MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DORSET ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 3 OCTOCER 2011 AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB, BLANDFORD FORUM.

1.Present

Jonathan Bowell	Acting Chair & Lytchett Manor Striders
Peter Clarke	Dorset County AA President & Weymouth St Pauls Harriers
Richard Nunn	Treasurer & Wimborne AC
Ian Graham	County Licence Officer & Bournemouth AC
Janet Hooper	Littledown Harriers
Josie Pegg	Bournemouth Joggers
Debbie Dowsett	Minutes & Bournemouth Joggers
Ines Braun	Gillingham Trotters
Dave Hayes	Poole Runners
Alison Mesher	Poole AC
Norman White	Weymouth St Pauls Harriers
Chris Potter	Christchurch Runners
Mike Barron	Purbeck runners
Ross Wayne	Purbeck Runners
Ray Graham	Westbourne RC
Peter Wallis	Christchurch Runners

2.Apologies

Jean Henry (WestbourneRC), Dave Sanderson (Royal Manor of Portland), Simon Monroe and Jerry Shield (Wimborne AC)

3.Matters arising

Covered by agenda items.

4. Chairman's Report

No report available

At Championship races, league races and others where it is deemed that the competition is of an 'elite' standard then the race organiser will also be expected to appoint a race referee to ensure compliance with the rules of competition".

Anyone interested in becoming an Event Adjudicator should contact Gavin Lightwood glightwood@uka.org.uk in the first instance.

Chris Potter pointed out that the majority of races already have a referee in attendance who carries out the duties described for the Event Adjudicator as part of their role. He expressed concern that a lot of time is already given up by officials to attend races and a further 'official' being needed will add to that burden. It was agreed further clarity was needed.

Ian Graham was in recent receipt of a large email regarding how the pilot Regional Councils in North West and North East have progressed. Ian will report back to the committee at the next meeting unless anything requiring urgent attention is identified.

8.Road Racing League Report

In the absense of Dave Sanderson, there was no formal report to hand. Ian Graham advised that Simon Monroe and his fiancée, Sam, are keen to take on the role of administering the Road Race League. However, as they're due to get married in 2012, they will have limited time to give to the role. Peter Wallis has advised he is happy to work with Simon and Sam for 2012 with a view to them carrying on in 2013. **As Simon and Sam were unable to attend this evening's meeting, this was not an** Dave Sanderson has advised he will provide training for the role.

A discussion then took place to finalise the league races for 2012. It was questioned whether a 5 mile race should be included and agreed it should. By a vote of 8-5, Hoburne 5 was elected over Littledown 5. Ross Wayne suggested Southbourne Fast & Flat 10k as an alternative to Poole 10k. Ross explained this is relatively new race for charity and felt it was worth supporting. After discussion this was agreed. Ian Graham was not in favour of including a marathon as he felt it discouraged runners from trying to achieve the Fidelity Award and advised marathon distance had not been included in the Fidelity races historically. Reservations were expressed about some of the administration of the Mad March 20. However, it was agreed that it was a well-organised event from the runners' point of view and well-timed for several spring marathons. After a vote 8-4, the March Hare was agreed as the longest race for 2012. There was some discussion about so many races being within the East of the County but it was felt the races chosen were an appropriate mix. Round the Rock 10k was also suggested but as this date clashes with North Dorset Villages Marathon/relays, it was discounted for 2012.The league races for 2012 were agreed as follows.

1. Junction Quarter Marathon* 2/1/12

2. Milborne 10* 8/1/12
3. Blackmore Vale Half Marathon* 5/2/12
4. Lytchett 10 19/2/12
5. Mad March Hare 20* 11/3/12
6. Purbeck 10k 16/5/12
7. Poole 10k* 27/5/12
8. Swanage Half Marathon 14/7/12
9. Sturminster Half Marathon 29/7/12
10. Hoburne 5* 7/10/12
11. Wimborne 10* 18/11/12
12. Boscombe 10k* 25/11/12

Ian Graham will contact race directors concerned to confirm they're happy with this. If Southbourne cannot accommodate being a league race, Poole 10K will take their place.

NB

After the meeting it was established that Southbourne 10k clashed with March Hare so Poole 10K has been added instead.

9.Purbeck 10K race

Mike Barron confirmed Purbeck Runners will take on the organisation for 2012 and asked that clubs are encouraged to give their support. Route is due to start and finish from Norden Park and Ride. Mike advised running the race on a Saturday has been considered but as Swanage Steam Railway have events planned that would impact using the park & ride, they will stick to a Wednesday evening race for now. Date will confirmed after discussion with the Railway to avoid any clashes. Ken Ballam is liaising with Enid Bush regarding the race signage etc and Mike & Ross will arrange collection and storage. The Chair thanked Purbeck Runners for taking on the race.

10.Officials Secretary's Report

No report available

11.Any Other Business

11.1 Purbeck Runners asked if any further Race Organisers Courses are planned. Committee were not aware of any and RunBritain have since confirmed none are planned in Dorset or Hampshire for 2012.Exeter and Birmingham are believed to be the nearest venues and course info is available on the UKA website.

11.2 Pete Clarke asked if there are still places available for the Leaders in Running Course at Littledown Centre on 16 Oct. Janet Hooper confirmed there are at a cost of £90 for the all

day event. It is possible a similar event will be run at Ashdown Centre and organised by Team Dorset. This has to be confirmed.

11.3 Peter Clarke thanked those who had chaired RRL committee meeting through 2011 and asked if anyone would like to volunteer for 2012. Jonathan Bowell said he would be happy to take on the role. Unanimously accepted. Chris Potter agreed to deputise in Jonathan's absence.

11.4 Janet Hooper thanked the County representatives who had attended Mike Bush's funeral. It was well attended. Donations are still being accepted for Mike's chosen charities.

11.5 Team Dorset are arranging a First Aid course for a very reasonable price. It is anticipated this may have been partly funded by UKA to keep the costs down.

11.6 North Dorset Villages Marathon entries will be opening shortly after the Gold Hill Race which is on 9 October 2011.

11.7 County Championship races for 2012 were agreed as-

Lytchett 10 (miles)	19/2/12
North Dorset Village Marathon*	6/5/12
Sturminster Half Marathon	5/8/12
Boscombe 10k*	25/11/12

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11.8 Dave Hayes advised that Poole Runners offer an on-line facility for registering for races. This can be accessed via webmaster@poolerunners.com and Darren Locke is the contact for this. He also asked the committee to note that Poole Runners had advertised the vacant role of RRL Organiser on their website.

11.9 Chris Potter advised that race referees are still to be appointed for Round-the-Lakes 10K, Junction ¼ and North Dorset Villages Marathon.

11.10 Chris also confirmed that the awards presentation for 2011 will take place following the Junction ¼ on 2/1/12.

Date of the next meeting is 9/1/12

Meeting closed at 21:17