the work of Craig who is our chief organiser.

Finally thanks to all the members who supported our fell race on Wednesday 26th June.

Correspondence: Notice of AGM for Greater Manchester Athletic Association on Wednesday 28th August at the Longfords, Trafford AC commencing at 7:00pm. Noted

Finance: A note and financial report from Steve were read:

Eddie's Revenge FR – Total receipts (Entries £595, Raffle £131 and Kitchen £121.20) were £847.20.

Expenditure (prizes) £152.00. Profit from Kitchen to Middleton Harriers £121.20. The meeting agreed the following distribution Oldham Deaf Blind: £287, St James PCC £143.50, and Oldham Mountain Rescue Team £143.50. This amounted to a total of £574 for Charity.

General Finances: The club is in a very strong position financially at the moment with a cash surplus for the year so far of £3,108. We should remember that £1,000 of this is from marshalling the Rochdale 10k/half marathon which was expected in last year's accounts. This aside the cash surplus is still nearly twice that of the same time last year. While the club's finances are going from strength to strength, I remain a little frustrated that we are still short of ideas to invest some of this money back into the club and our membership. So let's not hear any objections on the basis of cost when items such as Welsh Castles or similar are on the table in the foreseeable future.

We received £232.50 from the organisers of the Manchester Marathon for our marshalling at this year's event.

Since starting our "honesty box" policy at Boggart Hole Clough track our amazing users have generously donated £97 which covers half of our costs. Superb.

This year's Couch to 5k has amazingly brought in £810 in course fees. We are spending a small amount of this (£140?) on training another coach on the LIRF course and I would suggest we train another in the near future totalling 4 in all. What a fantastic success Ct5k has been. We will attempt to retain more of these newbies as renewing members at year end by continuing their training from 5k to 10k by which time they will hopefully feel more integrated with the club than we achieved last year. Membership: There were 2 new members since the last report – Chris McNally & Joanne Harding.

The totals now stand at: 54 men (-3) and 58 ladies (+10) . Total membership is 112 full members and 17 social members, totalling 129.

Road/Trail Championship: Craig gave a brief update: The Club Road Championship continues to thrill, and following the “Race The Train” event the leader in the Men's Championship is now John Weaver from Leo Cain in second and Martin Sampson in third. The ladies are led by Jo Lynch from Karen Hallett in second and Sharon Goldrick in 3rd. The next race is the Royton Trail - this scenic race is just up the road and we expect a good turnout by the Harriers!

Fell Championship: Club Championship/Run The Moors GP

Since the last update the club has taken part in the Stoodley Pike Fell Race - Well done everyone who did the race or climbed the hill to offer support, it was much appreciated. The Race was a Grand Prix event and both ladies and men returned good results. The Ladies continue to lead the Team Table and have great positions in the categories. Jo Adamson is 3rd overall and leads her age category and Emma Ball, Cathie Murphy, Julie Jones, and Ruth Hare all lead in their respective age categories. The men consolidated their 3rd place in the team event with Jordan Hughes, Graham Jordan and Alan Garvey all lying in 3rd place in their respective age categories.

Club Kit: There was a discussion on getting new club training kit. It was pointed out that we could no longer get the original pattern training kit (Joma) from the internet. A similar design could be had from our current suppliers which incorporates the club logo on the left breast and the title Middleton Harriers on the right for a cost of £13.10 +VAT (SST) and £14.95 +VAT (LST). The design was approved and it was requested that a V neck should be available for the ladies.

Club Races: There would be a meeting of the Rochdale 1/2 and 10K the following morning, Peter and Ge would attempt to attend.

Hopwood Trot – Ge would get some water, there was discussion on awarding wine for the category age winners- it was thought that there was approximately 6 bottles left over from Eddie's Revenge and that approximately 16 bottles would be required in total. It was agreed that there would be team prizes for the first men and ladies team (4 members per team). Spot prizes were also to be awarded. Club Handicap – the course has been measured to 5K, Craig to arrange timekeeping equipment.

Training: Heaton Park sessions going well with between 10-15+ attending, Track Session have declined slightly to between 5-8 per week. C25K very well attended on Mondays and Fridays (over 30 will complete the course). Thursday fell session continues to attract new runners.

Relays: Calderdale Way Relay took place in May and Middleton entered 2 teams. The open team were doing well but suffered an injury to a runner and failed to complete one leg. After being given a default time for that leg they received an overall time of 11:12:00 and 97th position. The mixed team put in a good showing and all the runners put in good times, coming 93rd overall in 10:21:32. Terry Nortley Relays had a number Middleton Harriers Teams entered in this annual favourite and put in excellent runs.

There was a discussion on forthcoming relays and it was agreed that we enter teams in the North West Counties Road Relays on Sunday, September 8th . Rob Bishop and Cathie Murphy to arrange teams.

A proposal to enter a team in the Welsh Castles Relay was turned down on the grounds of difficulty in getting sufficient numbers of capable runners, cost, and logistics.

Socials: There was general agreement that there should be a summer social, possibly a weekend away which would be suitable for members to bring their families. Gill Bassam is to investigate an

evening out.Club Track Championship: It was agreed that there would be a Club Championship for the fastest track mile to take place in late August early September. - Craig to arrange.

Club 50 Draw: The winners were: June – Christine Brooks, July – Vicky Stainthorpe.

AOB: Paul Whydall illness – Ruth to send card. Emma Ball – request to run EHM club race in charity top – it was decided that the club top must be worn as specified in the rules.

Next meeting: September 10th 2019 7:30 2, Crowshaw Drive, Rochdale OL12