



## **DORSET COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 7th JANUARY 2013, AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, BLANDFORD**

#### **1. PRESENT**

Chris Potter	Christchurch Runners (Chairman for this evening)
Michael Smith	Weymouth St. Pauls Harriers
Pete Clarke	Weymouth St. Pauls Harriers
Ian Graham	Bournemouth AC
Dave Sanderson	Royal Manor of Portland
Jerry Shield	Wimborne AC
Simon Munro	Bournemouth AC
Samantha Munro	Unaffiliated
Debbie Dowsett	Bournemouth Joggers
Peter Wallis	Christchurch Runners
Peter Hellowell	Littledown Harriers
Roger Teasdale	Dorset Doodlers
Sandra Hamilton	Dorset Doodlers
Ray Graham	Westbourne RC
Ines Braun	Gillingham Trotters
Richard Nunn	Treasurer and Wimborne AC
Alison Mesher	Poole AC
Richard Orme	Egdon Heath Harriers
Jean Henry	Minutes & Westbourne RC

2. **APOLOGIES** Jonathan Bowell (Chairman and Lytchett Manor Striders), Janet Hooper (Littledown Harriers), Mike Barron (Purbeck Runners), Dave Hayes (Poole Runners), Norman White (Weymouth St Pauls Harriers).

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 In item 11.3 it should read “Ines said that her members will affiliate and pay”.
- 3.2 Regarding item 11.1, Chris Potter has been in contact regarding the Chapter 8 issues. The gent he was to speak to has now been sent to the Falklands. However Chris has been given another name to contact and will report back at the next meeting.

4. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT.**

- 4.1 No report.

5. **TREASURERS REPORT**

- 5.1 Over the past years trophies and prizes have been charged in the following year. However due to the fact that this year there are 2 years worth of trophy charges included which has resulted in a Year End Deficit of £293. If it had not been calculated in this way it would have resulted in a surplus of £358.
- 5.2 Richard thanked all those clubs who have made donations. It totals £700. Bournemouth Joggers will be making a donation shortly.

6. **ROAD RACING LEAGUE REPORT**

- 6.1 There was a good start to the league at Broadstone. The awards went very well on the day. Sam was disappointed that it is unlikely that there will be any publicity in the papers regarding it. However Richard Nunn suggested that she contact Nigel Harding who may be able to help with this in future. There is also a possibility of getting some promotional support from Southern Running Guide.
- 6.2 There was a suggestion that perhaps a check should be made on where the unattached runners find out about the races and what source they use to get the entry forms.
- 6.3 Another suggestion was to provide a leaflet with all the league races on it which could be pinned to a board (probably where the provisional results are placed) and include information on the league and how it works.
- 6.4 Simon asked Dave what was going to happen to the League website. Dave said that he is still running it at the moment, but would like a volunteer to take this over. The fee for the site is due in March and Dave has been paying for this out of his own pocket – a figure of £70. Dave to be reimbursed from league funds.

- 6.5 Simon said that he would look into how the links work on the site and perhaps try to put links from there to all the affiliated clubs. He is also willing to “refresh” the site, using Word Press software. However there was a unanimous comment that the domain name should remain the same and it is probably best to stay with the same host even though there is a cost involved.
- 6.6 In order to further explain the idea of the league, a suggestion was made for each club website to have a link to the League web page, especially once it has been revamped.
- 6.7 The question of whether a separate logo should be used for the league which is different from the County one was raised. Several members of the committee are in favour of this, however the final decision would need to be taken by the Executive Committee. The initial way forward would be for Simon to email all the clubs asking for suggested designs and then a decision on the winning design could be made at the next meeting. However the Executive Committee would have to rubber stamp the final entry.
- 6.8 A vote of thanks was made to Sam for all the hard work she has already put in on the league and many congratulations for the excellent job she did at the awards. It was very slickly done.
- 6.9 There is an Under 17s competition. There are 4 races of which 3 count. They are the Junction ¼ marathon, Purbeck 10k, Littledown 5 miles and Boscombe 10k.
- 6.10 There was notification that the Blackmore Vale ½ marathon has been remeasured and it is actually a little bit short.

## **7. WILTSHIRE INTER-COUNTY ROAD MATCH**

- 7.1 The Lychett 10 on Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Feb is the chosen race. Dave and Chris have been in contact with Ken Oxford regarding arrangements. The suggestion is to enter quickly as it is a vets championship race, a league race and an inter county championship and will reach its limit very soon. Rupert Pepper is the team manager and is selecting the teams. He is having a bit of trouble with the Men’s team, but the organiser has told him that the actual names of runners can be changed up to the last ½ hour. 24 places have been reserved in any case for the two teams.

## **8. FEEDBACK ON RACES SINCE LAST MEETING**

- 8.1 Weymouth 10 – It was a good race.
- 8.2 The Gilly Hilly – Only 70 runners participated.
- 8.3 Wimborne 10 – Could silencers please be used on the starter guns!!
- 8.4 Boscombe 10k – There was a fabulous atmosphere even if the music was a bit loud. The largest number of entrants and finishers ever. The t shirts were excellent (for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary). However due to the record numbers of entrants, there were issues with the car park and finish funnel.
- 8.5 Christmas 10k – There were problems with toilets and parking which angered some of the local residents who made complaints. This together with the fact that a large number of the Christchurch Runners will be moving to Southampton, may in fact mean that the race will not take place next year.
- 8.6 Round the Lakes – The new course was a little confusing for some runners.

**9. OFFICIAL'S SECRETARY'S REPORT**

9.1 No report.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- 10.1 Could all attendees please send Jean Henry their correct email addresses so that the current list is up to date. Jean's address is [jean@henry.myzen.co.uk](mailto:jean@henry.myzen.co.uk).
- 10.2 The new Bournemouth Marathon is offering free entry if the club advertises the marathon on their website.
- 10.3 In Christchurch, there is an initiative called the 2013 – 2017 Whole Sport Plan. The council is considering how this can/may give monetary support to local sports clubs.
- 10.4 Dave received an email from Chris Cussen re Trail Races. The police had written a negative letter, saying that clubs were responsible for any accidents. We still have to inform the police if we are organising a race, but the clubs must have completed a full and thorough risk assessment and ensure that insurance is in place.
- 10.5 Richard Orme made an observation on the leagues. He said it runs extremely well, but some clubs are destined to be promoted and demoted alternate years.
- 10.6 Gillingham Trotters are taking over the organising of a Somerset and Wiltshire 10k race which takes place on 14<sup>th</sup> April. The link will be on the website shortly.
- 10.7 All clubs should be aware that the England Athletics Affiliation fee is now a flat fee of £10. This is double what it was last year but less than the proposed quadruple of the price
- 10.8 A question was asked of Sam on the use of Facebook for the league. She is using this to try to encourage some young runners to join, who would probably not look at the league website otherwise.

**11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

- 11.1 The meeting concluded at 21.10.
- 11.2 The next meetings will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013. The following ones will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014