

## **Middleton Harriers Minutes of the Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**Held At: Crawshaw Drive, Rochdale.**

**Present:** Peter Gilligan (Secretary), Elaine Blades-Jordan (Events Secretary) Gee kirk (Membership secretary) Chris Brooks, Michael Flatley, Ruth Hare, Emma Ball, Craig Sutherland, Steve Granville.

**Apologies:** Joanne Sullivan, Dave Ball (Treasurer)

### **Minutes:**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2014 were accepted and correct.

### **Secretary's Report:**

I would like at to welcome Craig to the Committee. He has volunteered to replace Christine and I am sure that we can find him a suitable job.

What a two months we have had since the last meeting. Roy's death on the 17 May was a great shock and it is hard to accept that he is no longer with us. Roy became ill on the weekend following the Cross Country Presentation evening on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. He had been at the presentation and had had an enjoyable evening and presented the prizes. His funeral was attended by his family and a large number of Club members, members of the Karabiner Climbing Club and lots of other friends. It was a very joyous occasion and a perfect send off for our friend.

Roy died on the Saturday the Club members went to Sutton Park for the Masters Relays, excellent times were recorded in the various age groups for both men and women and from reports it was a very enjoyable day. The coach though expensive also provided an excellent method of traveling to the event.

We have also had Eddies Revenge Fell race, which was a great success thanks to the hard work of John Cox and because of all the members who turned up on the day to cover marshal duties. It is a hard days work setting up the course and organizing the many marshal points around the course, but with all the help it became an easy task. I will discuss the future of the Club E mails later in the meeting.

### **Correspondence:**

Correspondence from Manchester Area Cross country (MAC)

### **Treasures Report:**

Dave Ball the treasurer did not attend this meeting. However copies of his balance sheets to date were presented. This included expenditure's and incomings including membership, Manchester marathon, quiz night and the coach trips.

### **Membership Secretary Report:**

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

- 62 males
- 47 ladies
- No new members and no resignations.
- We do also have some junior members; these members always run with a guardian present and attend on a Monday night. Juniors cannot come to training without an adult.

### **Events Secretary Report:**

Since the last meeting we have had Norden 6 mile road race 19 harriers attended this (10 males & 9 females). Rochdale 10k – 34 harriers attended this 17 males and 16 males, great turn out and Mick Flatley was second overall and 22 males and 18 females completed at least one of the Cown Res 5k races. Next races are Royton Trail Race, Saddleworth 6, followed by the Club Handicap.

This year members will be able to complete a questionnaire which will give people opportunity to select races they are interested in for the next years club championship. Races, some of the half marathons require early entry and leaving the race selection too late limits selection. Questionnaires will be sent out via e-mail and also be available on the club website. Feedback is needed for the end of August after which the 2015 race will be selected.

MF suggested we also ask people what relays members are interested in. This will be added to the race selection questionnaire. **ACTION: EBJ** to send out questionnaires via email & put on Web before beginning of August.

No further relays at this present time however the relay we did in September was discussed. Does the clash with Cross Keys Relay?? And which relay is it as there are two. **ACTION: MF** to have a look at the different relays and send an email out for interest to see if we can enter a team.

Club Handicap is still going a head on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Peter has arranged help with setting up the course and time keeping. **ACTION: We will need to send email at the start of August regarding Marshalls and about bringing a small prize.** Many new members have not done this before.

### **Training**

Training still seems well supported. There are still a few issues such as people running in the correct speed groups but this seems to be sorting itself out. The other item raised is that it takes the groups a long time to set off due to discussion over routes. **ACTION: CS:** To gather route information from others, make some routes and make them available on a training nights – so groups are able to pick one.

CS raised track sessions. Some members would like to access the track sessions at Springhill Park; we discussed speaking this with Jason (sprint coach) about this. PG offered assistance in transporting people there if this was stopping members using the track. MF – said the trainer from Royton road runners who takes the sessions sometimes needs help, Jason may be able to do this. **ACTION: MF:** to ask coach if we attended would we do our own sessions or /and if he did say he wanted help. **EBJ:** will speak to Jason about speed training. Track sessions are always available on a Monday night to members at a fee of £2:00.

There is now Sunday training available courtesy of Craig Sutherland. This is for members wanting to do a long run. Members can meet at the arena at 9:30 am on a Sunday. The route is shared on Facebook and the Middleton Harriers sight.

### **Fell races**

The last event was Eddies Revenge. A Middleton Harriers race. Eddies Revenge commenced as usual on June 26<sup>th</sup>. It had a great turn out and raised money for several charities. The next club championship fell race is Bull Hill on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **Club E Mail and Web Scanner**

John cox would like to retire from being the master sender of club emails. Steve Granville was asked if he was interested in this job and accepted the task. **ACTION: SG** to liaise with John Cox to get the e mails set up on his computer and send a confirmation email to members about this change.

EBJ highlighted that new members need to be made aware of the Website and advised to read the information about the club, so they are not disappointed if they compete in a club race and cannot count because they have not followed the club rules. **ACTION: MF** to help write a standard paragraph that can be sent to new members. It may be worth sending this to all members as a one off also when Stephen takes over the emails.

### **Club Kit**

Members especially females are not happy with the club vest. Many female members feel the fitting of the vest is problematic. **ACTION: MF** to liaise with another service that he knows that provide vest for other clubs and then discuss with Ruth Hare. SG asked if we could consider a fluorescent stripe.

### **Socials**

The summer bash tickets have been handed out, not many tickets have been sold. **ACTION: EBJ** To put another advert out **ACTION: Committee members: Please let Peter know the amount of tickets you have sold end of day – Monday 4th August.**

### **Cross-country**

Craig Sutherland was asked if he would be interested in taking the job of Cross-country coordinator for the males. Craig accepted this. **ACTION: EBJ** to check that Joe Sullivan is still interested in continuing with the female coordinator for cross-country. PG announced that Manchester league dates are now available. Discussion around if South East Lancashire (SAC) is not going ahead, some people would be interested in Red Rose League. **ACTION: PG to investigate.**

### **A.O.B.**

**Board:** It was highlighted that we really do need access to an information board at the Arena. This would be ideal for Information sharing and collecting names for people interested in club events. **ACTION: PG:** To ask about the board that he thinks is available and let committee members know.

Therefore this meeting is closed

**The date of the next meeting will be on the 16th of September at 7;30pm**