



DORSET COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 10th JANUARY 2011, AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, BLANDFORD

PRESENT

Peter Clarke	Dorset County AA President and Weymouth St. Pauls Harriers
Steve Shuck	Acting Chairman and Littledown Harriers
Dave Sanderson	Royal Manor of Portland
Mike Bush	Littledown Harriers and Purbeck 10k
Ian Graham	Bournemouth AC
Chris Potter	Christchurch Runners
Jerry Shield	Wimborne AC
Ines Braun	Gillingham Trotters
Simon Munro	Bournemouth AC
Debbie Dowsett	Bournemouth Joggers
Kerstin Wadeley	Bournemouth Joggers
Jonathan Bowell	LMS
Alison Mesher	Poole AC
Mike Barron	Purbeck Runners
Jean Henry	Minutes (Westbourne RC)

1. **APOLOGIES** Richard Nunn (Treasurer and Wimborne AC); Dave Hayes (Poole Runners); Kath Sanderson (RMPAC), Ray Graham (Westbourne RC), Norman White (Weymouth St. Pauls Harriers); Janet Hooper (Littledown Harriers); Peter Halliwell
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
 - 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting held on 4th October were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 A Race Organisers course is to be arranged for a Saturday in February. Ines offered Shaftesbury Youth Club as a possible venue.

ACTION: Ines Braun to follow up and come back with a date and venue.

3.2 An item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting regarding the issue of how many races should be counted for team awards in the Road Racing League.

ACTION: Jean Henry

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

4.1 No report this time. As detailed in the minutes of the previous meeting, Dave Sanderson is standing down as Chairman after nearly 20 years on and off in this capacity. A huge vote of thanks was expressed for all his hard work over this time. It was suggested that a different person would chair at the remaining meetings this year, with an elected member taking the chair for a one year duration following that. Steve Shuck of Littledown Harriers volunteered for tonight's meeting, with Chris Potter of Christchurch Runners the meeting on 4th April, Jerry Shield of Wimborne AC the meeting in July and Jonathan Bowell of LMS the meeting in October.

5 SECRETARIES REPORT

5.1 No report. Chris Potter explained that generally there is nothing to report as all road running secretarial information is circulated by email to all the individual clubs. The question was raised whether the Secretaries Report should remain on the agenda. It was agreed that it should remain on the agenda this year and a review should take place in 2012 when we have a permanent Chairman.

6 TREASURERS REPORT.

Final Income and Expenditure for 2010 is as follows:

INCOME

League Entry fees		£ 370
Licence/AS monies		£ 800
Purbeck 10 surplus		£ 840
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		£2010

EXPENDITURE

Trophies purchased	£759	
Other expenses	£356	£1115
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Net Contribution £ 895

Expenses incurred in January 2011:

Trophies purchases	£ 456
Prizes purchases	£ 330
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Net for 2011 to date	£ 786

7 **LICENCE OFFICER'S REPORT.**

7.1 Chris Potter is the referee for the Mad March Hare but on a consultative basis only.

7.2 The Round the Lakes Boxing Day 10k was cancelled due to icy conditions. However it has now been rescheduled and will take place on Sunday 13th Feb. Anyone who had entered for the Boxing Day event will have their entry automatically transferred to the 13th Feb event.

ACTION: Alison Mesher to send an email to all clubs with the details.

7.3 Licences have been approved for: Milborne 10 9/1/11, Blackmore Vale Half 6/2/11, Lytchett Manor 10 20/2/11, Southbourne Fast and Flat 10k and 5k 13/3/11, Great Western 10k 12/3/11, Bournemouth Bay Run 3/4/11, Rotary Quarter 23/4/11, Round the Rock 10k 1/5/11, North Dorset Village Marathon 1/5/11, Swanage Half 16/7/11.

A few applications are overdue but reminders are being sent. There is a little concern over the Mad March Hare which is due to take place on 6/3/11.

7.4 A "Report on Review of Licence Standards and Roles, Licence Application Process and Systems" has appeared. The full report can be obtained at www.runbritain.com (go to Race Directors' Portal). The main recommendations are:

- From 1/1/12 Regional Panels will be set up to review, evaluate and recommend on Race Referees Reports before issuing further licences, the Panel membership to consist of CLOs, Race Referees and BARR officials
- Online only application process to be implemented as from 1/4/11, although Athletics Services or CLOs would be able to input applications for "a minority" who cannot access the system
- In future Technical Group of runbritain be responsible for drafting and approving Licence Standards
- From 1/1/12 role of Race Referees be extended to include all points covered on Licence Standards (BARR play no further part in this)
- Sanctions (not specified) where events not closed out at 10 week stage
- Consideration be given that all aspects of Road Running be the responsibility of runbritain

8. ROAD RACING LEAGUE REPORT

- 8.1 A vote of thanks was expressed for Jon Sharkey and Mike Towner and the staff of the Junction Fitness Centre for arranging the venue for the presentations.
- 8.2 The splitting of the league into 2 divisions seemed to work quite well.
- 8.3 There were problems with 2 fidelity prizes. One was caused by a miscount and the other was caused by someone running under an incorrect club name. Both will be sorted and prizes distributed.
- 8.4 There have been 2 league races so far this year, Broadstone and Milborne. Dave Sanderson did recommend that anyone hosting races would find it very useful to video the finish funnels which makes sorting out any anomalies in the results much easier.
- 8.5 There was an issue around the rules on the first claim club at the Broadstone ¼. There is a “waiting limit” between a runner moving between 2 clubs. If both clubs are happy, the runner can start competing for League purposes only for the new club on 1st January so long as they do not compete for both clubs during the same year.
- 8.6 Please remind your members that there are only a few entries left for the North Dorset Village Marathon.
- 8.7 The Puddletown Plod was the least well attended league race last year. This was a little disappointing for the school where it is based as they use it for funding. The school want to take over the organisation of this race going forward and are thinking of changing it to a 10k to make it more appealing and attract more runners. Should this become the case it is unlikely that it would be included as a league race. The suggestion is for it to remain a 20k race this year and encourage more entries by increased advertising. After that, should it become a 10k, it would be dropped from the list in favour of the Sturminster ½ marathon.
- 8.8 The issue raised by Bournemouth Joggers on the number of races which should count for team awards was mentioned again at the meeting. Dave Sanderson had 10 replies out of a possible 16, with 8 clubs voting for the set up to remain as 7 out of 12 races to count.

ACTION: Dave Sanderson to chase those clubs who did not reply, for their vote.

ACTION: Jean Henry to add this item to the agenda for the next meeting.

- 8.9 There is a commemorative T shirt for this year’s Weymouth 10. However for runners to count in the team they must be wearing their club kit.

ACTION: Dave to speak to Egdon Heath about this issue.

- 8.10 For team prizes, generally there are 5 (Men) or 3 (Ladies) in a team, and the League supplies 5/3 trophies accordingly. Should there be more than 5/3 members worthy of a team medal, the club concerned pays for the additional number of trophies. In order to simplify the system there is a proposal for only a club trophy to be awarded instead of the individual ones.

ACTION: Jean Henry to add this item to the agenda for the next meeting.

9. **PURBECK 10 KM**

- 9.1 The race will not be based at the Sports Centre in 2011 but will move to Wareham Middle School. The school is nearer to Wareham but slightly further from the race start. There is a car park and toilets at the school. The car park will open at 6pm and close at 9.15pm. Should runners think that they will not return to their cars before this time, they should park opposite the school where there is a large crescent, otherwise their car may be locked in for the night.
- 9.2 The agreed date is Wed 18th May. The venue for the prize giving has still to be confirmed.
- 9.3 The gentleman that Mike usually deals with regarding the road closure will be leaving the Council shortly. His replacement is to send an application form to Mike for the closure.
- 9.4 Mike has requested some adverts for the application form. They would cost £10 each. Please ask members if they are interested. They only need to send a businesses card to Mike for the purpose.

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

- 10.1 Dave Kitchen is the County Officials Secretary. However Kathleen arranges the referees etc for our local races. She will continue doing this but does need some assistance. Even some help with observing or time keeping would be useful. Please contact Kathleen or Dave Sanderson with any interest.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- 11.1 The Christmas 10k went very well again this year apart from one problem caused by a Littledown Harrier who swapped numbers without telling anyone in charge at the race. This presents problems when collating results, and more importantly, should someone have an accident or require medical assistance, the information held by the organisers is incorrect. Please inform your clubs that they are allowed to change or swap race numbers even up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the race but they MUST inform someone in charge at the race.
- 11.2 Ines Braun raised a point regarding the England Athletics emails which are circulated on a regular basis and remarked that members must read these emails, as often there is something quite important or urgent on them. The particular example that Ines was concerned about was that a recent email said that England Athletics were considering issuing memberships by email ONLY and not by the issue and distribution of physical membership cards. The email had asked for opinions and so several clubs replied saying that they would prefer it to continue as before with membership cards.
- 11.3 The committee were very sad to hear that Jim Kerr of Littledown Harriers had recently had a motorbike accident where he sustained a broken leg and hip. Please could the reps from Littledown pass on the committees good wishes for a speedy recovery.
- 11.4 There was an incident at the Milborne 10 between a car and a runner. The car driver said that a runner hit his car on purpose. This kind of issue is not the responsibility of the race organiser but is between the car driver and the runner. However runners are strongly advised not to vandalise or damage any cars during a race, no matter how annoying or abusive the drivers may be.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

12.1 The meeting concluded at 21.28.

Date of the next meeting is Monday 28th March 2011 when Chris Potter will be the Acting Chairman. Our thanks to Steve Shuck for taking the chair this time. Once again a huge vote of thanks to Dave Sanderson for his many years of dedicated work in this position.