

**Middleton Harriers Minutes of the Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014**  
**Held At: Crawshaw Drive, Rochdale.**

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

**Apologies:** Joanne Sullivan

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 were present and correct.

**Secretary's Report:**

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This is a combined report – Chairman and Secretary, Roy never did have much to say so I shall skip that part. Since the last meeting we have had cross keys relay held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September and provided some good racing for those members who took part. Cross Country has started. Woodbank Park was the first of the Manchester cross-country league; the club was well-represented and some excellent times recorded. Also whilst at Cross-country I saw another good tent and will speak to Dave to see if we can afford a new tent.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October was a coach outing to Cheshire – Arley Hall ½ marathon. I must say that Swans coaches did us proud with a very big coach. I have also applied for the usual club entry into the London Marathon and I am awaiting to see how many places we get.

As far as I am aware there are no outstanding problems within the club. In any other business I will read out a letter from a member with a suggestion for the club to participate in the Dublin Marathon. I will now leave the agenda open for the events secretary to update us on the race and club championship positions.

**Correspondence:**

Peter has had an email regarding the return of the tour of Tameside, at the moment we have expressed that the club as an interest and we are awaiting further information.

**Treasures Report:**

Dave Ball attended this meeting. Copies of September/October balance sheet were presented. The club is still in a very good financial position and because

of this we are over spending slightly. Our fees are much lower than other club and if we were to continue spending, as we are the annual fees would be around £30:00 a year. We discussed that some members would rather pay a higher fee rather than additional bits for coaches & relays. It was therefore proposed that we start increasing the annual fee. Therefore we had a vote on raising the club fees from £12:00 to 15:00. Family members from £28:00 to £30:00 and social members from £3:00 to £5:00. This proposal was accepted. Dave also feels there is an account that needs closing.

Dave Ball then announced that he was ready to retire. Dave had been the club treasurer for approximately 27 years. Therefore we will need to find a replacement. Derek Bury is to continue auditing the accounts.

### **Membership Secretary Report:**

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

- 2 new members – therefore we have 66 males, 50 ladies, 7 juniors and no resignations.

### **Events Secretary Report:**

Since the last meeting we have had Wigan 10k, Swinton 10 mile road race and the Arley half in Cheshire. The best turn out was at the Arley half. Everyone seems to really enjoy the group coach trips and it encourages people to enter the longer race events. The 2015 races are now available.

### **Training**

Training going well – still seems well supported at this present time.

### **Fell races**

The last championship event was Langdale horseshoe. Mick Flatley recently completed a fell race and came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. There are no more championship fell races this year. Craig Sutherland agreed to keep us all up to date on the fell section from now on.

### **Cross Country**

Altogether two cross-country events have took place, Woodbank Park and Sherdley Park. The cross country was well represented by both male and females. The next cross country race is at Bolton (one off red rose league).

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

Stephen Granville has now taken over the e-mails.

- **Last Action: MF & SG** to help write a standard paragraph i.e. were to get information from; that can be sent to new and old members. **To follow this up.**
- **SG** asked if all races could be put on one list on the website. **EBJ to do this.**

## **Club Kit**

It was decided that a new provided for a club vest might be difficult to obtain. As MF said most vest types are similar in materials. Mick Flatley did however look into training tops, short and long sleeve, male and female. We will get some of these ordered.

There will be a kit audit soon. Cathy Murphy is interested in the job of ordering of kit – to liaise with Derek Bury.

## **Socials**

The next social event is the Annual presentation night. This is at Norton Grange on the 24<sup>th</sup> January. Tickets will be available soon at a cost of £25:00 a ticket. We are looking for a DJ:

- **ACTION:** Steve to liaise with someone he knows otherwise e mail club to see if anyone knows a DJ we could use.

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

- Boxing day run from the Hopwood Arms is to be confirmed
- The Information on the board at the arena has been taken off the board. Can we purchase one??
- Hopwood Trot: should we do the Hopwood Trot and involve the colleges again instead of Moonraker. Not for next year but would give us plenty planning time for 2016? . To discuss further.
- Peter is going to resign from Club secretary position. Peter will be interested in being put forward for Chairman.
- Craig is to make some certificates for the annual presentation night. This will replace glasses.

No other business, therefore this meeting is closed

**The date of the next meeting will be on the 13th of January at 7;30pm**