

Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 14th January 2020

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

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

Minutes: Agreed

Matters Arising: None

Correspondence: None

Chairman's Report: Peter reported that the Cross Country season was under way and that we appear to have had a good turn out for the races. The usual Cup collection in advance of the presentation has been taking place and he was hopeful that all Ge has now received all the cups. Peter thanked all the Committee members for their work over the last year and he hoped that they would continue on the committee into next year. No date has yet been fixed for the AGM but it could possibly be in mid-February at the Arena. The next big function will be the Presentation 'Evening on 1st February.

Finance: Steve noted that membership payments in advance for 2020 would appear on the balance sheet for 2019 as this was the year in which they had been made. This years cash balance is £....higher than last year.

The biggest income generator was membership , followed by club races , Marshal income (Rochdale/Manchester) , and C25K . All in all the club is in a very healthy position.

AGM Date & Nominations: It was noted that Anne Lowe will be standing down from the Committee and Emma raised the issue of getting people to become Committee members. Craig agreed to raise the subject with new members (C25K) and approach other members who had expressed an interest (eg Paul Whydall). Steve asked that we appoint a new cheque signatory as it was difficult to get cheques signed. The signatory needed to be an Officer of the Committee and it was agreed that Craig be the co-Secretary and become a signatory, and that Elaine continue in her current role but not be a signatory. The following people agreed to continue – Peter Gilligan Chairman, Ge Kirk Membership, Steve Bassam Finance, Craig Sutherland co-secretary, Emma Ball Socials, Cathie Murphy kit, relays & XC. Rob Bishop Mens Captain (tbc), Elaine Blades-Jordan co-Secretary, Ruth Hare.

Membership: There was no report prepared for January but Ge was able to say that at the close of play the year end of Dec 2019 the club now had 153 1st claim members and 17 social members. And figures were up 21 on November 2018.

Road & Trail Championship: The list of races had been agreed and are available on the website. Tissington Trail is already full and we have selected the Delamere 13 Trail as an alternative. It was agreed that we provide a coach for Middleton Harriers to this event.

Cross country: The season was going well with good participation levels. Due to course flooding the Tandle Hill race was to be relocated to Heaton Park and Peter has given assistance to Oldham & Royton.

Fell: The Run The Moors Fell championship list was selected and the list published. It had been agreed beforehand that none of the races should have been run in last years Championship. This

meant Eddie's Revenge would not be a championship race this year. Elaine had added three races to Middleton Harriers Championship which were more local and suitable for first time competitors.

Relays: Calderdale Relay 17th May, is now open for entries. After a brief discussion it was agreed that we enter 2 Open Teams as this would give our team selection greater flexibility. Craig to follow up. Sutton Park: Craig to ask for expressions of interest.

Socials: Presentation 1st Feb The cost of the buffet had increased to £10 as a result of the catering being done by the rotary club. There would now be a selection of sandwiches, chips sausage rolls. Roger has agreed to do the presentation and confirmed that the clubs 40th anniversary will be 2021. There will be a raffle similar to previous years at £2 per strip. Access for setup will be after 1:00pm

Club Races: There was a discussion on Rochdale ½ and 10K. Rochdale Tri can no longer support the event. It was agreed that we commit to supporting the 10K course but members will need to be made fully aware that if they are marshalling a section that is on the half marathon route then they may be there some considerable time. Manchester marathon: Craig to contact Kyrinda and ask if she is prepared to submit a Middleton Harriers group.

Other events – Hopwood Trot, Eddies Revenge all going OK. Club Handicap agreed for 12th August.

Training Sessions: Track attendance declined before Christmas (Rob & Paul), Monday Evening attendance high and is used as a meeting point for Monday evening improvers (Jason). Wednesday Evening well attended. Thursday Fell sessions continue.

Club Kit: Training top has been ordered and we await delivery. Banner replacement (3.2metre) costed at £180 inc artwork. Craig to action.

Club 50 Draw: The winners were: October – Chris Brooks, November – Sue Taylor.

AOB: Cathie announced that Mick Bull was having a surprise 70th Celebration Run to take place at Watergrove Park Run 1st February. To be advertised on WhatsApp, Club tops to be worn. Steve proposed a re-write of the Constitution **in the coming 12 months**. It was agreed that a sub-committee be set up with Steve as Chair. Craig seconded. Craig to advertise for interested parties to volunteer for membership.

Next meeting: The AGM Will take place on Tuesday 18th Feb in The Fruits of Life Cafe, Middleton Arena and the next regular meeting Tuesday, 10th March 7:30 2, Crowshaw Drive, Rochdale OL12

