

## Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Middleton Arena

**Present:** Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Steve Bassam (Treas), Ruth Hare, Craig Sutherland (Sec), Jen Laptew, Mandy Cregg, Ge Kirk, Janine Jordan, John Hall, Louise Butterworth.

**Apologies:** Cathie Murphy

**Minutes:** Agreed

**Matters Arising:** None.

**Correspondence:** *GMAA Letter inc. GMAA XC 14/12/24, NW Road Relays (Leigh) Sept TBA, AGM 1/8/24, matthew.howells your trust rochdale.co.uk*

The correspondence was noted. Craig to publicise NW Relays & GMAA XC.

Jen to go to 15<sup>th</sup> August event. Jen and Mandy to follow up on YourTrustRochdale Events.

Discussion on Publicising MH in Rochdale & Middleton media.

Ge has received ARC Certificate for Hopwood trot – given to Craig to pass on.

**Chairman's Report:** Peter reported that it had been another couple of busy months for the club members.

The couch to 5K training started in May and the report of how this is going on is on the agenda.

Calderdale Way Relays was well supported with good times for the various legs recorded.

The highlight of the period was Eddie's revenge fell Race. With great support from Club members and the hard work of our secretary over the preceding months the race was a great success.

Maeshals turned out covering all the major points and the kitchen staff provided a plentiful supply of drinks and food. Overall a great success.

Now we have the Hopwood Trot and the the Club Handicap at Bowlee to look forward to.

Other matters are covered in the Agenda.

**Finance:** Steve reported that as mentioned in the previous meetings, finances were down on this time last year. This was due to expenditure incurred on transport to events such as Sheffield Half Marathon. We were now down £1261.84 on the year to 9/7/24 but he expected the situation to improve after the Hopwood Trot.

Track expenditure was higher than this time last year due to increased fees. Steve also noted that we had not been compensated for the loss of two sessions during the recent police investigations. Craig to pursue.

**Membership:** Ge reported that we had 6 new members and that the figures now stood at 66 men, 53 ladies making a total of 119 with 19 Life & Social. The club was 11 up on this time last year.

**Social Media:** The questionnaire results had been processed and the response had been pretty good. There was overall satisfaction within the club on the issue of start times for the various club sessions and some ideas raised at how the club might progress. The results will be distributed.

**Road Championships:** Craig reported that the ladies and men's championships were going well, with good turn-outs at events.

There was agreement that a coach be organised for Morecambe ½ Marathon, with a discussion on how the numbers of members using the coach could be improved. Agreed that Craig publicise it as a club wide social event, not just for runners, that a flat fee of £10 per passenger be charged.

**Relays:** The senior men had taken part in the Rochdale 3 Day event and performed well, winning the team prize over the three days. Craig would alert them of future relays such as the Northern.

**Couch to 5K:** Mandy reported that the completion Park Run had been rescheduled to take place on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July. There were 13 runners expected to complete. Buffs and Certificates to be awarded.

**Club Races:** Craig reported that The Club Handicap would take place as scheduled on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 7:00pm onwards.

The Hopwood Trot was arranged for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August. CS and Charlie Bowcock to arrange equipment. Cathie had submitted an update – to say that everything was going to plan – Jule had been contacted from WhatsMyTime race timers.

There was a discussion on the Eddie's Revenge Fell Race. There had been a near collision with Chris Brooks and the lead runners plus confusion on the course route leading to the finish. There was also a trip over the horse-gate. The Mountain Rescue Team had also escorted a runner from the course who was suffering from dehydration. Spectators walking across race line.

These issues and others will be discussed at the Race Revue.

Steve asked we should emphasise the need for an invoice from as it was difficult to account for money or plane expenditure.

**Training:** Craig to chase a rebate for the non-availability of the track during the recent police investigations. Also to find out what the cleaning regime is for the toilets. All other training was going OK with good turn-outs.

**Club Draw:** Helen Cox – June, Fiona Lamb – July

**AOB:** Ashley McCabe had submitted an appeal for his points for the Cake Race to be included in the Fell Championship on the grounds that he had given his subs to John Weaver but John had not passed them on to Ge in time. The appeal was upheld and the points to be re-instated.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 7:30pm, Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September, Crowcroft Drive.