



DORSET COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 8th OCTOBER 2012, AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, BLANDFORD

1. PRESENT

Jonathan Bowell	Chairman & Lytchett Manor Striders
Chris Potter	Christchurch Runners
Michael Smith	Weymouth St. Pauls Harriers
Pete Clarke	Weymouth St. Pauls Harriers
Ian Graham	Bournemouth AC
Mike Towner	Poole Runners
Jerry Shield	Wimborne AC
Simon Munro	Bournemouth AC
Samantha Munro	Unaffiliated
Debbie Dowsett	Bournemouth Joggers
Peter Wallis	Christchurch Runners
Janet Hooper	Littledown Harriers
Christine Willis	Dorset Doodlers
Mike Barron	Purbeck Runners
Ray Graham	Westbourne RC
Ines Braun	Gillingham Trotters
Dave Hayes	Poole Runners
Duncan Ray	Dorset Doodlers
Jean Henry	Minutes & Westbourne RC

2. **APOLOGIES** Richard Nunn (Wimborne AC); Alison Mesher (Poole AC), Sandra Hamilton (Dorset Doodlers); Dave Sanderson (Royal Manor of Portland); Kath Sanderson (Royal Manor of Portland); Norman White (Weymouth St. Pauls Harriers)

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 In item 5.2 in the previous minutes it should have read “England Athletics view County Associations as competition providers”
- 3.2 In item 8.8 it said that Round the Rock 10k was not well enough advertised. After the meeting Dave Sanderson pointed out that the Round the Rock 10k on 27th April 2013 is 100% a road race. The Hard Way Round the Rock on 19th May is a multi distance off road event.

4. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT.**

- 4.1 No report.

5. **TREASURERS REPORT**

- 5.1 The Year to Date position is a surplus of £333 including from races £655, and monies from Athletic Services of £150.

6. **ROAD RACING LEAGUE REPORT**

- 6.1 In item 7.4 of the previous minutes, there was an action for all attendees to check with their clubs whether they would prefer to include EITHER the North Dorset Marathon or the Mad March Hare 20 in the Road Race League Fixtures in 2013. A vote was taken at the meeting and there were 7 votes for the Mad March Hare and 3 for the North Dorset Marathon. Therefore the Mad March Hare will be included in the Fixtures in 2013. The North Dorset Marathon will be a County Championship Race.

- 6.2 The list of Road Race League Fixture for 2013 is below:

The Junction ¼	Tues 1 st Jan
Blackmore Vale ½ Marathon	Sun 3 rd Feb
Lychett 10	Sun 17 th Feb
Mad March Hare 20	Sun 10 th March
Purbeck 10k	Fri 17 th May
Puddletown Plod	Sun 16 th June
Portland 10m	Sun 7 th July

Sturminster Newton ½ marathon	Sun 4th August
Littledown 5	Sun 15th September
Weymouth 10m/Gold Hill (see below)	Mid October
Gilly Hilly 7.5	Sun 3 rd November
Boscombe 10k	Sun 24th November

- 6.3 There is a strong possibility that a new race will appear in October 2013 – the Poole and Bournemouth Marathon. More details to follow as they arise.
- 6.4 There may be a need to swap the Weymouth 10 for the Gold Hill. Chris will check and let Ines know as Ines is planning a new course for the Gold Hill anyway and can also review the distance of the race to either shorten it or lengthen it.
- 6.5 A draft note inviting clubs to join the League has been prepared and Jonathan Bowell the Chairman will cast his eye over it.
- 6.6 We have managed to reduce the cost of trophies from £460 to £363 by using Vinny's Trophies. (Lee is a Littledown Harrier). All he asked is that he is advertised on the website. This year 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will receive trophies as well as certificates.
- 6.7 It was decided at the meeting that it would be more appropriate if the vouchers received with the prizes are from Amazon, rather than WH Smith which is where they came from in the past.
- 6.8 It was noted that we do not have an individual logo for the Dorset League.
- 6.9 A question was raised as to who will make the presentations? It was thought a good idea if we could get the Echo involved too.

7. WILTSHIRE INTER-COUNTY ROAD MATCH

- 7.1 Chris Potter volunteered to make contact suggesting that the best race to choose for this event would be the Lychett 10 on Sun 17th Feb. Darren, Dave and Chris have subsequently been exchanging emails and will formulate a plan.

8. FEEDBACK ON RACES SINCE LAST MEETING

- 8.1 Swanage ½ - There was some confusion with the results of the ladies winning team with some unpleasant emails being exchanged between the organisers and one team re the calculation and count back. Other than that it was a very good race.
- 8.2 Tarrant Valley 10 – Pleasant, laid back race as usual.
- 8.3 Charles Bennett Olympic Mile – An excellent day but the results on the website are still not correct.
- 8.4 Durberville Dash – It took place on the same day as the race above. It went well but the part in the wood was difficult.
- 8.5 Sturminster Newton ½ - This race needs to be remeasured next year and so the course could be

changed. However it was felt it was a good course so best to keep it as is.

- 8.6 Shillingstone 5 Mile Hill Race – 6 runners got lost and ran much further than they should have done. This was due to the marshal who was sweeping up the signs at the back of the race, helping a runner who was injured which took him away from his duties for a while.
- 8.7 Hoburne 5 – There were 150 entries on the day which put a bit of a strain on things. A lady tripped on a speed bump at the start where there is a sharp bend.
- 8.8 Littledown 5 – The numbers were well down on usual, however there were 35 runners from Westbourne RC to boost the ranks! Excellent race with fantastic happy, cheery marshals all the way round.
- 8.9 New Forest ½ and Marathon – It was a very wet day. Of the 3000 entries, 880 did not turn up. The finish is much better now with it being further away from the entrance gate. A request has been made for more marshals to help with the marathon. An email will be sent out nearer the time next year.
- 8.10 Purbeck Marathon – Fantastic route. It was unfortunate that it was unclear where registration should take place. This will be sorted out for next year 25th Sept 2013. This date to be confirmed.

10. OFFICIAL'S SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 10.1 No report.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 11.1 At the last meeting the following item was discussed. Due to the fact that the Police Service will now not attend at road races (they only attend an event where a disturbance may occur!), and if race organisers put their own signs up, it is an illegal offence, it was suggested that the way to get around this would be for some members of each club to attend a Chapter 8 course. Those who attend such a course are then “qualified” to manage traffic and signs etc. Dave Sanderson will make enquiries about setting up such a course. Unfortunately Dave could not attend the meeting but passed a note to me for inclusion in the minutes. “I’ve had a look at the links mentioned in the minutes and find no further information. There seems to be no course either on the BARR, UKA or EA sites that cover this. There are links if you search for “Chapter 8 training” on the England Athletics site but all lead to a “page no longer available” note. As Mr Chelda said, see below, as long as the problems are in the RA with the measures taken to alleviate them then there should be no problem unless the council/police object. At this time we need to look at what measures are needed. It may be a difference matter if your event contains Road Closures but for most events this is not the case”.

Dave contacted Kevin Dheleda DCC. He said that they get people in to train their staff when required although he thinks that Chapter 8 is probably a bit more than we need to have. He seems to think that as long as we have the problems in our risk assessment it should be enough. Anyway he gave Dave a website for a company based at Bournemouth airport. They are <http://www.ctdsafety.co.uk/> He rang them and the girl was going to pass Dave the course info and costs. She did say that there is a maximum of 6 per course but she also intimated that full qualification is probably a bit over the top for our needs. She also said that there is an additional requirement for a supervisor to check that the people who put the signs out have done it

properly!!.

- 11.2 The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Samantha and Simon Munro for all the work they have been doing on the league and to others who have also contributed.
- 11.3 England Athletics have increased the annual membership for runners and clubs by 100%. Ines said that her club will affiliate but the members will not as there is no way of checking.
- 11.4 There was some distress at the meeting regarding the change in procedure for 2013 Virgin London Marathon Club Entries. After the meeting Ray Graham and Janet Hooper contacted the organisers and were assured that it is just the club that needs to register for its places by November 16th. The individuals still have until the first week of January to register.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

- 12.1 The meeting concluded at 21.45.
- 12.2 The next meeting will take place on Monday 7th January 2013.