

## **Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 13th July 2021**

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

**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 extended his heartfelt thanks to Craig for his work in organising Eddie's Revenge Fell Race. Peter thanked everyone who had helped set up the course and marshal the event. He felt that the Chip Timing particularly had been a success in terms of reducing the number of timekeepers and results staff. He also thought that the presentation in the finish area had been effective and contributed to an early finish to the evening.

**Finance:** Steve gave a report on Eddie's Revenge finances – total income from was 933.80 (this included £190 from FRA Covid Support Fund). Expenditure was £196.70. This left £737.10 to be distributed to The Oldham Deaf Blind Society (368.56), Oldham Mountain Rescue Team (£184.27), and St Saviours Church (£184.27). Overall the club finances were in a good position, expenditure to date was £2377.45 and income £2848.80, giving a balance to date of £7392.45. This gave the club a cash surplus on the year of £471.35.

Steve reminded the Committee that Derek Bury was no longer available to audit the books and that we should seek a replacement. Cathie volunteered but it was felt that as she was involved in the sale and purchase of stock there would be conflict of interest. Craig was to put out a request at the earliest opportunity.

**Membership:** Ge reported that we had 6 new members and that John Cox had moved into the active category. Membership now stood at 50 men and 49 ladies with 5 social and 4 life members. Total membership was 108.

**Road Championship 2021:** There was a discussion on the number of races that could be held and how many had been carried over from the cancelled 2020 season etc., current transmission rates, and expected lifting of restrictions.

It was generally agreed that a race series would be good for moral and that a reduced series of 4 from 9 could be achieved. The following races were selected: Sale Sizzler 5K - Thursday 17th June (best of 4) , Eccup 10 mile, Royton Trail, Riverside 10 Mile (Lancaster), Club Handicap (5K), Wilmslow Half Marathon & Blackpool Half Marathon Sunday 12th September 2021, Bury 10K and any Road Marathon up to the end of October.

It was agreed that the position each runner gets in Blackpool and Wilmslow will carry into the Championship eg 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wilmslow gets 2 points and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Blackpool gets 2 points – time will not factor.

**Fell Championship:** Craig reported that the Run The Moors Fell GP was going ahead as planned and asked if the Club Fell Championship shadow the RTMFGP events on a best 4 from 7 basis. This was agreed.

**Club Races:** Eddies Revenge – Craig reported that the event was going to be pre-entry and chip timed this year to reduce covid exposure and reduce the number of support team. The Chip Timers had given a price of £75 (assuming 120 entries) and the pre-entry costs would be £1.20 per entry. Craig had been unable to contact people from the church and it wasn't guaranteed that restrictions would be lifted enough to use it. There was general concern that the lack of toilet facilities needed to be addressed (portaloos could be an option.) Craig said he would continue to try to contact Mr & Mrs Lomas (Church Wardens). Ge volunteered to procure water.

**Hopwood Trot:** Cathie reported that everything was going smoothly, there were 20 entries and that she would start distributing leaflets.

**Club Handicap:** Craig had not yet contacted Sue Taylor for the keys to the shower block but would do so. A date was set for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

**Rochdale Half Marathon:** Ge Reported that there would be a Zoom Meeting on Monday and that so far everything seemed OK for the proposed date of 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Peter noted that we would only marshal the 10K loop.

**Training Update:** As Covid restrictions are being lifted it was noted that there would be no requirement for pre-registration for Monday Night Training. Craig pointed out that although there would be no pre-registration for Wednesday evening session he would keep a register of attendees due to the large number of participants and the requirement to keep a check in case any went astray.

There was a discussion on the continued limitation on 6 in total at Friday track sessions. Craig reported that he had checked with Paul (track management) and Paul had confirmed that the restrictions were still in place. Craig agreed to raise the issue with the Area Manager for the track and see if the restriction on numbers could be eased/lifted. Due to limits on numbers pre-registration would still take place.

Rob asked that the references to C25K be removed from the website as none were planned this year – Craig to implement.

**Cross Country Season:** MACC League has announced new secretary – Val Brennan.

**Socials:** Ge reported that there although it had not been possible to plan anything yet, there were still some events which should be getting planned. The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club and the Prize giving for the Road Championship. She would contact Jenny Poole on the use of the golf club and also the Masonic. Also the possible use of the Cricket club for the Cross country/Quiz night at the end of August.

**Club 50 Draw:** January - Roland Robson, February – Paul Collinge.

**AOB:** Steve pointed out that Derek Bury would not be auditing the accounts in future and that we should seek a replacement.

There was a discussion on the need for a Club Welfare Officer and Rob Bishop agreed to contact England Athletics. It was also agreed to amend the membership form to have a section for any pre-existing conditions to be noted.

**Next Meeting:** 7:00pm Tuesday, 13<sup>h</sup> September (this may not Zoom depending on the Covid situation).