

Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes 15/01/2019

Present: Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Steve Bassam (Treasurer), Bryan O'Neill, Emma Ball, Craig Sutherland, Anne Lowe, Ge Kirk (President).

Apologies: Cathie Murphy, Ruth Hare, Elaine Blades-Jordan.

Minutes: Agreed

Chairmans Report: Peter reported that: The cross country is well under way with the latest race being last Saturday's MACC event in Heaton Park. The next match will be the SELCC event on Sat 19th Jan, also in Heaton Park. The turn out from the club, particularly the mn, has been very poor when you consider that in time past the club was turning out up to 20 runners per race. Perhaps it is that members do not have the interest in cross country and prefer the road race but I am at a loss as to how we can generate more interest.

Since the last meeting I am aware of the work that Craig has been doing on behalf of the club and the meetings that he has been attending. I leave him to inform us of the outcome of these meetings. The rest of the matters of interest are covered by the agenda and we will work our way through them.

Thanks were given to the Committee members for their work and support throughout the year and the hope was expressed that they will stand for next year.

Secretarys Report: Lots of social events have taken place over christmas with the club nights out at the Old Boars Head and the christmas do at the Masonic. We then had the boxing day and New Years Eve runs. Rob Bishop won the London marathon position and has now entered and been accepted.

Whilst we have 3 more Cross country eventsThe Club road/trail championship races will commence at the end of February starting with Standish Hall Trail Race.....Wishing everyone a great season, let the races for 2019 begin.

Finance: The year end finances have now been presented. Everything balances and there is a small cash balance of £299.04. This year we have invested heavily in stock, particularly buffs (c. £700) which have not sold as well as expected. £2009.34 was invested with £789.50 being sold. In total a profit of £1095 was reported on the year. It was noted that £64 overpaid to Cathie for race entries will be carried forward to the next financial year and will be repaid.

There was some discussion on the surplus buffs and it was agreed that they were to be given to finishers of the Hopwood Trot as a momento, it was suggested that the entry be increased by £2 to cover the expense.

Membership was the biggest income generator, followed by the Hopwood Trot Club Race.

Membership: Jen Dixon has resigned from the club due to a change in personal circumstances.

Socials/Club Presentation: Ge reported that There had been a change in DJ and that David Lloyd had attempted a price increase. We needed to sell another 22 tickets to break even. The buffet had been amended to keep the price within budget. Sweet course was to be bought from Costco – Bryan to arrange.

Anne will promote the event on WhatsApp.

Road/Trail Championship: Championship starts on 23rd Feb. Concern was expressed that the proposed Fell Championship events clash with our Road Championship events. Craig replied that this was unfortunate but the Fell GP had to accommodate a number of clubs and also had a limited number of races to choose from.

Fell Championship: The Run The Moors Fell GP races had now been selected and it had been agreed that this year the series would be the best 5 results from 12 races. Elaine had selected some additional races to be added for Middleton Club Championship. It was agreed that for the Club Championship 2 additional races be added to make the Club Championship the best 4 races from 14.

Cross Country Championship: With 6 matches completed the ladies championship is currently led by Jo Adamson from Teresa Hollins in 2nd and Cathie Murphy in 3rd. The mens championship is being led by Keith Knott from Jorden Burke in 2nd and Michael Griffin in 3rd. The next club championship match is Heaton Park, hosted by East Cheshire on Saturday 19th January.

Greater Manchester XC Championship took place in Boggart Hole Clough on Saturday 8th December and we were able to enter a ladies team and a mens team. The ladies team finished 10th overall and the men's team a creditable 12th overall.

National Cross Country Championship takes place on Sat 23rd Feb 2019 £8.00, 3 men are entered.

Club Races/Marshalling: Kyrinda is asking for volunteers to marshal M/Cr marathon, this is a valuable source of income for the club (over £300 raised last year)

Eddie's Revenge – nothing to report.

Rochdale ½ Marathon & 10K progressing – we are awaiting monies from last event.

Hopwood Trot: Elaine sent the following report:

College – 1. I am going to send a confirmation this week - so we may be requested to pay a deposit. 2. We have booked the Chip timing 4. We have the Permit from ARC

Please can we get flyers printed - Craig are you able to do this ? So they are ready for dispatch.

It had earlier been discussed that buffs be given as momento (under finance.)

Club Handicap: Date to be set. Course to be re-measured. Discussion on parking issues, this was result of bungalow resident parking across access to lower car park.

Training: Use of Boggart Hole clough Track progressing, awaiting confirmation from Boggart Hole Clough track manager for trial period of 6 weeks beginning 25th Jan.

Monday evening session is well attended with 30+ people attending. Wednesday turnout has been quite low for some weeks, possibly the result of Christmas/weather. Thursday Fell session continues. C25K nothing to report.

Relays: Calderdale, awaiting opening of entries. Following enquiries at Monday training session it was felt that 2 mixed teams were justified.

Welsh Castles Relay: Craig to put appeals out for runners but it was felt that the event was not as popular with members – requiring a lot of time and commitment added to the difficulty of getting an open team accepted for entry. Issue to be raised at AGM.

London Greenbelt Relay to be investigated for future.

Club Kit. Issue of buffs had been covered under finance and

AGM: Date tba (probably Tuesday 7:30) after Peter has approached Middleton Arena. Costs expected to be in the region of £60. Craig to e-mail membership asking for expressions of interest in working on the Committee.

E-Mail/Twitter: Bryan reported that we have 526 followers and that we need more input as more people are taking an interest.

Club Banner: Peter to pursue the replacement of our club banner as the current one is damaged.

Illness/Injury: Karen Hallett now running, Chris Brooks recovering, Emma Ball is running again.

Club 50 Draw: To be held at AGM

AOB/Correspondence: Athletics Weekly offer (£100 for 50 words) not accepted.

SELCC: XC Presentation Evening North Chadderton Bowling & Social Club, Friday 15th March 7:30 Tickets £4.50. Peter to return V35 trophy at Saturdays XC event.

Next meeting: 12th March 2019 7:30 2, Crowshaw Drive, Rochdale OL12 0SR