

Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes 10/09/2019

Present: Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Steve Bassam, Craig Sutherland, Ge Kirk (President), Emma Ball, Ruth Hare, Craig Sutherland, Cathie Murphy, Paul Whydall.

Apologies: Bryan O'Neill, Anne Lowe, Elaine Blades-Jordan.

Minutes: Steve noted his comments on training numbers had been misinterpreted and that he had been referring to track training numbers not Heaton Park numbers. Noted.

Matters Arising: None

Chairman's Report: Peter said that the previous Wednesday he was pleased to see a large number of new members returning from their long distance runs with a buzz of enthusiasm. He had made enquiries about obtaining the use of a room at the Arena to enable the new members to continue as a social group after their activity. To date he has not had any success but will continue to find a suitable venue. There have been various races, both road and fell which Craig will inform us about. The 1st Aid for the cross country on 19th October has been booked. We are using a new company as the previous supplier no longer provide this type of event cover. The cost of the 1st Aid will be covered by SELCC League. The next stage will be to drum up support from members to cover the setting up of the course and the various marshal points along the way. Overall the the Club appears to be in good shape and long may it continue.

Correspondence: This will be covered in following items.

Finance: Steve pointed out that the totals on the balance sheet were correct and that the income from the club Handicap needed to be added to the total of £3253. The current surplus has benefited from income generated by the Rochdale ½M & 10K marshalling. The Hopwood Trot had made £658.58 and in the following discussion Ge pointed out that she had paid £158 for the use of Hopwood and been reimbursed. There was a discussion on the costs of Chip Timing which are set to increase and possible alternatives. It was agreed that we continue to use Chip Timing but that we seek a cheaper supplier.

Steve pointed out that our current surplus of over £3000 was better overall than this time last year.

Membership: New members included 28 C25K runners who have taken the option of joining as well as Courtney Hulston, Ryan Harrison, Amanda McCartney and Michelle Hussion. The totals now stand at 57 men and 88 Ladies giving a total of 145 when added to Social Members and Life members the total was now 162.

Road/Trail Championship: With 10 races completed the Championship is led by John Weaver by one point from Keith Knott in second and Jordan Hughes in third. Keith came 4th overall in Saturdays Hatters ½ marathon.

The ladies ladies championship is now led by Emma Ball from Jo Lynch in second place and Karen Hallett in third.

It was agreed that a race committee be set up consisting of Elaine Blades-Jordan, Rob Bishop, Cathie Murphy, Emma Ball, Craig Sutherland to select races for 2020 season and co-ordinate relays, and other club commitments.

The English Half Marathon has been postponed with an update expected Thursday. There was a discussion on a replacement race if the EHM was not re-scheduled. Possible alternatives Rochdale Half or Macclesfield Half or both. Emma was in favour of either the Rochdale Half or Macclesfield and Rochdale counting in the Championship as this would give members every opportunity to complete the series. It was pointed out that Middleton marshalled the Rochdale event and that we had

struggled the previous year to get full cover at every point. Also it was unfair that people who were participating in the Championship should marshal Rochdale while other club members were running and gaining points. It was suggested that the new members who were not participating in the Championship could marshal. It was pointed out that the Rochdale 10k was one of the races which the improvers were running as their first 10K.

Agreed to await announcement on Thursday at which point alternative courses of action will become clearer.

Relays: There was a good turnout at the Racecourse Relays in Kersal, we had two Ladies, one mixed and one vet team. All did well and a good time was had by all with the Male Vets team winning their category. Special thanks to Cathie Murphy and Paul Whydall for organising the teams.

Upcoming Relays: Cross Keys Road/Fell Relay Saturday, 21st September Self organised with the club to reimburse entry costs. Teams of 4 - 2 fell legs and 2 road legs.

Possible Relays 2020 – North of England 6 & 12 Stage, ERRA 6 & 12 Stage, Calderdale Relay – confirmed & London Greenbelt. Race The Sun (IOM) rejected.

Fell Championship: Club Championship/Run The Moors GP

The most recent race was Chipping Show and was a tough race held very hot conditions. The club members continue to do well in the Run The Moors Championship with many category winners and top three places. The last race is the Lost Shepherd on Saturday. It is expected that the presentation will take place in St Mary's social Club, Radcliffe in November.

The go-ahead was given for Eddie's Revenge in 2020 (and also the Hopwood Trot).

Cross Country: Confirmation of the fees and races for both SELCC and MACC series had been received and the races and dates were as follows: 12th Oct – Wythenshawe (MACC), 19th Oct - Heaton Park (SELCC), 9th Nov - Kenworthy Woods (MACC), 23rd Nov - Heaton Park (SELCC), 7th Dec - Arrowse Park (MACC), 11th Jan - Tatton Park (MACC), 18th Jan - Tandle Hill (SELCC), 8th Feb – Heaton Park (MACC), 15th Feb Yarrow Valley Park (SELCC). There was a proposal that the Heaton Park event hosted by Middleton not count toward the Club Championship.

Emma proposed that participation in the MACC league be replaced by Red Rose XC League in our Championship. There was a debate on the distances of events from Middleton, the number of races (Red Rose 4, MACC 5), the number of Middleton members who participate, and the timings of the matches (all Red Rose events take place before Xmas making for a busy schedule). Following a vote the proposal was defeated.

Club Kit: Cathie reported that more kit was being ordered and that a sample training vest was on order.

Club Races: Rochdale 1/2M and 10K – Middleton will marshal 10K and needs approx 17-20 marshals. Craig to e-mail for marshals. Agreed to meet at 9:30 at Morrisons Car Park.

Cross Country 19th October – Craig to e-mail membership for support (setting up course and marshals).

Training: All sessions are going well with good attendance. Agreed that we train 3 additional LiRF – Cathie Murphy, Vicky Whiting, Paul Whydall. Cost c. £150 total per student.

Socials: Emma proposed that the Christmas Party be organised as last year and that we share facilities at Middleton Masonic with Salford Harriers. 22nd December approx £10. Agreed Summer Ball 40yrs of Middleton 2020 Scheduled for after completion of C25K course to allow participation.

Donations: Agreed that donations be made to Mark Bebbington (stroke) £50 and Teresa Hollins (World Iron Champs, Hawaii) £200.

Club 50 Draw: The winners were: August – Jo Adamson, September – Ro Bowness.

AOB: Car Boot Sale for Hospice 21st Sept tot be promoted and Deaf Blind Society thanks for donation and asking for sponsored runner if possible. Medal from Elaine

Next meeting: Tuesday, 12th November 7:30 2, Crowshaw Drive, Rochdale OL12