

Middleton Harriers Minutes of the Committee Meeting
Tuesday 12th September 2017
Held At: Crawshaw Drive, Rochdale.

Present: Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Elaine Blades-Jordan (Secretary) Ge kirk (Membership secretary/President), Steve Bassam (Treasurer), Emma Ball (Events) Chris Brooks, Craig Sutherland, Steve Granville, Jordan Burke.

Apologies: Ruth Hare, Bryan O Neill, Ryan Lindsay

Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th of July 2017 had one name discrepancy in illness after which minutes & were present and correct.

Chairman's Report:

The Club Handicap was held on Wednesday 16th August and I was unable to attend due to illness. Our race (JackRoy10k) should have been on the 3rd of September and had to be cancelled due to a clash of events – fault of the council.

Ge & myself meet (PG) have been to meetings regarding the Rochdale ½ marathon an 10krace to be held on the 8th October. Last week we meet Phil Roberts and he showed us the main area of the 10k route, which is on the east side of the canal. We propose to have a walk around the area before the race.

There have been several races during the last few weeks which we will discuss later in the meeting. I understand that Craig was unable to get a team to enter the relays at Blackpool on Saturday 9th September something we should bear in mind if we should get any comments about non-appearances. I now leave the rest of the reports to be discussed throughout he meetings. **This ends my report:**

Secretary's Report

Since the last meeting we successfully staged the club handicap event, with plenty of members having ago and some good support and Marshalls on the night. We are now nearly at the end of both the road and fell championships with two road races left and one fell race left to complete. It was a great shame that the JackRoy 10k was cancelled and this to be discussed on the agenda. Lastly The proposed 1st Club ½ marathon for 2018 will be Wigan Toyota 1/ 2 marathon on Sunday 18th March – this had been announced so runners can access early bird prices. **This concludes my report.**

Treasurers Report

The clubs finances currently show a healthy balance. We made a profit of £85 at the club handicap. However it is still unclear how much profit we have lost in the insufficient club kit, hopefully we will be able to account for this soon.

Membership Secretary Report:

Ge feedback that we currently have **51 ladies & 67 male members, 20 social members and 2 juniors.**

No new members and no resignations

Correspondence:

Correspondence from Manchester and East Lancashire Cross country. To enter teams now.

Events Secretary Report:

Emma Ball, Events secretary;

With only 2 club road races left now Macclesfield ½ and Littleborough 10k Jen Dixon leads the ladies overall club championships and Jordan Burke currently leads the males.

Training

Training nights remain popular – no problems currently reported. The Monday night sprint training has now moved back to the arena. EBJ asked if Committee members could remind runners to wear Hi Viz clothing now that dark nights are setting in.

Fell races report:

Craig Sutherland (Fell captain) reported;

The Season is drawing to a close with 1 race remaining in the fell Championship races and Run the Moors series.

In the men's club championship Jordan Hughes is the new leader on count-back, with Ryan Lindsay in second place (both on 4 points) and Graham Jordan moving up into 3rd position.

The ladies' club championship is led by Emma Ball on 4 points after count-back from Jo Adamson in 2nd place and Karen Hallett in 3rd.

In the Run The Moors Grand Prix the ladies are all in very good positions. In the overall standings Emma Ball is 4th, Karen Hallett is 7th and Lisa Jackson is 10th.

In their age groups the ladies are in the mix in a number of age categories: Lisa Jackson is 2nd in the senior group, with Emma Ball lying 3rd V40. In the ladies V50 Cathie Murphy has moved up to 2nd but needs to complete the final race to qualify. Ruth Hare lies 2nd position in the V60 but must complete the last race to qualify.

In addition to doing well in their age categories the ladies are also doing well in the team event and continue to hold on to 3rd position.

In the men's competition Ryan Lindsay is 8th in the overall standings and lies 8th in the Male Senior category but must complete the last event to qualify. Paul Collinge, coming back from injury is now having a good season and lies 6th in the V60 but must complete the last race to qualify.

So far this year 10 men have participated in the championship and between them they have completed a total of 29 races whilst 14 ladies have completed a total of 41 races.

This concludes the Report.

Cross Country

Craig to send out email regarding information for this year's cross-country. £7:50 each, everyone must be a member of the England Athletics, no entries on the day.

Our Races

GK reported that she has been in contact with Sue Milne over lost funds regarding the cancelled JackRoy10k and also was given a reason as to the clash of events occurred.

GK has walked the Rochdale 10k Course and has put an email put asking for Marshalls and also offering a dummy run on the weekend of the 30th Sep/1st Oct.

CS ; will begin the start process for Eddies Revenge for 2018

CB; raised if we could enquire about the Hopwood Trot route for next year instead of the Bowlee route. The Hopwood Trot has been used in the past and may be a better alternative route.: GK: volunteered to do this. Otherwise we may need to have an evening run at Bowlee instead of a weekend.

CS : mentioned that Adrian Bowcock may no longer wish to run the event next year.

Club E Mail and Web Scanner

Stephen has been poorly so was unable to respond to some emails. All emails have now been sent.

Club Kit

SG has calculated how many tops are of wrong fit and will be contacting the company to discuss.

CS – showed all those present a technical T shirt that is the correct Middleton colours that members could source from Amazon at approx. £8:00. Craig to share with members.

Illness

Stephen Granville: has been unwell over the last few weeks but is taking it easier and hopefully recovering well.

Socials

Emma Ball to organise Christmas party. She will look at Ocean Treasure, for either the 8th or 9th of December. Emma will send out information to the club.

Presentation night is books at David Lloyds – Middleton for January – Ge will start doing the tickets.

Club 50

Winners Stephen Senior (August) & Alison Smith (was Lamb) Sept.

A.O.B.

EBJ asked why trail/off-road marathons cannot be counted in the road-trail championship after a query from a club member. In response it was identified that off-road/trail marathons are estimated and that for a marathon to count it must be on a accurate course – i.e. a road marathon should be accurately measured.

Emma: mentioned Club Buff

Craig: Has three teams in Northern athletics Relays this weekend (16th Sep).

Ge: to collect trophies

Actions

1. **Steve G:** To draft a letter re club kit that cannot be used to see if we can get a refund.
2. **Craig:** To send email re Cross country entry
3. **Ge:** To contact Hopwood college: Re Hopwood Trot viability. To start collecting trophies
4. **Elaine:** Inform members of 1st road-trail championship race.
Reply to club member about the marathon.
Ask for feedback re club races
5. **Emma:** Inform members about Christmas do & collect deposit.
To chase up Anthony re club buff

No other business, therefore this meeting is closed

The date of the next meeting will be on the 13th of November at 7:30pm