



DORSET COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 8th APRIL 2013, AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, BLANDFORD

1. PRESENT

Chris Potter	Christchurch Runners (Chairman for this evening)
Mike Barron	Purbeck Runners
Janet Hooper	Littledown Harriers
Geoff Scott	Poole Runners
Dave Hayes	Poole Runners
Simon Munro	Bournemouth AC
Samantha Munro	Unaffiliated
Debbie Dowsett	Bournemouth Joggers
Roger Teasdale	Dorset Doodlers
Sandra Hamilton	Dorset Doodlers
Ray Graham	Westbourne RC
Richard Nunn	Treasurer and Wimborne AC
Jean Henry	Minutes & Westbourne RC

2. **APOLOGIES** Jonathan Bowell (Chairman and Lytchett Manor Striders), Peter Wallis (Christchurch Runners), Ines Braun (Gillingham Trotters), Alison Mesher (Poole AC)

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 Jonathan Bowell will no longer be attending any future meetings. He sent an email as follows: "Due to the commitment of having a young family I have had to step down from the LMS committee, as such I do not feel able to represent them at the county level and therefore would like to step away from the DRRL committee". We wish him well and thank him for his time spent as Chairman of the meeting.

- 3.2 Regarding item 3.2, “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.” Chris is still awaiting a reply

4. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT.

- 4.1 No report.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

- 5.1 The Running Total is £816 in credit for 2013. There has been £590 of donations and Richard made a vote of thanks for that.

- 5.2 Richard thanked all those clubs who have made donations and added that anyone can make a donation, however there are no guidelines for this. 2 clubs took an interesting view. That being that they paid the amount that would have normally have been paid under the previous scheme. However any donation however small, is most gratefully received.

6. ROAD RACING LEAGUE REPORT

- 6.1 All the races have gone smoothly so far. Sam asked for opinions of which races could be added for next year. Dorchester 10k is a potential. The Southbourne 10k is also a good race.
- 6.2 Simon has now started on a new website. He has had to use a new host and domain name as he could not use the Wordpress system. We are now paying £2.99 per month and £7 for 2 years for the Domain name. The old website will cease in mid-August. The new site is www.drri.co.uk
- 6.3 Ray Graham said that he had already looked at the new site and said it was very neat and tidy and easy to navigate. The list of fixtures etc was very clear and factual.
- 6.4 Simon mentioned that in the last minutes he had an action regarding asking clubs for possible designs for a new logo for the league. He will look at this again.
- 6.5 Westbourne RC has now launched their website. It is found at www.westbournerc.com

7. WILTSHIRE INTER-COUNTY ROAD MATCH

- 7.1 The race went very well indeed with Dorset being the victors. Wiltshire have asked for a rematch but another team manager may be required as Rupert may not wish to do this again. After discussion, the feeling is that one match per year would be the best idea, alternating the venue county each year.

8. FEEDBACK ON RACES SINCE LAST MEETING

- 8.1 Milbourne 10 – The race did not take place.

- 8.2 Blackmore Vale ½– The race went well but there was a delay at the start due to the toilets.
- 8.3 Lychett Manor 10 – There were great goody bags.
- 8.4 Southbourne 5K and 10K– There was a delay on the issuing of results. The race clashed with a number of other races and so the usual officials were already occupied elsewhere.
- 8.5 Great Western 10k = This race clashed with the Mad March Hare
- 8.6 Zoom March Hare 10 and 20 miles– The parking was well organised. There were a couple of complaints from residents. One runner could not locate his car at the end of the race, but Chris helped him find it.
- 8.7 Rotary Easter ¼ Marathon – This went well.
- 8.8 Bournemouth ½, ¼ and Fun Run – There was an issue here in that the last runner in the ½ marathon did not finish the race and disappeared. There was no bike to follow in the last runner. An enquiry was made of Risk Control and they said that the last runner had been found. Some runners did not receive a running number whilst others received 2 numbers and some runner had more than one timing chip. However the start was better than last year. Some club names were missing on the results. The finish was slightly different from last year and was better by moving the runners up towards the band stand in the gardens. Despite this, it would not be recommended as a league race.

9. OFFICIAL'S SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 9.1 No report.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 10.1 There is no news on whether or not the Christmas 10k will take place this year.
- 10.2 There was a request for runners to car share when attending the Purbeck 10k to reduce pressure on car parking and also could runners please arrive early. Chris will referee and Dave and Kath will be timekeepers.
- 10.3 Bournemouth Joggers passed on positive feedback on the League Facebook page.
- 10.4 Mike Towner has offered clubs to erect their own gazebos at the Poole Festival of Running. Dave Hayes also distributed some very comprehensive race packs and asked clubs to enter early.
- 10.5 The Swanage ½ marathon has been cancelled due to a health and safety issue.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

- 11.1 The meeting concluded at 20.35.
- 11.2 The next meetings will take place on Monday 8th July 2013. The following ones will take place on Monday 7th October 2013 and Monday 6th January 2014