

Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes 07/05/2019

Present: Cathie Murphy, Craig Sutherland, Ge Kirk (President). Emma Ball

Apologies: Bryan O'Neill, Peter Gilligan, Steve Bassam, Anne Lowe, Elaine Blades-Jordan

Minutes: Agreed

Matters Arising: None

Chairman's Report: Peter was attending the SELCC AGM and passed sent his apologies.

Correspondence: E-mail from Tom Temple congratulating marathon runners and reflecting on previous club marathon times.

Finance: A note and financial report from Steve were read: The club remains in a good financial position, & Steve didn't at this point foresee any problems on the near horizon. Manchester Marathon payment for marshalling has not as yet come through but should do in the next couple of weeks. Couch to 5 k participant list is lower than expected at this point in time with only 10 people paid up to take part so far. We need to keep an eye on this as we need to ensure that we do not incur additional track fees because of C25k unless numbers support it. The club currently has a cash surplus of £2740

Cross Country: Peter was attending SELCC AGM and proposing that Middleton Harriers host Heaton Park XC as part of our commitment to the League.

Membership: There were 3 new members since the last report. The totals now stand at: 53 men (-4) and 57 ladies (+9) . Total membership is 110 full members and 17 social members, totalling 127. There was a discussion on maintaining the growth and it was agreed that a lot of growth came from C25K and membership forms should be distributed at all our events. Also the club might be promoted by reporting on club events etc in local newspapers (Middleton Guardian) Anne Lowe to be approached.

Road/Trail Championship: Emma reported that after 4 races John Weaver led the men's championship from Leo Cain and Rob Bishop. The ladies championship was led by Jo Lynch from Karen Hallett and Sharon Goldrick. Turn out at the Salford 10K had been good and the Cowm Reservoir 5K series were getting good turnouts. Upcoming events – Terry Nortley Relay Monday, 27th May, Norden Fri 2nd June, Race the Train 23rd June. There was a discussion that there were too many races in the season. Also could the Website layout of the upcoming races be the same format as Rochdale Harriers.

Relays: BMAF (Sutton Park) Little expression of interest due to illness/injuries/event clashes. Calderdale – 2x teams applied for, 1x open 1x mixed.

Terry Nortley – Craig to promote. The club will reimburse entry money if Middleton Harriers name is used in the team name.

Fell Championship: Club Championship/Run The Moors GP

With 4 races completed the the men's championship is led by Jorden Burke who has completed his 4 required race. Michael Griffin is in second position (3 completed) from Jordan Hughes in 3rd.

The ladies championship is led by Jo Adamson from Cathie Murphy in second (both have completed their required 4 races) and Emma Ball in 3rd.

In the Run The Moors Grand Prix the ladies have had an excellent start with maximum team points in three of the first 4 events. Jo Adamson leads the overall championship and as well as her age category, Cathie Murphy and Ruth Hare lead their age groups and Emma Ball is second in hers. Julie Jones also leads her age group but needs to get a few more races in to consolidate her position. The men are lying in a comfortable 3rd place with Jorden Burke lying 2nd in his age group and 3rd overall. Graham Jordan leads his age group ,

Socials: Everything booked for Road Championship Presentation in February. Masonic booked for 21st December in the Masonic. Ge pointed out that 2021 is the 40th Anniversary of Middleton Harriers and suggested a weekend away (perhaps Blackpool?) to celebrate.

Club Races: Rochdale ½ marathon and 10K – Planned for 6th Oct. MH to Marshal. Hopwood Trot – on schedule.

Eddie's Revenge – Permission to hold event granted by OMBC. Organising meeting Wednesday 13th May after club run.

Club Handicap – Craig and Derek to confirm distance and certify with Association of UK Course Measurers.

Training: Heaton Park sessions going well – 10-15, Track Session 6-10 per week. C25K 12 starters. Thursday fell session continues to attract new runners.

Club Kit: Cathie has ordered 10 vests of various sizes and investigate getting training tops (Joma tops no longer available in the current scheme).

Club 50 Draw: The winners were: April- Julie Jones, May- Steve Senior.

AOB: Discussion on using track for 1 mile timed event with and award/ £1.50 entry.

Next meeting: 9th July 2019 7:30 2, Crowshaw Drive, Rochdale OL12 0SR