



DORSET COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 4th OCTOBER 2010, AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, BLANDFORD

PRESENT

Peter Clarke	President and Weymouth St. Pauls Harriers
Richard Nunn	Treasurer and Wimborne AC
Mike Bush	Purbeck 10K and Littledown Harriers
Janet Hooper	Littledown Harriers
Chris Potter	Christchurch Runners
Ines Braun	Gillingham Trotters
Alison Mesher	Poole AC
Mike Barron	Purbeck Runners
Ross Wayne	Purbeck Runners
Ian Graham	Bournemouth AC
Jerry Shield	Wimborne AC
Debbie Dowsett	Bournemouth Joggers
Pat Everitt	Bournemouth Joggers
David Hayes	Poole Runners

1. **APOLOGIES** Norman White, Ray Graham, Jean Henry, Nigel Harding

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting held on 5th July were agreed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING.**

3.1 It was noted that Peter Clarke is Dorset County AA President.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

4.1 Dave Sanderson reminded the attendees that he is currently the 'acting' Chairman and will NOT

be continuing in the New Year. Volunteer urgently required for next meeting. Nothing to report to the meeting.

5 **SECRETARIES REPORT**

5.1 No report.

6 **TREASURERS REPORT.**

Not much change since last quarter. Currently a net surplus of £1395 for the year. Additional £749 received in fees. One lost cheque for £7 in the clearing system.

7 **LICENCE OFFICER'S REPORT.**

7.1 Ian Graham is now handling all new licences with the final cut-off for the handover at Broadstone.

7.2 March Hare – returns complete.

7.3 Wayfarers Relays – o/s returns. Dave Hayes to follow-up and report to Dave Sanderson.

7.4 Ian attended County Licence Officers meeting in Taunton on the previous Weds from which he reported :

There is a Race Organisers course in Taunton on 21/11 (Wimborne 10!) UKA are charging for this. After discussion it was decided that another day might be more appropriate for our clubs locally. This may be a Saturday afternoon in the New Year. Ines offered Shaftesbury Youth Club as a possible venue.

Action : Ines to follow up with the Youth Club and come back with dates available.

8. **ROAD RACING LEAGUE REPORT**

8.1 The 9th race has now been completed. It is confirmed that BAC have won the Men's Team Div 1 and RMPAC have been relegated. PR have won the Ladies Team. In Div 2 ladies either EHH or Purbeck to be promoted and PAC relegated.

8.2 Gold Hill is full (25 in line for Fidelity hopefully have places)

8.3 Bournemouth Joggers raised the question of how many races should be counted for the team awards. It is currently 7 out of 12. It was felt that the stronger teams could be adopting an 'elitist' attitude and only fielding strong teams at certain races. A discussion ensued with Purbeck Runners strongly supporting the 'team spirit' that came for entering a team in as many races as possible. Dave Hayes (PR) stated that Poole Runners do not target races. Peter Clarke (WSPH) said that because of the 'diversity' of his club – cross country, track, juniors etc everyone fitted around there own commitments with 12 races being an issue.

A vote was taken on whether to increase the number of races to count. The result was evenly spread and therefore inconclusive. It was agreed to include a question in the League 2011 notice.

ACTION : 2011 rules will remain unchanged. To be reviewed again in 6 months time in readiness for 2012.

8.4 League races for 2012. After much discussion it was decided to drop the March Hare 20 as it will be

heavily subscribed anyway. The North Dorset Marathon was added to ensure that Fidelity is only achieved with a lot of commitment. Sturminster Half was replaced by Swanage Half (which is now on a safer route and no longer clashes with the Carnival). Wimborne 10 (which is already popular) was dropped in favour of the Weymouth 10 (which is the only RRL event in that part of Dorset) and is looking to get 500 entries to celebrate their 50th running of the event. Bournemouth Bay Half was also dropped as it is always heavily oversubscribed.

8.5 Entries for the North Dorset Marathon will officially open on 1st Jan 2011. Ines will maintain a 'wait list'.

9. **PURBECK 10 KM**

9.1 The race will not be based at the Sports Centre from 2011. There are 2 options available at the moment -

- 1) Wareham Middle School has all facilities but is slightly further from the start.
- 2) Start at the 5K turnaround point but there will be NO facilities and difficulties driving away while the race is in progress.

The members present voted for the Wareham Middle School option, although there are still a number of points to be clarified about the actual facilities available.

9.2 The close proximity of the date to the NDVM is of concern. Possibility of date change?

10. **OFFICIAL'S SECRETARY'S REPORT**

10.1 We don't have an Official's Secretary. Kathleen has made sure that we have referees etc. at races. We need someone to ensure that each race has support. No volunteers were forthcoming.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

Pat Everitt (BJ) mentioned the clash between the Boscombe 10K and the Lifeguards Reindeer run. She was informed that no-one currently monitors such situations because of the large number of races in the county but it is ultimately up to each race organiser to try and get runners on the day. It is anticipated that Boscombe 10k will always be well attended and hopefully RNLI will get sufficient support as well.

Ian Graham (BAC) queried the county 10,000m track event.

Jerry Shield (WAC) informed us that the Wimborne 10 is already half full. The venue for the presentation will move to the football club this year. Parking is an issue at QE school. Details will be sent out to runners with their race numbers.

Dave Sanderson sought clarification on the CC Races. These will be Purbeck 10K, Weymouth 10M, Swanage 1/2M and North Dorset Marathon.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

12.1 The meeting concluded at 21.20pm. Date of next meeting is 10th January 2011 at 19:45.