

Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 14th September 2021

Crowshaw Drive, Rochdale

Present: Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Craig Sutherland (Sec), Ge Kirk (President), Cathie Murphy, Steve Bassam (Finance). Ruth Hare.

Apologies: Rob Bishop, Emma Ball.

Minutes: Agreed.

Matters Arising: None.

Correspondence: None

Chairman's Report: Peter thanked everyone for attending and thanked Craig for arranging the Zoom Meetings during the Covid lockdown period. He reported that Emma had Ball had tendered her resignation from the Committee and thanked her for all her help and support over her period on the Committee.

There had been both Road and Fell Races, with Middleton Harriers participating. The Club had also held the annual Club Handicap and Peter thanked all who had organised it. Ruth asked if we would ask for a replacement for Emma on the Committee and Peter said that he felt it would be better to wait to the AGM.

Finance: Steve reported that the finances were looking good, the club was currently in a cash surplus of £915.29 and with some expected expenditure it would probably finish the year in surplus. There was a £400 profit from the Hopwood Trot Event which has helped our financial situation. The club has a lot of money in the bank, we've dropped our membership fees to £10. Were there any ideas as to what we could spend the money on that would benefit the club/members?

Peter proposed buying 20 Hi-Viz Marshal bibs to replace current plastic bibs. Agreed It was agreed that we keep the membership fee at £10 for 2022.

It was not yet known what England Athletics fees for 2022 would be.

There was a discussion on the Hopwood Trot finances, Whatmytime had increased their prices for the 2022 event to £450. It was agreed that we tender for 2023 timing.

Cathie was thanked for organising the event and it was noted that there had been good feedback and that it was well marshalled.

Membership: Ge reported that we had 6 – D Sharples, Simon Scarfe, Adam Ford, Sandra Haynes, Andy Smith, Steven Wroe. There was a total of 59 men and 53 ladies (Total 112), Social Membership 5 and Life 4.

It was pointed out that members who were not up to date with their subs could not count in the Club Championship races.

Relays: Due to clashes with other club events and races the re-scheduled Calderdale Relay would not feature on the club calendar.

Cross Country: Cathie reported that the affiliation fees had been paid. There were changes to the MACC League, it would be chip timed with a mass start and there had been an increase in runners fees.

SELCC were arranging a new course at Heaton Park due to restrictions on access to the Papal Field. There was discussion on individual subs for the 2 series and it was agreed that we charge £9 per member.

Road Championship: It was agreed that Cathie, Rob, Steve and Craig to meet-up asap to select the 2022 Road Championship races.

Fell Championship: The club was getting good results in the Run The Moors GP in both the Ladies and Men categories. The final race was at Waddington.

Socials: Presentation evening- Ge had received no reply from the Masonic. Other possibilities were David Lloyd (expensive) or Middleton Cricket Club with the end of Jan start of Feb as the possible date.

Rochdale Half & 10K Support: There had been no meeting but there was a review of the course route. Peter will liaise re: marshal points etc. Craig to publish request for Marshals etc. Entries will close on 27th Sept with no entries on the day.

Training: Training was taking place as normal and we would relocate to the Arena on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Craig will update website/Facebook/Whats app with new venues.

Club 50 Draw: Fiona Bolton July, Craig August.

AOB: Steve suggested a review of the Charities benefiting from Eddie's Revenge Fell Race – agreed.
Ge asked if members could be contacted to support Roger Coulson as Man for Rochdale Award – agreed.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 9th November, 7:30pm at 2 Crowshaw Drive Rochdale OL12 0SR.