

Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 11th September 2023

Crowshaw Dr.

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

Apologies: None.

Minutes: Agreed.

Matters Arising: None.

Correspondence: GMAA AGM Minutes – these have been circulated.

Chairman's Report: Peter reported that it had been another busy period for the club members with road races and fell races. There had been a lot of chatter on the Fell Group All regarding the different fell races, which has led to good results being achieved by the Club members.

Hopefully the the matter of the Road Championship race and members fuss has now been resolved. The Cross Country season is now coming up and a list of dates and venues has been published by our hard working secretary.

Other matters of importance will be covered later in the meeting.

Finance: Steve reported that he had been prepared a report but that a number of questions need investigating. He asked if the college had been paid for for the use of the venue? Cathie replied that the College had not yet been paid due to difficulty contacting the Manager, but that the charge would be £250. There was also a question mark on the costs of WhatsMyTime Race results service – they still had not sent us an invoice and were asking the club to pay on the quotation rather than a formal invoice. They were also unclear as to whether the final charge would be £450 or £500. Steve would continue to chase them up.

The event had taken £1,597.48 via SI entries with additional money from “on-the night” cash entries. £46.45 had been raised from the cake stall – To be donated to Springhill Hospice.

Membership: Ge reported that there had been 14 members transferred from the C25K, comprising 12 ladies and 2 men. There had also been 2 new members: Hannah Hamilton & Helen Much. There were 63 ladies and 66 Men bringing the total to 129 with 13 Social and Life members making a grand total of 142.

There had been a request from another club's member to train with us on a Friday and it was agreed that it would be better for her to join as a 2nd claim member.

Social Media Update: Jen reported that the radios used at the Hopwood Trot had been returned and she would now prepare a report for her works. It was agreed that Craig be quoted in the report. Although six radios had been used at the Hopwood Trot, there were a lot more available should the club need them for future events.

The need for a handbook had come out of the recent ECM and it was to include a section on club values. Peter added that the Constitution was in need of updating and that it would need to be prepared in time for ratification at the AGM. Steve added that it was important for everyone to remember that the membership owned the constitution and they needed to be involved in the update.

Cross Country: The MACC League was charging £6 per runner for the 5 match series and SELCC were charging £10 per runner. Peter proposed charging £16 to each MH participant in the Series.

Craig was to E-mail the membership with race venues and dates as well as details on how to participate.

Steve commented that he was not getting access to E-mails from PayPal or Wordpress. Jen would supply log on details to the E-mail system.

Kyrinda asked what had been the outcome of the problem of club members not appearing on Royton Trail Results? Craig responded that it had been a common problem and was not limited to this club. The England Athletics Entry system was poorly designed and a number of entrants had missed the Check Box which allowed Club Entries. Those MH runners who had not appeared as MH in the results had been fully paid up MH & EA members, and it had therefore been decided that they be included in the Road Championship results.

Relays: Craig and Mandy were able to report that the club had a good turnout at the Wacky Races in Sedgeley Park with 3 teams - 2 ladies and 1 mens. All the teams had done well despite the poor weather conditions making the running surface slippery in places. Mandy added that the star of the show was the pigeon , who had never stopped running and flapping his arms throughout the event. The BMAF Road Relays would now take place at Mallory Park on 19th November. It was agreed that a coach be laid on if enough interest was shown. The Cross Keys relay would take place on 16th September.

Hopwood Trot – Cathie reported that she had booked the event for next year for 7th August, start time 7:00pm, same price as this year.

Club Handicap: Craig reported that we had 38 entries with 36 finishers. The weather had been good and the pavilion provided excellent facilities. Craig thanked everyone who had helped make the event a success, the course set-up team, Peter G for organising the Marshals, Ge for minding the pavilion, Cathie for timekeeping , and Charlie Bowcock for ensuring all the kit arrived on time. For next year – Peter & Craig to plan a route entirely within Bowlee (no gates etc.) Craig to ensure that Ed is available to open the Main barriers to large car park (this will ease course building and parking overflow.)

Training Nights: With the reduced daylight, all training was now taking place from Middleton Arena.

Club 50 Draw: August – Sue Sproson, September – Steve Lowe.

AOB: Teresa Hollins has broken her collarbone – Ruth to send card. Ge asked for Social & Menu on the next Agenda.

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