

Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 11th November 2021

Crowshaw Drive, Rochdale

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

Apologies: None

Minutes: Agreed.

Matters Arising: None.

Correspondence: None

Chairman's Report: The main event that brought together the club was the South East Lancs cross country event in Heaton Park on Saturday, 24th October. With East Cheshire and Oldham & Royton the league has had to a new course in the Park. This has been done and our club has staged the event on the 24th Oct. A request was made for members to cover marshal points and the response was excellent and a successful race was put on.

The club was also involved in the Rochdale Half Marathon and 10K event. We covered the 10K course, which as a new layout and all went well on the day.

Members have since the last meeting been involved in various Fell and Road Races and these will be covered later on in the meeting.

Finance: Steve reported that most of the recent activity was related to Cross Country money coming in. The club 50 figure on the finance sheet included 3 draws including the one that would take place at this meeting. Income was good despite low membership fees. Everything was looking good and he proposed keeping the membership fee at £10. The club currently had £7,300 in the bank. He also proposed keeping the Club 50 going as the income it generated justified it. Agreed.

Membership: Ge reported that there were 4 new members – Bev G, Alan Davis, Ian Woodgate, Steve Wroe. The ladies numbered 56 and the men 64 (120 total), 9 Social members and life members. This was an increase of 2 on this time last year but last year included a large influx from C25K.

The EA fees for the coming year will be £16 (£1 increase) individual and £150 Club contribution (no change).

Cross Country: Craig reported that there was a large uptake of members wishing to do Cross Country and that the first race had reflected this with the Club fielding several teams of Men and Ladies.

Road Championship: Craig Reported that the Road Championship had concluded and that Jordan Burke had won the Mens Championship and Sharon Goldrick the Ladies. The full results are available on the Club Website.

Socials: Ge reported that the presentation evening was booked for 29th Jan 2022 at the David Lloyd club and a DJ had been booked at £250. A cold buffet of sandwiches, salad and chips will be available (a vegetarian option will be available let Ge know in advance). Tickets will cost £15.

Club Races: Craig reported that Eddie's Revenge had been registered with the FRA. It would take place on the last Wednesday in June and would feature pre-entry and chip timing, The chip timing had been ordered and would cost £100. Entry fees will be £6 and £7. The increase in fees was to cover the expected cost of pre-entry. Cathie reported that the Hopwood Trot was booked and would be a 7:00pm start. The timing people had been booked and entry was via SI Entries.

Rochdale Half & 10K Support: The club was supporting the 2022 event and Sue Taylor was looking for feedback. Ge pointed out that there had been issues with residents trying drive on parts of the closed roads.

Training: Training was getting good turnouts on all evenings and commented that the relocation of the cafe in the foyer of the Arena had livened the area up.

Club 50 Draw: September - Steve Bassam, October – Alyson Smith, November – Melody Cambridge.

AOB: Cathie was to order new Sweatshirts.
ARC Notification of Election of Officers.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 11th January 2022, 7:30pm at 2 Crowshaw Drive Rochdale OL12 0SR. Date of AGM – mid Feb – online.