

Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 9th January 2024

Crowshaw Dr.

Present: Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Cathie Murphy (Ladies Team Captain), Mandy Cregg, Jen Laptew (Comms) Ruth Hare, Ge Kirk (Pres/Membership), Steve Bassam (Treasurer). Craig Sutherland (Sec).

Apologies: Kyrinda Carter-Moore.

Minutes: Agreed.

Matters Arising: None.

Correspondence: Receipt of thanks from the Hospice for Eddie's Revenge donation.

Chairman's Report: Peter reported that the end of the year had been quite busy with socials and runs The annual Boxing day run from the Hopwood Arms had a good turnout and the draw for the club Marathon place had been won by Louise Butterworth, six people had entered their rejection slips in the draw.

On the social side of things there had been a successful pre-Christmas party at the Golf Club and also drinks at the Olde Boars Head.

The Cross Country season is in progress and we have been getting good turn-outs.

There was a discussion on the AGM and it was agreed that the AGM take place on Tuesday 13th Feb at Middleton Arena. Cathie to book.

Finance: Steve reported that a lot of people had paid their Membership subs early and this, along with income from the Christmas Party accounted for most of the recent income.

The club was in a good position financially, the membership fees have been increased for 2024 which should create more income. The cash balance as of 31st Dec 2023 was £6,506.14 in credit and the club had cash surplus on the year of £133.32.

Membership: Ge reported that membership was still coming in and there were new members including Berni Cain, Monica Ferricani and Carmen Concannon.

Club Standards: Craig reported that the membership form had been updated to ensure that members would now be complying with the EA codes of conduct and that he was working on the outstanding codes including diversity and a Health and Safety policy. These would be put to the AGM.

Social Media: Jen reported that she now has access to and has posted updates on New Years Eve run. Other changes include replacing the News Page with a Posts Page, which allow comments to be made and improved links from the Facebook page.

Cross Country: Craig reported that the Cross Country Season was well under way - there had been a low turnout so far by the men with Alan Garvey being the sole representative male runner in the December SELCC event. The ladies were doing well, with good turnouts and contending for positions in the SELCC. Jo Bishop currently leads the Ladies Championship and Alan Garvey the Mens.

There has been difficulty getting the tent to events – no men have been available to collect it. Craig to put an appeal out on whatsapp.

Road Championship: Ge reported that the Presentation Buffet had been arranged at £16.50 per head and the trophies had been engraved. Craig to prepare certificates. Donations for the raffle were required £2 per strip and 3 strips for £5.
Discussion on trophies not being collected, situation to be monitored.

Fell Championship: Season starts on 3rd March.

Club Races: Eddie's Revenge confirmed for last Wednesday in June – Church, OMRT, Timing Team notified, Craig to submit request to Oldham Council.
There was a race clash with the Club Handicap and a new date of 21st August was agreed to the Handicap.

Relays: Craig to check Cross Keys info. Wacky Races to be reviewed.

AGM: Craig to appeal for more volunteers for Committee plus requests for motions etc. Members present were asked if they agreed to stay on the Committee – they confirmed. Kyrinda to be asked. RB had missed three consecutive meetings without apologies and was no longer a committee member under the rules of the Constitution.

Training updates: Mandy had volunteered to take the LiRF qualification. Others to be asked.

AOB: Steve raised the issue of Track Marathons and their status. Agreed to maintain status quo. Cathie to organise Coniston Coach. Possibility of Benidorm as Club holiday was discussed.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 5^h March 2024, 7:30pm at 2 Crowshaw Drive Rochdale OL12 0SR.