

Middleton Harriers Minutes of the Committee Meeting
Tuesday 12th November 2013
Held At: Crawshaw Drive, Rochdale.

Present: Roy Lee (Chairman), Peter Gilligan (Secretary), Derek Bury, Elaine Blades-Jordan, Chris Brooks, Michael Flatley, Joanne Sullivan, Dave Ball (Treasurer) and Gee kirk (Membership secretary).

Apologies: Ruth Hare Christine Comerford

Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th of November 2013, DB made reference to the Cannon and ball events. They are actually called Cannonball events. All other entries were present and correct.

Chairman's Report:

Thanked Gee for hosting the meeting. He reported that the Lancaster relays day was very successful. That all the Harriers that went seemed to really enjoy this event.

The cross country has now commenced, 2 races in (Heaton Park and Stockport), and that the harriers have had a better turnout than recent years with 13 ladies and 13 men attending Heaton Park and 12 ladies and 6 men attending Stockport. The cross country for SEL at Alexandra park has at the moment been cancelled, a alternative venue may be found, but also may be cancelled.

The Wales weekend away in October was cancelled due to lack of numbers. To consider what we will do for the spring trip.

Secretary's Report:

Since the last meeting we have had two fell races and two cross country races. This Saturday (23rd November) the club will be the host to the South East Lancashire (SEL) cross country league at Heaton Park.

On Sunday the 15th September we had an away day at Lancaster for the North West Relay's, and apart from the weather, which was rain and high winds a very enjoyable trip was had by all.

There has been a request for Harriers to join the Link for Life scheme, at first we said we would not be interested, however Sarah – the lady running the scheme advised us it may be in the clubs best interest. As a results several members have joined, this enabled Link for life information to be supplied and in return they have promised us a notice board at the arena and a reduced booking fee for the use of the sports hall during the winter months. Both items are yet to be forth coming and I will pursue the matter with Link for life. I am

pleased to say that there are some new members coming to the club, this may be due to Link for life. The Monday and Wednesday evening training has for the past few weeks shown a good number of runners turning out. Overall the club appears to be on a steady footing, the next task for the club will be for the club trophies, to be gathered in preparation for the presentation night and thoughts to be given to the date and location of the AGM.

Correspondence:

Notice of National Cross Country in February 2014.

Treasures Report:

Dave Ball the treasurer discussed the balance sheets to date. He has highlighted yet again that we have ample club funds and suggested that we lower the annual subscription. It was agreed that the annual subscription will now be at a cost of Twenty pounds for family membership, twelve pounds per year for individual membership and three pounds for social membership. Any juniors will pay six pounds a year. We will continue with the “fifties” club

Membership Secretary Report:

It was reported by the membership secretary that we now have :

- Four new members.

Events Secretary Report:

Since the last meeting we have had Gin Pitts 5, the last road championship race this year. There was a good turn out to this race. The next group event will now be the boxing day club run. Also JS to keep us updated on the xc events SEL.

Training

Training seems well supported at the moment on both a Monday and a Wednesday night at the moment. Discussion was also held about the “faster groups” EBJ to ask the “faster” members how they feel about training and weather they would like to shape this group, in order to encourage others.

Moonraker

DB discussed the Moonraker event. DB discussed holding the event on Kingsway – using a different route, discussions also took place around which day – possibly still Sunday however a weeknight will also be considered. All committee members present felt this was a good way forward. Some of the funds from this race could be contribute to the Hospice. DB/MF will look at possible routes for this.

First aiders; PG announced that it would save us money in the long term and also be resourceful if we had our own club first aiders. We decided one male and one female. EBJ to send an email out to find out if any members are interested in this opportunity. JS requested being the female first aider.

Fell races

The last event was Saddleworth edges, this was the last race of the season, only two members took part in this. Six members completed the championship this year. Fell training sessions are now being offered on both a Thursday night and every 3rd or 4th Sunday of the month.

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.

Club Kit

Both RH and DB have sold club kit. More is being ordered. It has been requested for some bigger sized vests.

Socials

The Presentation night will be on the 25th of January, starting at 19:00 hours at Norton Grange Hotel. It will include a three-course meal. PG to confirm liability insurance with Steve. Meals will be at a cost of twenty pounds per ticket. Rooms will be available to book at 55.00/60.00 a room however that would be up the individual. At the moment tickets need to be made and then a flyer/email/ Facebook media will be used to advertise this.

DB has advertised men's Christmas night out – curry night on Friday 13th of December. CB has organized the ladies night at Norton Grange also in December.

Social pack run will go ahead on Boxing day at 11am from Hopwood Pub. Two routes will be available. MF to lead longest route.

A.O.B.

JS discussion with GK that she is owed some money regarding cross country as two ladies made out cheques to Middleton.

DB would like to organize a meeting soon, regarding the food for thought feedback. A meeting will be confirmed for Tuesday the 3rd of December inviting members to attend this.

CB /EBJ could we look out for information regarding both the Northern relays held in March and also the Sutton Park Relays. The harriers would like to try and put together teams for these events.

No other business , Therefore this meeting is closed

The date of the next meeting will be on theth at..... 7;30pm