



DORSET COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE HELD ON

MONDAY, 2nd APRIL 2012, AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, BLANDFORD

1. PRESENT

Dave Sanderson	Royal Manor of Portland
Richard Nunn	Treasurer & Wimborne AC
Zodwa Chasokela	Purbeck Runners
Ian Graham	Bournemouth AC
Chris Potter	Christchurch Runners
Jerry Shield	Wimborne AC
Simon Munro	Bournemouth AC
Samantha Lednor	Bournemouth AC
Debbie Dowsett	Bournemouth Joggers
Ross Wayne	Purbeck Runners
Steve Shuck	Littledown Harriers
Alison Mesher	Poole AC
Mike Barron	Purbeck Runners
Ray Graham	Westbourne RC
Sandra Hamilton	Dorset Doodlers
Peter Wallis	Christchurch Runners
Ines Braun	Gillingham Trotters
Richard Orme	Egdon Heath Harriers
Jean Henry	Minutes (Westbourne RC)

2. APOLOGIES Peter Clarke (Weymouth St. Pauls Harriers); Janet Hooper (Littledown Harriers).

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 No matters arising

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

4.1 There was no report this time

5. TREASURERS REPORT

5.1 The Year to Date position is a loss of £151, however with the addition of a cheque from the Christmas 10k for £340 the position is back into profit.

5.2 A letter used to be sent to all race organisers asking for a donation to be made to the County out of the race profits. This was sent by the County Licensing Officer. However as this role has ceased, this means that this source of income will also cease. There was a suggestion that any race organisation packs, or guidelines should include a line requesting that a donation would be greatly appreciated. Some race organisers make a donation as a matter of course, but new race organisers may just need a reminder.

6. LICENCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

6.1 Licences have been approved for the following races:

March Hare 10/20 – 11/3/12

Purbeck 10k – 16/5/12

Egdon Easy – 2/6/12

Puddletown Plod – 17/6/12

Maiden Castle Loop – 7/7/12

Swanage Half – 14/7/12

Tarrant Valley 10 – 15/7/12

Charles Bennett Olympic Mile – 22/7/12

Durberville Dash – 22/7/12

Sturminster Newton Half – 29/7/12

Shillingstone 5 Mile Hill Race – 27/8/12

Hoburne 5 – 7/10/12

Boscombe 10k – 25/11/12

6.2 Future races for which licenses approved prior to last meeting:

Rotary Quarter – 7/4/12

Round the Rock 10k – 28/4/12

Hard Way RtR – 20/5/12

Poole 10k – 27/5/12

Portland 10 – 1/7/12

6.3 Ian Graham informed the meeting that the role of County Licencing Officer has now come to an end and has been taken over by Regional Panels. We are covered by the South West Regional Panel. The new procedure is that the Race Organisers must arrange an Event Adjudicator (instead of a referee) for their races from a list available on the Race Directors' Portal. The only local EAs are Ines Braun, Sherborne, and Dily Ruffer, Bournemouth. Hampshire is presumably South East Region, but there are no local EAs on the SE list.

6.4 For clarification the difference between the Referee's responsibilities and the Event Adjudicator's role is as follows: The Adjudicator's role is to ensure compliance with the License Standards as laid down in the application for an event. The Referee's role is to apply the rules. ie team runners not wearing their club vests etc.

6.5 As mentioned above, the income from UKA paid to the County Licensing Officers (a proportion of which was donated to DCAA) will now cease.

6.6 As Event Adjudicators are in short supply, a question was raised as to what should happen if no adjudicator could be named on a particular application. Ines Braun will write to Gavin Lightwood to seek guidance in this situation. Post meeting this was Ines question and the answer from UKA below.

If no adjudicators are available for the date of his race what is supposed to happen?

At this early stage in the process, the race can still go ahead and a licence will be issued. We are increasing our bank of Event Adjudicators and are looking for 100% coverage of races in the future.

I have been asked to attend an event which was licensed before the new system was put in place so I am unsure how I am suppose to report back to you about the race. **Complete the old referees form and pass to race organiser to submit online.**

6.7 Ines mentioned that the requirements for a medical presence at races were going to greatly increase the organisation costs of races going forward. These requirements can be found on the Race Director Website.

6.8 The cost to affiliate to ARC is much less than UKA but they do not supply any guaranteed London marathon places and also runners cannot take advantage of the £2 race fee reduction. We will look at this again in July.

7. ROAD RACING LEAGUE REPORT

7.1 At the last meeting, Dave Sanderson raised an issue of what method should be used if 2 teams tie on points after a League race. Richard Orme's system awards equal points to both teams, whilst

Dave Sanderson's system awards points based on the position of the last scoring runner. With the introduction of the 2 divisions this could be important at the end of the year so should be clarified. The result of this issue can be found under Item 11 below.

8. FEEDBACK ON RACES SINCE LAST MEETING

- 8.1 There were a few issues from the Mad March Hare. The Race Organiser banned the use of I-pods and as a result disqualified a number of people who were taking part in the Dorset League. However no complaints have been received from those runners so far. Those runners did have a start time (chip) but did not have a finish time recorded. Another runner who swapped his number on the day, was given the wrong number by mistake.
- 8.2 The Blackmore Vale ½ marathon went fairly smoothly despite a slight delay at the start due to insufficient toilets being available. Some road signs were removed but warning was given to runners at the race start.
- 8.3 The Lytchett 10 mile championship race went well. The medals should now have been distributed.
- 8.4 The Great Western went well.
- 8.5 The Southbourne 5k and 10k was a lot better than last year, despite the Race Director leaving some numbers at home. There was an instance of the same running number being allocated to 2 separate runners, however this was sorted out by using the video of the race.
- 8.6 There were some timing issues at the Bournemouth Races. It seems that the start times of each of the races were not well coordinated causing a bit of confusion and annoyance. The difficulty with this race is that it is organised by the Council which suffers from frequent personnel changes.

9. PURBECK 10 KM

- 9.1 It was noted that the some of the admin costs have been underestimated and as a result it would be appreciated if club representatives could encourage their members to enter, as 300 entries are required for breakeven.
- 9.2 The new route for the race can be found on the course measurement website.
- 9.3 Dave Sanderson agreed to put something on the RRL website as a news item.
- 9.4 The charge to park at the race is currently £2. An attempt will be made to either pay a standard nominal charge, or no charge at all for runners.

10. OFFICIAL'S SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 10.1 No report.

11. RULE PROPOSAL

- 11.1 In the event that teams are tied on points following a league race then positions will be determined on the position of the last scoring runner.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 12.1 Ines reported that there are only 4 places left for the North Dorset Marathon. Chris Potter's brother will be the referee on this race.
- 12.2 There is a new race taking place on Sunday 22nd July at Shapwick, near Blandford Forum. It is called the Charles Bennett Olympic Mile. It will be a series of charity one mile road races, including the Shapwick Paralympic Mile. For the history behind the reason for the race, more information and a race entry form, visit www.shapwick.com.
- 12.3 There will be a "Leaders in Running" course taking place on 10th June in Bournemouth. The cost is £100. For more info visit the England Athletics website.
- 12.4 The races to be included in next year's league will be discussed at the October meeting. In the past Jerry Shield has put together a list of suggestions at the July meeting, so anyone with specific thoughts on this, should have their thoughts ready at the next meeting or contact Jerry directly.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

- 13.1 The meeting concluded at 21.10.
- 13.2 The next meeting will take place on Monday 9th July 2012.