

Middleton Harriers Minutes of the Committee Meeting
Tuesday 10th August 2013
Held At: Hopwood Arms, Middleton

Present: Roy Lee (Chairman), Peter Gilligan (Secretary), Derek Bury, Elaine Blades-Jordan, Chris Brooks, Michael Flatley, Ruth Hare, Christine Comerford, Joanne Sullivan (events secretary), Dave Ball (Treasurer) & Gee Kirk (Membership Secretary).

Apologies: (none) all present

Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 16th July were accepted after some discussion that the sprint training coach and also the decision to book a coach for the relays had not been minuted in the past meetings. Therefore it was agreed by the committee that a coach would be appointed for the Monday night sprint training sessions at a price of 10.00 pounds per session for this service. It was also agreed by the committee that if we got enough interest from members of the club to run in the North West Relays a bus/coach would be provided for a fee.

Chairman's Report:

- RL reported that two social events had taken place (Roy's garden parties) and both garden parties had raised 671.00 pounds for the hospice.
- The club handicap had also taken place on the 21st August; numbers were only slightly down from last year however we had less guest runners this year.

Secretary's Report:

Correspondence:

Information regarding the cross-country dates and venues have been received. Middleton harriers will be organizing the Heaton Park, South East Lanc's cross-country on the 2nd of November, this is the second race.

Treasures Report:

Dave Ball discussed the club expenditure, highlighting costs spent at the Moonraker, Northwest relays and sprint coach. After the Moonraker we had a 50.00 deficit.

Membership Secretary Report:

We have made ten new members since May, this brings us up to 53 females and 68 males.

Events Secretary Report:

The events secretary DB highlighted that since the last meeting the following road races have taken place; Lancaster 10, Saddleworth 6, club handicap and Blackpool half marathon. Races were well represented especially Saddleworth six where 29 members competed. MF was 2nd in the Lancaster 10. Road races still to come include Littleborough 5k and Gin Pitts 5.

DB discussed that Andy o Sullivan was no longer going to run the Littleborough 5k series next year, however Cannon and Ball events were going to run them instead. In October an

e mail will be sent to all club members not only giving them a chance to let committee members know race interest for next years championship but also to get feedback on whether members want to continue running the Littleborough 5 k series or try alternative ones such as sale sizzler, cown res 5k's.

Another discussion took place around whether the new members that had entered the Rochdale 10k as unattached could be counted. A vote took place and more people were in favor for the members to count in the race.

EBJ has devised some general information about the club, so that new (and old) members are able to familiarize themselves with rules around championship races and what is expected. Individuals who are already members will be reminded to read this information when the new championship races are selected. New members will be instructed to read this information.

Training

DB discussed about track costs and availability on Monday nights. At the moment we will continue to commence at the arena.

It was asked if we could get some routes written down for Wednesday night runs as sometimes groups were struggling to identify some. DB offered to do this. EBJ suggested putting e-mail out asking people who know routes to write them down. DB to try to get some first.

Moonraker

A discussion took place that there was a poor turn out for the Moonraker. Less clubs are supporting us, and other events seem to be clashing with this race, discussions around trying a weeknight race, we would need a date and maybe June would be a good time. However more discussion is needed if we are going to do this.

Fell races

Since the last meeting Bull hill fell race took place. Races left include Kentmoore Horseshoe, good shepherd and Saddleworth Edges. EBJ highlighted Thursday night Fell training is going well, destinations & times can be found on the website.

Club E Mail and Web Scanner

The emails are still working well supplying information to members and the web pages are being kept up to date as much as possible. We are now on Facebook which also seems to be proving successful.

Club Kit

RH and DB to continue trying to sell club kit and ordering it has necessary.

Socials

Chris Brooks has organized the women's Christmas do which is to be held in December. The annual club presentation night will be held on Saturday 25th January at Norton Grange hotel. It is thoughts tickets will be around 20.00.

A.O.B.

That club fees may be needed to be discussed, do we increase fees to 20.00 – thoughts from committee members were that this fee still seems very reasonable. To be discussed at AGM.

Therefore this meeting is closed

**The date of the next meeting will be on the 12th of November at 7;30pm
at : Gee Kirks, 2 Crawshaw booth.**