

## **Middleton Harriers Minutes of the Committee Meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 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, Bryan O Neill.

**Apologies;** Stephen Granville, Emma Ball, Jorden Burke, Ryan Lindsay

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March were correct.

**Actions:** Discussed

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

Again a busy period within the club with road races, marathons and fell races taking place. Emma has reported on most of these events so I will leave this matter. Work is in place for the Calderdale Way relay and I know that teams have been checking out the routes and we hope for another successful outcome. Ryan had a good race at the Cake race finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and I believe the A team finished first in the Terry Nortley relays another successful result. With that I will ask the secretary for her report.

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

Since the last meeting the cross country presentation night at the Cricket Club was well attended, feedback from members was that they enjoyed the night but would have liked the night to have continued a little later.

We have had several club championship races and members of the club have been running really well and have even picked up team prizes in both Littleborough 5k series and the Terry Nortley event. Other issues that club members would like the committee to discuss are the club vests/technical t-shirts, and the cancellation of Saddleworth 6 – therefore these have been added to the agenda.

On a good note there is much excitement within the club around the new awards and I think particularly the males want "sexiest male award" and "best mover", some members also want "best couple" however the ladies need to get there thinking cap on !

Finally it was noticed at the Littleborough 5k that the club atmosphere was "rocking" with lots of new member's and older members attending. The Club support was really good with the younger members clapping in Bob our oldest club member on the night!!

### **This Ends My Report**

### **Treasures Report;**

Steve gave out latest Bal.sheet.

The Club Bal.Sheet is currently showing 4,923, the club is still currently in a healthy position. However money from the club funds is still to be accounted for in club kit; some of this which is not fit for purpose and therefore profit will be lost. **Copy of Committee meeting financial statement attached.**

### **Membership Sec;**

Most members have now paid their annual subscriptions. Up to now we have 62 males and 48 females.

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

Emma was unable to attend but her report was received and read out by Peter Gilligan: Middleton Harriers men's teams did us proud today at the Terry Nortley Relays - at Close Park Radcliffe, with team "The Young Fellas" - Ryan Lindsey, Jorden Burke, Paul Jibson and John Humphrey winning the Relay and The Mid Aged "Middle Aged " - Craig Sutherland, Roland Robson, Steve Vasiliou, & Alan Garvey also coming a respectable 20th out of 73 teams

The 2nd Littleborough 5k went down with a bang - both results have been collated together and are now available to see in the Road race section. Altogether there have been 18 males and 12 females take part with one more left to go, there was a great club atmosphere on Wednesday well done folks. Ryan Lindsay & Barrie Fairbrother won their age category. Toni Brackstone, Jason Harling, Paul Jordan & Bryan O'Neill all got a PB on this 5k course.

Bryan & Beverley O'Neill ran Nidderdale 20 today - starting from Ripley castle, North Yorkshire. Andrew Berkley completed Bluebell 10 mile - a hilly race incorporating a mixture of towpaths, footpaths & trails. Graham & Janine Jordan completed Kentmere 10k with Graham finishing in 9th place overall.

### **MARATHON TIMES**

Joanna Adamson 3:35:00 (London), David Hall 3:37:26 (London), Leo Cain 3:44:58 (Manchester) Spencer Lamb 3:44:58 (Manchester), Andrew Berkley 3:59:55 (Manchester), Toni Brackstone 3:50:17 (London), Mike Grimshaw 4:09:22 (Manchester), Anne Lowe 5:00:02 (Manchester), Laura Higson 5:02:03 (Manchester), Steve Bassam 5:09:30 (London), Steve Bassam 5:24:06 (Manchester)

Well done to everyone on their pbs and for the great club spirit at the moment we are the GREEN MACHINE AT ITS FINEST ! On the leader board at the moment

Men 1: Leo Cain, Andy Berkley, Ryan

WOMEN, 1/Karen Hallett, 2/Jen Dixon, 3/Toni Brackstone

**The next club race is Littleborough 5k 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in June– this ends my report.**

### **Training;**

- Currently we have lots of activities going on at different nights. Monday, Wednesday & Thursday nights all seem to be going well.
- We have decided to charge non-members adults £1:50 on the night, Children above 11 £1:00. We need to ensure there is a first aid kit & register at training nights. **Action:** Ruth to give Jason 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit. Committee member to get people to write down their names on a training night. Email to go out: Elaine ask Stephen.
- Membership forms to be left at arena & Ruth to take some to Monday night (maybe give Jason some).

### **Fell Races;**

Craig feedback that So far 3 races have been completed this season, and after a poor club attendance at Heptonstall with only 1 lady and 1 man from Middleton competing, there has been a better turnout of Harriers in the subsequent events. The Rivington Pike Fell Race saw 4 men and 6 ladies taking part, while at the Cake Race 2 men and 5 ladies competed, with Ryan Lindsay getting a well deserved 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the overall standings.

In the Club Championship Ryan Lindsay leads the Men with Jordan Hughes second and Jorden Burke equal third with Paul Collinge. In the ladies Championship Emma Ball leads from Karen Hallett in second place and Lisa Jackson in third.

In the Run The Moors Grand Prix the ladies are in a very well position with Emma Ball coming 4<sup>th</sup> overall with Karen Hallett and Lisa Jackson in 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> respectively. In their age groups the ladies are in the mix in a number of age categories: Lisa Jackson is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Senior group, with Emma Ball lying second in the V40 only 2 points off the lead. In the ladies V45 Karen Hallett is in 4<sup>th</sup> whilst Cathie Murphy is coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the V50. Rose Rowson is 3<sup>rd</sup> in V55 with Ruth Hare equal 1<sup>st</sup> in the V60.

In addition to doing well in their age categories the ladies are also doing well in the team event and are currently holding in 3<sup>rd</sup> position. This is both a reflection of how well the ladies are running and the high numbers turning out for the events.

In the men's competition Ryan Leads the Overall standing and is coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Male Senior category. In conclusion we have had an excellent start to the season for the ladies whilst the men have been a little slow out of the blocks. Compared to last year the participation for the ladies for the first 3 races is up from 5 to 12 whilst the men are down from 13 to 7.

With plenty of races to go I hope the ladies can keep up their participation and I look forward to an improvement from the men.

### **That concludes Craig's Report**

#### **XC. Updates;**

- The Cross country has now ended however Peter and Craig continue to attend up date meetings and will keep us posted.

#### **Races update:**

- **Jackroy:** Craig Feedback that there are no current problems or tasks– flyers to be printed out
- **Eddies:** Craig Feedback that the council have decided not to charge us a fee. Clearing up afterwards needs to be checked and re visited so that no traces are left on the landscape. **Action:** There is going to be a working party meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> after training.

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

- The websites are continually updated.
- The Whatsapp is alive
- Bryan feedback that he has re visited our Twitter page and it is now up and running. It currently has 387 followers.

#### **Club Kit;**

Stephen is not present but

- Message from Stephen was that he would get sample from Ronhill.
- However Chris Brooks already has samples, which we looked at from Ronhill (we think the same company). The vests are in good condition and are also purchased by Salford Harriers. Roe Bowness provided the samples.
- **Action:** We therefore decided that we should ask Stephen if he could contact the Ronhill Textiles, Sutton in Ashton 01623 551452 and arrange an appointment so that vests and technical t shirt can be ordered– Peter and Craig can attend if this is needed.

- We would also like Stephen to write a letter/email to see if he can get any money back from the kit that is not fit for purpose.

### **Illness:**

Richie Carr fell whilst out running – fractured his hip we have sent a card.

### **Club 50;**

We forgot to do this.

### **Socials;**

- The presentation night date for next year has been booked at The Lancashire. For the last Saturday in January 2018.
- **Action:** Emma to send email re Copper pot meal – after 3-day event.
- Ge discussed Rochdale ½ marathon in October – meetings are currently on going.

### **Meeting closed 9.30pm**

**The date of the next meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Crowshaw Drive. 7.30pm**

### **Actions :**

- **Ruth** to give Jason 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit.
- **Committee member** to get people to write down there names on a training night.
- **Email to go out:** Elaine ask Stephen.
- **Craig:** Membership forms to be left at arena & **Ruth** to take some to Monday night (maybe give Jason some).
- **Craig:** There is going to be a working party meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> after training.
- **Craig:** Flyers to be printed for Eddies/Jackroy to start giving out at places
- **Stephen:** Stephen if he could contact the Ronhill Textiles, Sutton in Ashton 01623 551452 and arrange an appointment so that vests and technical t shirt can be ordered– Peter and Craig can attend if this is needed.
- **Stephen:** We would also like Stephen to write a letter/email to see if he can get any money back from the kit that is not fit for purpose.
- **Emma** to send email re Copper pot meal – after 3-day event.
- **Ryan:** on-going: last time looking at sprint training sessions on tracks / Elaine mentioned that the is a track at Radcliffe was looking for runners to fill it, otherwise it would be not used – maybe Ryan could look at this one?
- **Action;** Craig to get some flyers ready for Jackroy/Eddies. Is Jackroy route available?