

## **Draft Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 8th September 2020**

(This was a Zoom teleconference meeting due to Lock-down rules.)

**Present:** Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Emma Ball, Ruth Hare, Craig Sutherland (Sec), Ge Kirk (President), Cathie Murphy. Paul Whydall (Observer).

**Apologies:** Bryan O'Neill, Rob Bishop, Steve Bassam, Elaine Blades-Jordan.

**Minutes:** Agreed.

**Matters Arising:** Craig reported that the new Club Banner has arrived.

**Correspondence:** England Athletics and Greater Manchester XC – to be discussed under XC.

**Chairman's Report:** Peter was having difficulty getting his Zoom to function and his report was omitted.

**Finance:** Steve had sent in his report with his apologies. The finances remain healthy. Income since Jan 1st is £4,165, expenditure is £4,504.20. The difference is not a concern as we can expect this to be made up from income in December. We currently have a bank balance of £7,215.49, although we have of course agreed to spend approx £1,000 on a defibrillator.

Changes since last Report:-

Income: club kit £42, membership £20.

Expenditure: club 50 £45, EAA £15, charity (MS/Parkinson's/Francis House) £150, Boggart Hole Clough £73.40. Also £50 to MS (Terry Notley Relays donation).

Later confirmed by the following on 10/9/2020 - I have checked our bank a/c now that I'm home again and can confirm no changes to the Treasurer's report that I sent for the meeting.

**Membership:** Ge reported that we have had one new member and one resignation. The figures currently stand at 53 Men, 64 Ladies and 14 Honorary Members. Total 131. Ge added that due to no races being held she would propose not be taking any fees from them next year. However those who have not paid this years fees will pay next year. She would only be asking half fees for new members from November. It was agreed that we have a full discussion o it at the next meeting.

**Club 5K Championship:** Craig reported that the event had been a success with 17 taking part. The event was won by Darren Wallis.

**Cross country:** The SELCC awards from last season had been collected and will be awarded at the next Social Event.

England Athletics had sent out a mailing pointing out that some national events would be able to toake place. MACCL had been in touch to say that the league was still attempting to get some race races going this season but that there were difficulties with venues and national guidance. The first scheduled event on 10<sup>th</sup> October has been cancelled. We've had no update from SELCC.

**Road & Trail Championship:** There have been no races since March.

Paul Whydall proposed that Ultra Marathons be included in the Club Championship and that anyone who completed an Ultra get one point. There was a general discussion on how this could be accomodated as all Ultras were of varying lengths and severity. Could the Ultra be tagged onto the end of the marathon times? Was one point too much? Should it have its own separate grouping? Or Just a one-off Trophy? Emma will investigate what other clubs do and report back at the next meeting.

**Training:** Training has now got back to unlimited numbers on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. The Arena is not yet available as a meet-up point and as a result a number of locations are being used that are away from the town centre.

Paul reported that Fridays were going well and that the session was improved by being only one group per hour.

Navigation – The training sessions organised by John Hall had gone well and he was prepared to organise more as necessary.

**Club Races:** Eddie's Revenge FR – Craig agreed to run next years event and log it with FRA as soon as required.

Hopwood Trot – Elaine has resigned from the club due to other commitments and also relinquished her role as Race Organiser for the Hopwood Trot. She has offered assist whoever takes on the RO role with her advice, contacts etc. It was agreed that the club seek out a new Race Organiser.

**Socials:** Ge reported that she was now chasing up the Golf Club as a possible venue for the Club Presentation.

**Club 50 Draw: August** Winner – Leo Caine. September Winner – Mick Buck

**AOB:** Ruth will arrange a cheque as a wedding gift for Richard & Joy Unwin from the Club.

Julie Jones had advertised a bed for sale on the WhatsApp Group. It was agreed that no action be taken but that we should discourage this in general.

Paul pointed out that Rob Bishop was unable to take the Friday Track Session after October and we would need to get replacement. Craig agreed to act as stand-in. It was agreed that the club would seek another club member to take the session and be trained up if needs be.

Monday nights – Craig to ask Jason if the max number can be increased to more than 12.

It was agreed that a vote of thanks be given to Elaine for all her hard work for the club for a number of years and that we send her a bouquet, Ruth to arrange.

**Next Meeting:** 7:00pm 10th November, 7:00pm (Zoom).