

Middleton Harriers Minutes of the Committee Meeting Tuesday 6th March 2018 Held at Crowshaw Drive Rochdale

Present;

Peter Gilligan (Chairman) Elaine Blades-Jordan (Club Secretary) Ge Kirk (Membership sec), Craig Sutherland, Steve Bassam, Ruth Hare, Anne Lowe, Cathy Murphy.

Apologies; Bryan O Neill, Jordan Burke, Emma Ball & Stephen Granville

Minutes; The Minutes of the last meeting held in January were approved.

Actions: * All other actions were completed.

XC Marshalling: Discussion around how we solve marshalling problems at the SEL cross-country - still awaiting meeting: PG to highlight at SEL AGM.

Bufs - Emma to feedback

Matters Arising: (any pressing topics that need addressing)

- Relays - to discuss Welsh castles in events section.
- No other pressing matters arising.

Chairman's Report

Peter welcomed the new members and thank you to members who have agreed to serve for another year. The AGM was held on the 13th of February - a good meeting although a little disappointed with the poor turn out from members. I wonder if we should change the date or the venue and try and encourage more members to attend, Cross Country season is now over and the presentation night will be on the 13th April at Middleton Cricket Club. I know the Club championship road-trail races have been selected and I'm sure it will be an interesting season. It was suggested we might arrange for a coach to be booked at a selected race.... We will look at this as the season progresses. So exciting times ahead and hopefully the club will continue to grow. This concludes Peters Report.

Secretary Report:

Elaine Welcomed all, since the last meeting we have had the Presentation night and AGM. The presentation night was very successful and everyone who attended seemed to enjoy it. The new Road-trail and Fell races are about to begin, with Roddlesworth roller as the 1st Race - good luck everyone. Please can members encourage any runners who have not joined to do so before the first race begins. This concludes Elaine's Report.

Treasures Report;

Steve B. Gave out copies of the current balance sheet, which shows the Club in the black. Some profit was made from the presentation night. Generally finances are currently looking healthy.

Membership Sec.:

Feedback from Ge - We have had 7 new members, this currently means the club is at: males - 51 : Females - 38 : Social: 16 Total: 105

Events Sec. Report;

Emma did not attend the meeting Craig feedback that the road championship 2018 would commence in March- the first race being Roddlesworth roller followed by Wigan 1/2 marathon.

Training;

Training is still well supported on Monday and Wednesday. However there was another discussion about speeds of groups at the runs (particularly wed night) and the worry was that some members may be out of sync if people in the same groups are at different speeds. Discussion was we are all responsible and we should encourage runners/friends to group with people of the same speed. We propose that on running nights each group has a leader or a couple of leaders who are responsible for helping look after the group or help people split off so no one is left on their own.

XC Races;

Cross Country Report 2018

Craig reported that - The Championship is now complete and I can say that the season has been good for Middleton Harriers with a good turnout in all races and some excellent team and individual results. As in previous years Middleton Harriers participated in 2 leagues - Manchester Area (5 matches) and South East Lancs (4 matches) and this season we changed the format from a "best of 5" results in the Championship to a "Best of 4". This was done to encourage more people to complete the series.

This season we have had 16 Ladies taking part in the Championship with 14 completing and a total of 72 races being run. This compares with last year where 18 Ladies took part in the Championship with 13 Completing and a total of 69 races being run. In the Manchester League the Senior Ladies and the vet ladies came 2nd in their respective divisions and are set for promotion to division 2. Christine Eckersley has come first in her age group. In the SELCC Jen Dixon has won her age group.

This season 18 men have entered at least one event, 11 have completed their 4 races and a total of 75 races have been run. Last season 22 men entered at least one event with 12 completing 5 races and a total of 86 races run. This year we continued our participation in the Greater Manchester Cross Country Championship with the ladies beating some very good teams to come a creditable 14th. Hopefully in the coming year we can build on this excellent base, move up the divisions in the MACC league and consolidate our position in the SELCC. I can say with confidence that the Cross Country Championship is in good health with good participation across the age groups

Finally each year Middleton hosts the SELCC match at Heaton Park and provide course builders and marshals for the MACC event at Heaton Park. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped build, marshal and dismantle the courses, in particular Cathie Murphy, who also organises the ladies team. I would like to thank Peter Gilligan for all his work in making it all possible and providing the tent and supporting the runners at the various venues throughout the season.

Participation 2016-17

	Venue	Men	Ladies
1	Wythenshawe	10	10
2	Boggart Hole Clough	12	8
3	Heaton Park	13	4
4	Heaton Park	12	11
5	Tandle Hill	10	9
6	Kenworthy Woods	10	12
7	Leigh	9	9
8	Woodbank Park	3	1
9	Astley	7	5

Participation 2017-2018

	Event Venues	Men	Ladies
1	Heaton Park (MACC)	9	11
2	Boggart Hole Clough (MACC)	14	10
3	Heaton Park (SELCC)	10	5
4	Kenworthy Woods (MACC)	11	10
5	Tandle Hill (SELCC)	7	8
6	Woodbank Park (MACC)	7	7
7	Leigh (SELCC)	10	10
8	Wythenshawe (MACC)	7	11
9	Astley (SELCC)	N/A	N/A

Fell Races;

Craig Feedback that - No Feedback as of yet - 1st Race is in March - Wolff's Pit. Action: Craig will be putting together a team(s) for Calderdale Relay

Race Updates;

Hopwood Trot: EBJ Feedback that we have a now been checking out the route for this race and will fully confirm this at the next meeting. EBJ has completed a Health & Safety check along with Ge & Craig. EBJ - will put together a list of marshals, helpers we may need to help on the day. EBJ to update next meeting. We have also now spoken to local residents including some farmers and all seem to be ok with this event-taking place.

Eddies Revenge:

Craig as organised a working group for this. He was going to complete his health & safety check but due to snow this has been delayed. Craig - To Feedback at next meeting.

Club E-Mail and Web scanner;

The social media part of the club is going very well - EBJ said she has been getting plenty emails from new members and could we ensure they have access to the club membership forms at the arena.

Club Kit

The new club kit has arrived, Cathy feedback that she will order on demand so that we don't have too many spare tops floating around. It was proposed that Cathy take over all the club Kit. As it would be better if just one person could order this. All in agreement: Action: Cathy to liaise with Steve about any orders pending and also ask Steve for information on how to order the hoodies. Emma Ball to liaise with Cathy re Buffs and get them ordered.

Illness:

JC/ JP / BH/MH -are all recovering from op's - cards have been sent.

Club 50:

Club 50's Winners was - Linda Rhodes & Joanna Adamson

Socials:

Presentation night XC = 13th April: Middleton Cricket Club 7:30pm; quiz. & food.

Correspondence:

Mail : MAL correspondence about XC

ARC application

Welsh castles application.

A.O.B.

Relays : Discussions took place about the relays - Welsh Castles, Calderdale way, national relays, Terry Nortley, Sutton Park. Craig will put some teams together. Kyrinda usually completes the Welsh Castles application.

Children's group run: Anne mentioned that Jason C was interesting in setting up a children's session -Action EBJ to email for his proposal.

Couch to 5k; Anne feedback that several members were interested in setting something up regarding this – it would help promote the club and may encourage local people to start running. Action: EBJ – to send email/message to see if someone would take charge if we set this up./ see who is interested.

Race equipment – discussion if we have banners for the races- state of club flag was mentioned – Peter to purchase a new one. We have flags, tape and cones. Discussion also took place about the official event organiser – this is a sole job – therefore Peter Gilligan has agreed to do this.

Actions

* PG – To order new flag.

XC Marshalling: PG to highlight at SEL AGM.

* Buffs – Action: Emma to liaise with Cathy

* Ge – to discuss at first Rochdale ½ meeting – if the club will benefit from marshalling – i.e. would they help with xc or give the club some of the income made?

- CS will be putting together a team(s) for Calderdale Relay
- CM: to liaise with Steve about any orders pending and also ask Steve for information on how to order the hoodies. Emma Ball to liaise with Cathy re Buffs and get them ordered.
- EBJ to email JC & Club re couch to 5k.

Meeting Closed 9:30pm: The date of the next meeting Tuesday 15th May – at Crowshaw Drive. 7.30pm