

**Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
2, Crowshaw Drive

**Present:** Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Cathie Murphy (Ladies Teams), Ruth Hare, Rob Bishop (Relays & C25K), Craig Sutherland (Sec), Ge Kirk (Pres/Membership)

**Apologies:** Steve Bassam. Jen Laptew.

**Minutes:** Agreed.

**Matters Arising:** None

**Correspondence:** Craig reported that he had received notification of GMAA XC Championship - Sunday 11 December at Leverhulme Park Long Lane Bolton BL2 6EB, first race 11.00am. Entries will be via Sportsoft website and will open Wednesday. Entry Fee £8.00 per athlete. Closing date is Friday 02 December. This race is the day following SELCC XC. Agreed to ask for expressions of interest.

Rob reported that whilst doing the Amsterdam Marathon he had met with runners from Middleton AC - they agreed it would be good if the clubs could do a race exchange – Middleton in May and Middleton in August. Rob agreed to follow up.

**Chairman's Report:** Peter reported everything would be covered in the items on the Agenda.

**Finance:** Steve had submitted a brief report by e-mail report. Money in bank (- cheques to be cleared) £6918.82. Additional cheques to be written - Club 50 Jun to Nov £90, Cross Country Cathie & Craig (Last year was £730ish). EAA payments for Ge. Anything else ? I'm estimating this leaves us with a little under £6,000

This time last year there was little else going out between now and the end of the year other than the reserve for December's Club 50 of £150.

So, we should end the year around £5,500 to £5,700 plus any 2023 memberships that come in in December.

Although this is well down on the start of the year, I still see no reason to change the membership fees for 2023. Although I think we will adjust them for 2024.

The report was accepted.

**Membership:** Ge gave an update on the membership – new members included Danny Royle, Ali Donohue, Dominic Seaman, Steve McAtamney. Membership was now 58 Females, and 70 Males – making a total of 128 with 13 Life and Social members.

England Athletics were putting membership up to £17 for 2023. Ge expressed frustration with EA for the poor design of their IT systems and poor value for money for Road Clubs. She did however, receive positive support from EA on the London Marathon Club entry scheme, and Cathie was able to submit the Club entry during the course of the meeting.

**Relays & Team Events:** Craig reported that only the only upcoming event was the GMAA XC in December and that he would ask for expressions of interest.

He also reported that the Cross Keys Relay may be incorporated into the Run The Moors Fell GP as a stand-alone championship.

**Road Championship:** Rob reported that there was to be another race selection meeting to confirm which races were available and add some towards August-September if possible, and also include some local ones Eg Rochdale, Radcliffe events. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 10:00am Middleton Arena.



**Club Races:**

- 1. Eddies Revenge** – Craig reported that the race had been submitted to the FRA and the date (28/06/23) was OK with St Saviours and OMRT. Still to be contacted were OMBC and WhatsMyTime. Craig hoped to keep the entry fee the same as this year at £6 FRA members and £7 non-affil.
- 2. Hopwood Trot** – Cathie reported that the event was open on SI Entries for 2<sup>nd</sup> August and that she would contact Hopwood College in the New Year.
- 3. Boxing Day Pack Run** - Rob agreed to lead the event, which it was hoped could be run from the Hopwood Arms, as it was large enough to host us. Peter would contact Derek Bury re: availability of the venue. This year would also see return of London Marathon Entry Draw.

**Club Presentation Evening** – Ge reported that the event would take place on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> January at the Manchester Golf Club, Hopwood Cottage (plus DJ). A deposit of £150 had been paid and Ge expressed her thanks to Fiona Bolton for getting the room. It was agreed that Menu No. 1 be selected as it had the better options for vegetarians/vegans. Ge had calculated the ticket price based on a turn-out of 70, tickets were distributed for sale @£15.

**AGM:** A date of 7<sup>th</sup> February was selected and Craig would ask for more people to commit to the Committee. Also to ask people to submit proposals and bring ideas to promote the Club. Rob proposed amending the Marathon rule which restricts the criterion to a Road only event of 26.2 miles to include off-road events over 26.2 miles.

**Training:** Craig reported that the training sessions were continuing to attract good numbers on all evenings. It was agreed that the club fund John Hall on his LiRF course for £160.

**Club 50 Draw:** Winners: June - Fiona Bolton, July – Wendy Grundy, August- Sue Taylor, September - Sue Sprowson, October – Chris Brooks, November - Ge Kirk.

**AOB:** Ge pointed out that the membership forms would need updating to reflect EA's increased membership fee.

Salford Harriers were not having a Xmas do this year, so we would attend Janice's informal session at the Old Boars Head.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 7:30pm at 2 Crowshaw Drive Rochdale OL12 0SR.