

Middleton Harriers Committee Meeting Minutes, 11th January 2022
Crowshaw Drive, Rochdale

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

Apologies: Rob Bishop

Minutes: Agreed.

Matters Arising: None.

Correspondence: None

Chairman's Report: Firstly I wish you all a Happy New Year. I also wish to thank you all for the work that you have put in on the Committee during these strange times. The Club is in a healthy state and training has resumed throughout the weeks following Christmas.

The cross country season is well under way and the club has combined with East Cheshire and Oldham Harriers to stage events in Heaton Park on behalf of the South East Lancs League.

Reports on the various races, road, cross country and fell will follow later in the meeting. I have discussed with Craig about the updating of the Club Constitution and we hope to have this completed for the next AGM.

Finally I hope that you will consider remaining on the committee for the next twelve months and help steer the Club towards our continued success.

Finance: The club finished the year in a healthy situation, membership fees are coming in and these have been included.. The club is £1093.14 up on where we were last year. This income has been much helped by the Hopwood Trot. There was no income from Eddie's Revenge due to there being no catering. There followed a general discussion including a double payment to BHC which needed to be reclaimed at some point and the setting of the AGM for 15th Feb. Craig was to book the side-room/cafe and Peter pointed out that no equipment would be needed.

Membership: Ge reported that so far 51 members had renewed and 8 Social.

Cross Country: Craig reported there had been good turn outs and that Tatton Park might justify hiring a coach for future years. Cathie would make enquiries for a coach to Coniston.

Craig ended by pointing out that Sharon Goldrick and Jo Adamson would be running in the Northern XC Championship and Jordan Burke in the National. The first time this has happened for a number of years.

Road Championship: Craig Reported that the season would be starting as planned with no races cancelled.

Relays: Craig reported that he would put out a general enquiry for people to do Calderdale and it was agreed that a decision on the teams would be taken based on the response of members.

Fell Championship: Cathie asked that transport be investigated for the Grizedale Horseshoe Race. Noted.

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 @ £10.50 per head consisting of salad and chips will be available (a vegetarian option will be available let Ge know in advance). Tickets will cost £15. 20 have booked so far. It was agreed that the Run The Moors Fell GP awards be incorporated.

AGM Election of Officers: The following positions were to be elected Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, XC Male & Female, Relays M&F Team Selection, Club Captain, Welfare Officer were to be confirmed.

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 as per the previous year. There would be no catering and the presentation would take place in the top field. 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 for the 3rd August and Paul Driver had been sent the paperwork. It would be a 7:00pm start. The timing people had been booked and entry was via SI Entries.
The Club Handicap would take place on 17th August at 7:00pm at Bowlee,

Rochdale Half & 10K Support: The club was supporting the 2022 event and Sue Taylor had arranged a Zoom Meeting for Friday. There was a discussion on cut-off points and slow walkers.

Training: Training was now back to normal.

Club 50 Draw: To be drawn at the presentation.

AOB: Ge to bring outstanding trophies to the AGM.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 8th March 2022, 7:30pm at 2 Crowshaw Drive Rochdale OL12 0SR.