



DORSET COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 9th JULY 2012, AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, BLANDFORD

1. PRESENT

Jonathan Bowell	Chairman & Lytchett Manor Striders
Dave Sanderson	Royal Manor of Portland
Richard Nunn	Treasurer & Wimborne AC
Pete Clarke	Weymouth St. Pauls Harriers
Ian Graham	Bournemouth AC
Mike Towner	Poole Runners
Jerry Shield	Wimborne AC
Simon Munro	Bournemouth AC
Christine Willis	Dorset Doddlers
Debbie Dowsett	Bournemouth Joggers
Ross Wayne	Purbeck Runners
Janet Hooper	Littledown Harriers
Alison Meshier	Poole AC
Mike Barron	Purbeck Runners
Ray Graham	Westbourne RC
Sandra Hamilton	Dorset Doddlers
Norman White	Weymouth St. Pauls Harriers
Ines Braun	Gillingham Trotters
Duncan Ray	Dorset Doddlers
Jean Henry	Minutes & Westbourne RC

2. **APOLOGIES** Chris Potter (Christchurch Runners); Peter Wallis (Christchurch Runners), Samantha Munro (Bournemouth AC). A late apology from Jonathan Bowell for the last meeting.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 In item 12.4 in the last minutes, Jerry Shield appeared to have an action. This was an error and Simon Munro has completed the action.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

4.1 Jonathan Bowell is our current Chairman. However he mentioned that if anyone else would like to take this role on, he would be happy to step down. Otherwise he will continue.

5. **TREASURERS REPORT**

5.1 The Year to Date position is a profit of £189. The total of donations to date this year amounts to £600.

5.2 At the Executive Committee meeting, a subcommittee is going to be set up to look at the role of the DCAA. The County Association is a competition provider.

6. **LICENCE OFFICER'S REPORT.**

6.1 Since the role of the Licence Officer no longer exists, this item will be removed from the agenda in future.

7. **ROAD RACING LEAGUE REPORT**

7.1 Results are on the website for all races so far. The provisional list of races for 2013 are:

Broadstone ¼ Marathon	1 st Jan
Blackmore Vale ½ Marathon	3 rd Feb
Lychett 10	17 th Feb
Mad March Hare 20	10 th March
North Dorset Marathon	5 th May
Purbeck 10k	Mid May/early June
Puddletown Plod	Mid June

Portland 10	Early July
Sturminster Newton ½ marathon	4 August
Littledown 5	Mid September
Weymouth 10	Mid October
Gilly Hilly	November
Boscombe 10k	End November

7.2 There is a possibility that the Purbeck 10k will move from a Wednesday evening to a Friday evening. To be confirmed.

7.3 It was suggested that the 2013 Championship races should be Blackmore Vale ½ Marathon, Purbeck 10k, Weymouth 10 and the North Dorset Marathon.

7.4 There is 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. It will be confirmed at the next meeting.

8. FEEDBACK ON RACES SINCE LAST MEETING

8.1 The Purbeck 10k went well. There was a problem with the toilets at the start but there will be a change to the configuration for next year. It was a nice course and well marshalled. A vote of thanks from the County was given to the organisers for taking this race on.

8.2 Egdon Easy – the Council forgot to unlock the gate at the start of the race.

8.3 Puddletown Plod – This race went considerably better than last year. It was mentioned that the organisers would like to be included in the league at a future date.

8.4 Maiden Castle Loop – The race was postponed to 18th August.

8.5 Poole 10k – It was too hot!!!! It was an excellent race but everyone would of course prefer to run it in the morning when it would be cooler. As the Children's Races takes place in the morning there is not enough physical time to do the 10k in the morning as well.

8.6 North Dorset Marathon – This was a very good race and well organised. However the award ceremony was not well attended. It was an excellent idea to have the transport at the finish for tired runners.

8.7 Rotary ¼ Marathon – This was very good again.

8.8 Round the Rock 10k and Hard Way RtR – There were not many entries for this race. This was possibly because it requires to be better publicized.

8.9 Portland 10 – This year the race was run in reverse and this worked well apart from near the finish where more marshalling would be appreciated.

8.10 A question was raised as to what the procedure should be when cancelling/postponing races. It is down to the race organisers but the best solution seems to be to reschedule the race for a future date and carry forward the race numbers. Should you wish to send out notice by email to Club Secretaries, the distribution list used to circulate the minutes from this meeting is a reasonably comprehensive list. However if you have a website, it is advisable to update the website regularly with cancellation information.

8.11 It was suggested that it would be helpful for the Race Adjudicators to be supplied with the Risk Assessment and, Race Instructions and Documentation from the Race Organiser, about a month prior to the race.

8.12 Under the new race rules, the cost of paramedic attendance at races has increased dramatically. An alternative to the Red Cross and St John's Ambulance is available. The company is called Transeacure and the web address is: www.transeacure.co.uk or www.transeacuregroup.com. They provide a much more comprehensive service at a more competitive price.

9. PURBECK 10 KM

9.1 As this race is no longer organised by the County, it will be removed from future agendas.

10. OFFICIAL'S SECRETARY'S REPORT

10.1 No report.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

11.1 As 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.

11.2 Some Dorset Doodlers attended the Leaders in Running course organised by England Athletics recently. The feedback from this was that it was a well delivered full balanced day. It was not aimed at coaching performance particularly but more at road running and the EA are happy to repeat the course if there is enough interest,

11.3 Poole Runners will take race entries through their on line entry system.

11.4 Dorset Doodlers have now licensed themselves with ARC. It is a much simpler process than England Athletics, but with ARC they cannot offer London Marathon places.

11.5 One person who received a County Medal commented that it was not great quality.

11.6 The County owns a 25W Tannoy which can be borrowed by clubs. Please contact Dave Sanderson if you would like to do this.

11.7 Hardley Runners and Somerset County both own a race finishing clock. As Chris Potter has contact with Hardley Runners, should you wish to borrow it, please speak to Chris.

11.8 Sadly, John Moloney of Royal Manor of Portland died a couple of months ago after a long illness. He was a long standing helper and compiled our list of race. Our sympathies go out to Jenny and family.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

12.1 The meeting concluded at 21.45.

12.2 The next meeting will take place on Monday 8th 2012.