

Draft Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 11th July 2023

Crowshaw Dr.

Present: Cathie Murphy (Ladies Team Captain), Ge Kirk (Pres/Membership), Steve Bassam (Treasurer), Kyrinda Carter-Moore, Jen Laptew (Media), Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Kyrinda Carter-Moore, Craig Sutherland (Sec).

Apologies: Mandy Cregg

Minutes: Agreed.

Matters Arising: Craig reported that the Cork weekend had been a great success and that some people had booked in for next year already.

Ge has received an e-mail from Rochdale Half Marathon asking if Middleton were willing to marshal this year's event (no route change). There was a discussion and it was noted that we had received no payment for the previous event and that the route was difficult to marshal. It was agreed that we would not be able to support this year's event. Ge to respond.

Chairman's Report: Peter reported that he had read the minutes of the previous meeting and noted that there were several interesting points. The survey produced a few good pointers, one in particular and old favourite of his being the proposal for a Club House. In the past and over the years this has always been a topic of discussion, but to date a suitable venue has not been found. Maybe something will come on the market in the near future.

Eddie's Revenge Fell Race was a great success thanks to the hard work of the many volunteers who attended on the day.

Again from the minutes I see that a proposal has been made to purchase flasks for the coming cross country season, I agree that this would be a very good idea.

There was a brief discussion on the possibility of a Club house including: Stay at the Arena (showers, toilets etc) – Kyrinda, Smalley Hall (Thornham Lane)- Jen, Boarshaw WMC, Cricket Club. No decision was arrived at.

Finance: Steve reported that he would normally have completed the accounts for Eddie's Revenge but SI entries have made 4 payments not necessarily all for ER. Steve suggested waiting until the Hopwood Trot was completed before doing a detailed breakdown of ER Finances. Steve was able to report on the cash taken on the night which was: £74 Kitchen, £30 entries, £86 Raffle. Balance on night £185.50.. Outgoings – Cake £10, Prizes: £140.71.

There was a brief discussion on the pricing of cakes (underpriced) and the possibility of having a card reader for non-cash payments. These will be discussed at the Race review on Thursday.

At the moment the balance on the year is up £635.82 but the deductions for the Charities have yet to be made. Steve felt that when these were taken into account we would be slightly down on the year.

Membership: Ge reported that there was 1 new members: Tony Bignall. There were 64 Men & 44 Ladies Paid Up. With Social & Life Members at 13.

Social Media Update: Jen reported that the site was doing well with hits and added that cards with Stripe on-line payments were becoming more common. If we were to use this we would need to review prices due to charges etc.

Road Championship: Since the last meeting there have been 4 Championship Races: Blackpool 10 miler, Cowm 5K Series 2), Race The train, Rochdale 10K. Turnout has been quite mixed but this has been off-set by some excellent individual performances. Blackpool - 2nd Overall Lady for Louise Gray and 4th Overall Male and for Jorden Burke. There were cat wins for Jorden Burke and Karen Hallett,

Race The Train - 19 Harriers (12M & 7L) turned out for this tough 10 mile and a bit trail. Excellent results all round with Jorden Burke getting second overall and Matty Lever and Andy Smith getting top 10 places.

Rochdale 10K Well done to Jorden Burke on his 10th Overall and Jo Adamson on her 2nd overall Lady in the Rochdale 10K. We had a great turnout by the Harriers with Category wins for Jo Bishop (LV35), Jo Adamson (LV45), Fiona Bolton (LV65), Christine Eckersley (LV65).

Fell Championship: Leading Lady Janine Jordan from Cathie Murphy and Martha Urwin.

Leading man is Craig Sutherland from Mark Lawson from John Hall. This season has seen a fairly low turnout all round with only 8 ladies and 5 men completing 1 or more races so far.

Run the Moors GP is more promising despite the low turnout with Janine Jordan leading the LV40 category, Catherine Murphy leading the LV55 and Ruth Hare leading the LV70.

Craig Sutherland lies 2nd in the MV65 and John Hall leads the MV75.

Despite the low turnout teams continue to perform well with the ladies lying in 3rd position and the men in 6th Position.

Relays: Calderdale Way Relay – Organised by Cathie, the club entered a mixed team which successfully completed the race and featured a number of newcomers to the event. Same time same place next year. Cathie added that we should try to avoid a clash with the Road Championship in the Race Selection process.

BMAF- Autumn reschedule, no update.

Wacky Races – 13th Aug, Self organised,

Greater Manchester Relays – 9th Sept 4 Legs of 5K Based in Heaton Park.

Cross Keys Relays - 16th September

Hopwood Trot – Cathie reported that she would be on holiday for the event and that Jo Bishop would be the Race Director. Ge distributed the fabric bags to be given out at finish, Jen suggested that she had access to 2-way radios if needed. Any remaining bags to be sold to raise funds for Hospice. Cakes etc to be sold and proceeds to charity (Springhill Hospice.)

Eddie's Revenge Charity Donation

There was a discussion on the Donation from Eddie's Revenge- agreed to donate 50% to Springhill Hospice, 25% OMRT, 25% Church. Review next year.

Training: C25K nearing completion, at least 14 runners have completed. Craig to arrange Buffs and Certificates, many thanks to all the Harriers who helped this happen.

Monday evenings: Cathie & John taking the sessions – numbers are good. Craig asked if we could keep the existing £10 for the coaches as he believed that this was an important factor in keeping Jason committed for his long spell as coach. Agreed.

Wednesdays – continued with 15 + per session

Friday Track Session – This varied between 8-10

Cross Country: Craig that the Red Rose League were no longer interested in merging with SELCC. Provisional dates for SELCC have been published. Discussion on charges – no inf from either league yet. 2 Heaton Park Races 1 using Muddy Field route, one using similar to MACC course. Peter said that he did not want to use the MACC course and would stick to the Muddy Field. Craig to contact Marilyn re: are we hosting the entire course or staying as last season? Cathie to contact Marilyn re: using the Muddy Field course. Steve suggested a sub-committee to explore costs and commitments – Cathie to Chair.

Club 50 Draw: June – Ruth Hare, July – John Horrocks

Any Other business: London Marathon – Jen asked if the draw could be held at the Club Handicap. As yet we had not been supplied with any details from the organisers so it was agreed to keep it at Boxing Day run.

Kyrinda asked if we still had Car stickers promoting the Club. Peter to get some.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 5th September, 7:30pm at 2 Crowshaw Drive Rochdale OL12 0SR.