

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

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Held at Crowshaw Drive Rochdale**

**Present;** Peter Gilligan (chairman), Elaine Blades-Jordan (club Secretary) Ge Kirk (Membership sec), Bryan O Neil (email master), Craig Sutherland, Emma Ball, Steve Bassam, Anne Lowe, Cathie Murphy

**Apologies** Ruth Hare.

**Minutes;** The minutes from last meeting held in March were approved.

### **Matters Arising:**

Club Handicap: We discussed the most appropriate Venue for the Club Handicap. We were going to use the college but we could be charged for this. We could use Heaton Park. We decided to re ask Bowlee (**Action: Craig Sutherland to enquire**). Date 8<sup>th</sup> August.  
Also To discuss: Hopwood Trot & Relays & Club Captains.

### **Chairman's Report;**

I wish to confirm my absence at the last meeting due to attending the South East Lancashire cross-country league AGM. It has been a busy time since the last meeting which culminating in Eddies Revenge Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Once again I was impressed by the turn out from the club members and the planning especially by Craig that once again produced a successful race. I have heard reports that the training in Heaton Park has been well attended and we can look forward to members joining the club on completion of the scheme. I will leave it to Emma and Craig to complete the reports on the various races that members have been involved. Finally from the AGM the club we be hosting the cross country race for SEL on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Secretary Report;**

Elaine reported that; the club championship races are ticking over nicely. That the Couch to 5k is proving very successful and may bring new members to the club. Elaine then put forward a proposal around Chip timing re Hopwood Trot. It was discussed at length and agreed by most members present that it would be beneficial to try this.

### **Treasures Report;**

Steve B. Gave out copies of the current balance sheet, which shows the Club still in the black. Steve discussed the most current event, which was Eddies Revenge. With most of the money going to both the Deaf blind society, St James church & Oldham Mountain rescue. The kitchen money was again ring-fenced to the club and we made a small profit.

### **Membership Sec:**

Currently 103 members: Altogether there are 46 female and 57 males = 103 paid members to date.

## Events Sec.

Emma reported that the most current races that the harriers have completed was Rochdale 10k and Sale sizzler. With a good turnout especially from the males at Rochdale 10k – with Paul Jibson coming in 1<sup>st</sup> Middleton male and Jo Adamson coming in 1<sup>st</sup> Middleton female. The Sale sizzler was the 1<sup>st</sup> one of 4.

## Relays Report – By Craig Sutherland

Terry Nortley Relays took place on 28<sup>th</sup> May, teams were self-organised and the entry money re-imbursed. This was a great morning and an event we always do well in and this year was no exception.

There were 3 teams from Middleton Harriers: “Run Club” came home in 5<sup>th</sup> place overall and in the Male cat. “It’s Not Easy Being Green (Machines)” came 25<sup>th</sup> overall and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the mixed (M/F) category. Finally “Green Steam Machines” came 35<sup>th</sup> overall and first in the Super Vet Category.

Well done to everyone who competed and raised the profile of Middleton Harriers. Upcoming Events: North West Road Relays (3x2miles?), 15<sup>th</sup> Sept (Sat) Cross Keys Relay (Self Organised?), 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept Northern Counties Combined Relays (6x5K men) (4x5K women) 27<sup>th</sup> Oct British Masters Open Cross Country Championship: Long Eaton, Notts. 23<sup>th</sup> Feb? English Nationals? Book in advance 7 weeks Team Selection:

## Correspondence;

The MAC xc league as decided on there venues... 13<sup>th</sup> Oct , 10<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 12<sup>th</sup> Jan & 9<sup>th</sup> Feb (no venue yet) – discussion around repeating a race, with all teams mucking in. **CS & PG to report back.**

## Report; Training;

Training is still well supported on Monday and Wednesday and as previously reported the couch to 5k training was still going very well with only one more training session to go before the BIG Heaton Park 5k. Anne Lowe also reported on this and asked if we could aim for a BIG turn out on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> – that members wear their club vests/colours and we make this very special for the couch to 5k runners. EBJ to take camera. We agreed that certificates & Buffs would be given on the day of the event and that membership forms would be given on the last Monday training session (16<sup>th</sup> July). **Email to go out week before.**

## Fell Races;

Craig reported that; Bad luck continues to dog the events and we have had to cancel yet another fell race. The latest event to be cancelled was Bull Hill Race and this is due to the MOD not allowing access to their land. The Run The Moors GP have selected The Golf Ball Run as a replacement, this means that our club championship needs an additional race and following an on-line vote Utterly Butterley (Marsden) has been selected.

The Grand Prix (and Club Championship) are well under way with 7 Races been completed.

Participation levels for both men and ladies have improved since the early races with 11 men and 7 ladies competing in one or more events.

The Ladies Club Championship is led by Rose Rowson who has completed 5 qualifying events for the Run The Moors GP and 4 events for The Club Championship. Jorden Burke continues to lead the



mens Championship having completed 5 GP Qualifying races and 4 Championship races. In the Run The Moors GP Jordan Burke lies 3<sup>rd</sup> in the MSEN, Janine Jorden 2<sup>nd</sup> LSEN, Jo Adamson 3<sup>rd</sup> LV40, Rose Rowson 2<sup>nd</sup> LV60, and Ruth Hare 2<sup>nd</sup> LV65. In the Club Points Table Middleton Ladies are in 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

The next race is Ingleborough Fell Race on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Race Updates;**

Eddies has now been & gone, leaving the Hopwood Trot. The route has been decided and Marshall points have been made. We need 14 Marshalls altogether on the night. We have only had 14 entries so far – we need to advertise the race now as much as possible, hopefully the chip timing will encourage runners to have ago. All members to encourage entries. A working party meeting as been arranged for Wed 18<sup>th</sup> @8pm at the arena – all welcome. Email to be sent - Bryan

## **Club E-Mail and Web scanner**

Bryan has taken over the emails for the club. He will review the emails twice weekly. He has asked if we can keep the emails to club matters only as personnel emails i.e. selling buying etc end up clogging up the system as Bryan then gets all the club replies which makes checking pressing matters difficult.

Twitter going well with 490 followers.

Facebook also brining in good support for the club.

Anne Lowe pointed out that the club website – Park run PB's were out of date. Action: EBJ to update this

## **Club Kit**

Cathie is currently in charge of club kit. She will report back accordingly. To promote the buffs once the weather starts changing.

## **Illness;**

No illness reported, Congratulations are in order to Laura Higson who has currently given birth to a baby girl Erin.

## **Club 50;**

The May and June draw took place in committee. May – Sue Sprouson and June – Jennifer Laptew. Action: Steve to send chq .To lucky winners.

## **Socials;**

None at moment

## **A.O.B;**

**Team Captains:** What is the best way of selecting teams? Team Captains, each age group having a captain etc discuss. We decided it would be nice to have some team captains again that help encourage and bring together club members. WE were all in agreement and have selected for the males – Craig Sutherland and Rob Bishop (Action – Craig to ask Rob) and for the ladies Emma Ball and Cathie Murphy .

**The date of the next meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> September at Crowshaw Drive.  
7.30pm**

### **Actions Rundown**

- Peter/Elaine: to arrange work party meeting re Hopwood Trot
- Bryan: Email to be sent by Bryan Re Park run – to see if as many members can attend as possible wearing club colours and also re Hopwood marshals & working party.
- Craig: Certificates & buffs needed for Park run on 21<sup>st</sup> July (Craig)
- Craig: Bowlee as club handicap venue: Craig to enquire
- Craig : to ask Rob if he will be a team captain
- Elaine: To update park run PB's
- Steve : cheque to Chip time & Club 50 winners.
- All : membership forms Monday.
- Craig/Cathie: Buffs & Certificates for Park run on 21<sup>st</sup>
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