

## **Middleton Harriers Minutes of the Committee Meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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, Emma Ball, Ryan Lindsay, Jordan Burke, Bryan O Neill.

**Apologies;** Stephen Granville

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the last meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January were correct.

### **Chairman's Report Committee Meeting;**

- Firstly Peter welcomed the new members of the committee Ryan, Bryan and Jordan and also thanked the other members for taking on another year of office.
- We have had the presentation night on the 28<sup>th</sup> January and it was a very enjoyable evening, it was good to see new members receiving awards for the road championship for the season 2016.
- Then in February – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> we had the AGM a good meeting that was well attended
- The Cross Country season has now been completed and the men's team has done well in the SEL – coming 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Overall there have been a good number of runners in both the Manchester and South East Lancs league. The presentation night is on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at Middleton Cricket club.
- 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.
- So with the road championship races starting for another season, the club moves into another year. I hope that we can continue the work of past members who have influenced the structure of the club throughout the years in providing a competitive and yet friendly atmosphere that will continue to attract runners to join the club.

### **Secretary's Report;**

- Due to the chairman covering most points including presentation night, cross country and the AGM so not to repeat, Elaine just highlighted that the members have ran really well in the last road-trail championship event at Sweatshop 10 with plenty of age group winnings and both males and females positioning 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the team positions.

### **Treasures Report;**

Steve gave out latest Bal.sheet .

We have recently bought new club kit and we are still awaiting all members to pay annual subs, however the Club Bal.Sheet is currently showing at the time of the committee meeting that we are ahead on the year so far by about £1,500 after discounting members EAA fees that we are holding until 1 April. A comparison with the similar point in time last year has us at about the same financial position, which resulted in a good year end. So we are looking ok.

Copy of 14 March 2017 Committee meeting financial statement attached.

### **Membership Sec;**

Collection of annual subscriptions is still going ahead. Ge asked for the decision around staying with ARC and England Athletics, It was decided that we will remain with ARC however the club will also pay the annual England Athletics fee (£100) as long as any members who want to subscribe to England Athletics pay there individual subs of £14:00 this is optional and Ge will collect this. Thus proving opportunity for all members to decide if they want to be in EA or not.

### **Events Sec. Report;**

- Emma reported back on the latest events, - Liversedge ½ marathon – 7 males and 7 females attended a very hilly course in cold wet conditions. Sweatshop 10 has now been completed with 9 males & 9 females in attendance.
- Emma feedback that the next up and coming races were Littleborough 5k and Salford 10k. She also mentioned Mike McGee's Cowm Res that Middleton often support in memory of Mike in aid of bowel cancer.

### **Training;**

- Currently we have lots of activities going on at different nights. Monday, Wednesday & Thursday nights all seem to be going well, especially with the optional Wednesday night routes.
- Ryan discussed a Tuesday or maybe Thursday night track session for the club – **Action:** Ryan to enquire about available tracks, Bury, Kingsway, boggart
- Salford harriers have approached us to share the facilities at Bluebell Pub in Moston we have decided not to do this due to the wonderful area it is surrounded by.

### **Fell Races;**

- Craig feedback that the first fell club champion race was to begin at Heptonstall on the 19<sup>th</sup> March. The Next fell race is then Rivington Pike Fell in April.

### **XC. Updates;**

- The Cross country has now ended. Craig mentioned tickets were available for the presentation night at Chadderton for the SEL at £5:00 a person on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The club presentation night is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at Middleton Cricket club.

### **Races update:**

- **Jackroy:** Craig Feedback that the License had been applied for, the 1<sup>st</sup> Aid was in hand and that permission to use Bowlee has been granted.
- **Eddies:** Craig Feedback that everything was in hand the Health & Safety check was next to be completed. Action Health & safety check. Elaine offered to help with this.

### **Club E-Mail and Web site;**

- All going OK at the moment,
- The websites are continually updated.
- The Whatsapp is a great way for all members to have internal discussion and get feedback quickly.
- Peter asked about Twitter; **Action** Bryan to re set or set up our account.
- Stephen not present but feedback; the email messages seem to be working OK now, but because the bulk mail-out only works properly from one pc I can't always send them out promptly. We may need to remind people to reply to the contact

email of the person originating the message rather than to the Middharriers address, as it slows things down when I have to relay messages back and forward!

### **Club Kit;**

Stephen is not present but feedback is:

- The re-modeled vests are now ready for collection, and I hope to get them Thursday.
- I'll try on the newly designed T-shirt and long-sleeved top and bring them back as well – I'll post pictures.
- I have ordered 5 more jackets in response to orders received. We managed to get a small order accepted on the back of a larger order Sport4Real were making.
- Ryan feedback about the quality of vest and that runners don't mind paying more for a better quality, we had a discussion around this. **Action:** Ryan to liaise with Steve if necessary.

### **Illness:**

None reported this time

### **Club 50;**

The Big one was won by; Ge Kirk.

The next winners were Derek Bury & Christine Eckersley

### **Socials;**

- The next social event is Cross-country presentation night on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. Ge has devised the quiz questions.
- The hut weekend is on the 9<sup>th</sup> April

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

- Ge raised the presentation night date for next year and venue. We discussed the Masonic & The Lancashire. Both Ge and Emma to liaise with venues and dates and a booking to be made. Feedback to be sorted about dates and venues from runners re presentation night: **Action** (Elaine).
- Calderdale Way Relay team to be announced ASAP. **Action** : Craig
- Elaine suggested we incorporate some "fun " awards within the club championships i.e. other clubs have awards such as most pampered, poser of the year. She suggested "most muddiest" to start with for cross-country.
- To maybe try to make a weekend of the 3 day event due to not getting in the Welsh Castles (falls on same weekend) just to fill the "gap" maybe Copper-pot for evening tea? **Action** (Elaine to send email) (April)
- Ge discussed Rochdale ½ marathon in October – see sheet attached for details. But we will need about 30 Marshalls.
- Ryan mentioned having a Whatsapp group for the committee. **Action** Ryan to set it up.
- Dogs: Arc sent an article regarding insurance & members running with a dog, if a athlete falls over the dog on a club run the insurance will ARC insurance would not cover us. So dogs on training nights. It was agreed by all committee members that as long as a person bringing a dog along to the club runs, maintains control of the dog that we would not exclude the member running with the dog. Any issues arising should be highlighted immediately.

**Meeting closed 10.00pm**

**The date of the next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Crowshaw Drive. 7.30pm**