

Draft Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 7th July 2020

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

Present: Peter Gilligan (Chairman), Rob Bishop, Bryan O'Neill, Emma Ball, Steve Bassam (Finance), Ruth Hare, Craig Sutherland (Sec), Ge Kirk (President), Cathie Murphy.

Apologies: None.

Minutes: Agreed.

Matters Arising: None.

Correspondence: None.

Chairman's Report: Peter welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting. There was little to report as although the country was having restrictions lifted (and he had managed to have a haircut) running was still under restrictions with no races taking place. He thanked Craig for maintaining a flow of information to the members on various club initiatives.

Finance: Steve reported that there had been little activity since the last meeting. There had been income from membership and club kit sales. Outgoings included 2 Club 50 Cheques, £38.50 for Club Bingo medals and 6 weeks coaching fees up to 16th March. The club currently has a cash credit of £7,436.89 with income down £117.80 on the year.

Membership: Ge reported that there had been no movement in membership figures since the previous meeting.

Road & Trail Championship: Nothing to report

Cross country: Marilyn from SELCC had been in touch to let us know that awards for last season's Cross Country were available for collection. Peter volunteered to arrange collection. MACC League had reported back on the results of the Men and Ladies Equalisation vote which had come out in favour of no change. The rules of the MACC League meant that the issue could not be raised again for 3 seasons, or 4 if no league takes place 2020-21 (the date extends to 2023-24 subject to national rules and regulations).

Training: Training is restricted to small self organised groups with the club posting schedules on Facebook and WhatsApp.

Craig reported that John Hall had offered to give map reading courses on behalf of the club and that he wished to give the first session indoors to familiarise everyone with maps, compass etc. Bryan suggested Bev's school in Royton and after checking confirmed that the premises could be used in August for a fee of £10 (to be confirmed).

Rob reported that the track at Boggart Hole Clough had been in touch and that he was working on a Risk Assessment plan. He anticipated the track session being available from 24th July with warm-ups in the car park and distancing measures in place on the track.

5K Virtual Championship: Craig proposed that the Club organise a 5K Championship on the Bowlee course to take the place of the Club Handicap. The event would be held over a number of sessions with no more than 6 present including race officials. Cathie suggested a 10K event as well. Craig to investigate.

Club Kit: Club kit sold included buffs, vests and training T-Shirts. More kit will be ordered.

Road Championship Presentation Evening: Middleton Masonic was not responding to Ge's calls. Ge and Emma to liaise re: booking date for end of February.

Club 50 Draw: May Winner – Steve Bassam, June Winner – Malc Bostock, July winner – Ge Kirk.

AOB: Agreed that Rob do the arrange the next Bingo Card.

Next Meeting: 8th September, 7:00pm (Zoom).