

Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 7th May 2024

Crowshaw Dr.

Present: Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Steve Bassam (Treas), Cathie Murphy (Ladies Team Captain), Ruth Hare, Craig Sutherland (Sec), Jen Laptew, Mandy Cregg, Ge Kirk, Janine Jordan, John Hall.

Apologies: Louise Butterworth.

Minutes: Agreed

Matters Arising: Janine asked that Michelle and Dave Garner were leaving on 30th May and that the agreed cheque for £50 from the Committee would need to be posted. Craig to arrange posting of card and cheque on behalf of the Committee.

Correspondence: Letter from BMAF re: Relays at Mallory Park, 25th May. No action. Craig reported that we had received a message (via Facebook) of an incident involving a MH member. A runner from another club claimed that he was impeded during the Rivington Pike FR and that had fallen and as a result was injured, missing an important race. Craig had replied, expressing regret that the incident had happened and apologising for the behaviour of our member who had failed to apologise. The runner had accepted our apology and apologised for any unseemly comment made on our runner's Strava page. Craig to speak with the MH member and remind him of our club standards.

Chairman's Report: Peter reported as follows: Checking the last meeting since 5th March I see that the club has been active both on the road and on the fells. We had a very interesting trip to Coniston on 23rd March and all members who competed in the race had some excellent times but the weather was not the best with low temperatures and heavy showers of rain. As I have said, lots going on with the Fells, with an interesting trip to look at the route for the Cake Race organised by Janine which generated a lot of interest. The Wardle Skyline also produced some interesting results. On the 12th April we had the Cross Country Presentation Evening held this year at a new venue Alkrington Community Centre. It was an excellent evening and thanks must go to Ge for sorting it out and to Craig for the production of the certificates and to all who helped in making the evening a such a success. The rest of the doings of the club will be given in Craig's report.

Finance: Steve reported that we were approximately £800 down on the year and that C25K money is now coming in. He estimated that approximately £160 was outstanding for the Monday training sessions.. £525 had been expended on 2 coaches to Coniston and Sheffield. The coniston coach had been well used but the Sheffield one was under-subscribed. Janine suggested we decide on a coach well in advance and publicise it better by adding it to the Race list..

Membership: Ge reported that Jorden Burke had resigned as a 1st Claim member but continued as a 2nd Claim member, and was available for relays if there was no clash with Salford Harriers. Jimmy O'Connor had rejoined the club after some years in Salford H. Other new members were: Lee Morgan, Steve Bibby, Joanne Bond. Membership now stood at: Ladies 49, Men 60, making a total of 109. Social and Life: 19. A grand total of 128.

Social Media: Jen reported she had prepared and distributed a C25K poster. She was still working on getting a better display for the Championship Results, and the Club Questionnaire was still being progressed.

Road Championships: On a general point Craig commented that some members were not wearing vests – it was felt that the runners in question knew the rules but did not wish to be included in the Championship Results. There had been some challenging races this year – such as the Coniston 14

and the Sheffield Half but turnouts had been pretty good. There was an excellent turnout of Club members at the Piece Of Cake Race 10K in Boggart Hole Clough with 30 Harriers taking part. This too was a challenging course. The next Road championship Race was the Blacksticks Blue 10k on Sunday, 12th May.

Relays: We had 2 teams entered for Calderdale on 26th May and the mixed team was still short of some runners.

The BMAF relays had been discussed earlier – no action as they clashed with Calderdale.

Couch to 5K: Participants now stood at 10, numbers are down on this time last year, although the same advertising technique was used. It was suggested that other clubs were now running their own programmes. Start times for the sessions remained the same at 8:00pm, with the inaugural session taking place on Monday, 13th May at Heaton Park.

Club Races: CS reported - Eddie'e Revenge was progressing well – Permission had been received from the council, The Church had been contact, OMRT had been contacted – We needed to contact Friends of Crompton Moor to ensure access to the top end of the Quarry for potential parking/finish area. CS to contact timing people. Sub Committee Meeting on 23rd May 7:30pm, in Middleton Arena.

CM reported – Hopwood Trot was all OK. Leaflets were circulated for distribution.

Club Handicap – Craig to contact Bowlee Community Centre (Sue + Gina) and ensure that Ed was available with barrier key.

Martha Certification: It was agreed that Martha have her costs covered for renewing her certification £20.

Club Draw: Jen Laptew – April, Mike Pyle – May

AOB: Discussion on Wacky Relays and Terry Nortley. Mandy asked if we could put an event on – it was felt that if someone could arrange a venue etc we would look at it.

Inter Club GP was still progressing slowly but the committee was generally supportive of the idea.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 9th July, 7:30pm Crowcroft Drive.