

**Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
Middleton Arena

**Present:** Peter Gilligan, Cathie Murphy (Ladies Teams), Ruth Hare, Ge Kirk (Pres/Membership), Steve Bassam (Treasurer), Mandy Cregg, Jen Laptew, Kyrinda Carter-Moore, Rob Bishop, Craig Sutherland (Sec)

**Apologies:** None

**Minutes:** Agreed.

**Matters Arising:** None

**Correspondence:** Manchester Marathon request for volunteer marshals. Agreed that the membership be circulated.

There was a brief discussion on Rochdale ½ Marathon and it was agreed that we wait until we are formally approached for assistance before getting involved.

**Chairman's Report:** Peter welcomed the committee especially those joining since the AGM. The last race of the season will be on Saturday and he thanked everyone who had assisted in putting the season together. Our club has been particularly involved in the SELCC Races held at Heaton Park and we have been one of the 4 clubs who build and marshal the course. There is a discussion taking place in SELCC on the structure of the events and this will be discussed under Cross Country later in the Agenda.

**Finance:** Steve reported that the finance were OK – the surplus on the year is £462.13 and there is approximately £100 to be included from recent transactions making the surplus approximately £560. He noted that the AGM was expensive at £95. Cathie added that this was without any refreshments being supplied, which would have cost £3.50 per head. Steve suggested that we review the venue for next year and investigate using the Ring O Bells upstairs room. There was general agreement on this.

**Membership:** Ge reported that the current membership stood at 48 Men and 41 ladies giving us a total of 89 members, in addition we have 14 life and social members giving a total of 102. We have 5 new members: Peter Hughes, Louise Gray, Byron Wood, Karen Garry and Dale Platt.

**Social Media Update:** Jen reported she would devise a questionnaire using Survey Monkey to get an indication of how the members felt about the training times and days – times ranged between 6:00pm and 7:00pm and the options on training days were between Mondays and Wednesday, and Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fridays were non-moveable due to track availability.

There was positive feedback from those present on the design of the Website and some suggestions by Kyrinda and Rob on additional pages such as a Memoriam page and a Roll of Honour page which included current and past members and their achievements. There was general agreement on this.

Peter reported that the “Jimdo” was out of subscription and that information should be recovered from it as soon as possible. Jen & Craig to action.

**Cross Country:** Craig reported that last SELCC XC of the season had taken place on Saturday and that Middleton had won awards in the following categories: MV40 - Jorden Burke 3<sup>rd</sup>, MV65 – Alan Garvey 3<sup>rd</sup>. He expressed his opinion that the Club had under performed in this league partly due to the fact that as hosts for one of the matches, we discourage our runners from competing thus restricting our options to 3 matches. There was a discussion on how this might be improved and Ruth suggested that in the past we allowed people to use substitute marshals.

There was one more MACC match to take place and this was for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Peter reported on developments in the SELCC League regarding the hosting on matches for next season. Peter Ramsdale (Horwich) is investigating the option of SELL using 2 Races from the Red Rose League as SELCC Championship Races. In addition he envisages changing the venue of one SELCC from Heaton Park to Tandle Hill. Thus the possible series for next season would be Heaton Park, Tandle Hill, Red Rose venue, Red Rose venue. Peter will liaise.

Craig added that Leon Wint and Jorden Burke had represented the Harriers at the National XC in Bolesworth, there was general agreement that participation should be encouraged in this event.

**Fell Championship:** Craig reported that the first race of the season had taken place on Sunday and that we had fielded one ladies team and one man's team.

**Road Championship:** There had been a good turnout at the 1<sup>st</sup> race of the season at the Trotters, Mandy, Jen and Kyrinda had taken part and said it was an excellent event. Fiona Bolton and Christine Eckersley had won their categories and Tony Campbell was 7<sup>th</sup> Overall. Excellent results. Rob added that the 1<sup>st</sup> Cowm Reservoir 5K was now open for entries - 26<sup>th</sup> April, £5 entry affiliated. Craig to update the Website.

**Relays & Teams: Calderdale** - Rob & Cathie reported that they had been collecting names – so far they had 11 out of 24. Jen suggested that the information on what was required be put on the Website. There was a discussion on the distances of the legs and it was agreed that the race be promoted and people encouraged to sign up. Recces were recommended.

**BMAF (Sutton Park)** – this is scheduled to take place the day before Calderdale. It was agreed that a minibus be laid on.

#### **Club Races:**

**1. Eddies Revenge** – Craig everything was in order and that there was a planning meeting scheduled for Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March. Whats My Time has increased the cost of the Time Recording and the entry fees had been increased accordingly.

**2. Hopwood Trot** – Cathie will check that WhatsMyTime haven't put the price up.

**Cross Country Presentation Evening and Peters Birthday:** Ge reported that everything was arranged and just the odd cup to be recovered for engraving. Craig to supply list of all results asap on Saturday ASAP. John Sprowson doing quiz.+ Pie & peas. Craig & all to advertise. Discussion on live music in interval - all to try and hear Bev's lad (£130.)

**Club Road Championship Presentation 2024:** Room booked at Manchester Golf Club - 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. Deposit paid by Ge.

**Training Updates:** C25K begins 15<sup>th</sup> May, Heaton Park, south Car Park. £10 charge to include Club membership on completion. Monday Evenings – Cathie Murphy & John Hall to take over from Jason when he moves to Scotland. Martha's Proposal – Craig to ask Martha for more details on how it would work. A more developed proposal is required.

**Club 50 Draw:** January – John Horrocks, February – Mike Pyle, March – Ruth Hare.

**AOB:** Cathie – Hoodies to be reduced to £10 – agreed. Reports to Rochdale Observer and Middleton times – Jen to investigate. XC Refreshment Flask – Mandy to investigate.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30pm at 2 Crowshaw Drive Rochdale OL12 0SR.