



DORSET COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 28th MARCH 2011, AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, BLANDFORD

PRESENT

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| Chris Potter | Acting Chairman and Christchurch Runners |
| Peter Clarke | Dorset County AA President and Weymouth St. Pauls Harriers |
| Richard Nunn | Treasurer and Wimborne AC |
| Mike Bush | Purbeck 10K and Littledown Harriers |
| Carole Loader | Bournemouth Joggers |
| Debbie Dowsett | Bournemouth Joggers |
| Ian Graham | Licence officer and Bournemouth AC |
| Janet Hooper | Littledown Harriers |
| Jonathan Bowell | Lytchett Manor Striders |
| Alison Mesher | Poole AC |
| Dave Hayes | Poole Runners |
| Norman White | Weymouth St Pauls Harriers |
| Jerry Shield | Wimborne AC |
| Ray Graham | Minutes (Westbourne RC) |

1. APOLOGIES

Steve Shuck (Littledown Harriers); Mike Barron (Purbeck Runners); Simon Munro (Bournemouth AC); Ines Braun (Gillingham Trotters); Dave Sanderson (Royal Manor of Portland); Jean Henry (Westbourne RC)

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2011 were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

3.1 None.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

4.1 No report available

5 **SECRETARIES REPORT**

5.1 No report available.

6 **TREASURERS REPORT.**

Club affiliation fees received so far total £320.

Have not yet heard from Hamworthy Harriers or Maiden Newton Runners – will chase.

Purbeck 10K money is starting to roll in and entries of £437.50 have been received to date.

Net position at present is a debit of £195, but this is not a problem based on anticipated income.

7 **LICENCE OFFICER'S REPORT.**

7.1 Race Organiser's Course

A successful morning's event was held, many thanks to Ines Braun, Dave Sanderson and Kath Sanderson.

7.2 Licence approvals

Licences have been approved for the following races:-

Purbeck 10K - 18/5/11

Egdon Easy - 28/5/11

Blandford Bridges Run 26/6/11 (Licence not yet issued - Athletics Services having trouble matching postal application with payment)

Portland 10 - 3/7/11

Maiden Castle Loop - 9/7/11

Tarrant Valley 10 - 17/7/11

Sturminster Newton Half - 7/8/11

Littledown 5 - 18/9/11

AECC Dashback - 6/11/11

Christmas 10K - 11/12/11

7.3 Future of the County Licensing Officer role

The future of the County Licensing Officer role is in doubt. UKA propose to set up Regional Panels to consider licence applications and "review, evaluate and recommend on Race Referees' Reports prior to the re-issuing of a licence to either that individual and/or the organisation acquiring the licence".

Pilot Regional panels have been set up for Notre East and North West Ungallant. It is anticipated that current CLO roles will continue "throughout 2011"

- 7.4 Dave Sanderson has sent an e-mail that is of concern, regarding the Puddleton Plod and the Weymouth 10, both of which are included in the DRRL schedule for 2011, yet no licence application from either has yet been received.

Weymouth 10 is of particular concern, with the entry form having now been issued which does not conform to the rules of UKA, and some confusion regarding the wearing of kit and entry basis.

Ian to send reminders to race organisers of both races and to “manage through” the conformity of the Weymouth event with DCAA, DRRL and UKA rules as part of licence consideration.

8. **ROAD RACING LEAGUE REPORT**

- 8.1 Discussion on how many races should count for team awards

Currently 7 out of 12 count – there is a proposal to increase the number of scoring races

Dave Sanderson has advised that all clubs in the DRRL have been canvassed, and have responded by e-mail.

Some concern about the decision-making process and visibility of the respective clubs views. Agreed to add this item to the next agenda with a view to Dave sharing the written repossess from clubs.

Post-Meeting note from Dave Sanderson:-

“The rules state that it must be a majority of participating clubs that can change rules, not a vote by whoever might be at the meeting.

The vote on my returns from all 16 clubs was:-

12 races to count: - 2 for (Bournemouth Joggers and Purbeck Runners) 11 against

10 races to count: - 1 for (Lytchett Manor Striders)

2 Clubs (Zoom Tri and Dorset Doodlers) did not vote”

- 8.2 Team Prizes – Should only one team prize be awarded instead of 1 prize for each member of the team ?

The overwhelming consensus at this meeting was that to continue to award multiple trophies is preferred.

9. **PURBECK 10 KM**

- 9.1 Mike Bush has a meeting arranged for this coming Thursday with the Police and Council to discuss road closures

- 9.2 As at 28th March 88 race entries have been received (this is lower than at this point last year).

9.3 The three people who usually man the water station are unable to do so this year due to a clash with a Sweet Pea event, therefore some volunteers for the water station would be welcomed.

9.4 This year's event could potentially be the last on this course, due to the likely change of road usage caused by the proposed Wind Turbine development – suggestions for alternative course and venues, ideally, but not essentially, in the Purbeck area would be welcomed.

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

10.1 Kath Sanderson is seeking an assistant.

10.2 Concern was expressed about the reliance on a small number of key individuals to manage road racing, and ways of encouraging more people to participate in the organisational side were discussed.

Further courses / seminars could be held to train potential organisers, but there is a need to give insight to people potentially interested as to what might be involved. Chris Potter volunteered to draft a brief "Terms of Reference" for race organisers – a quick guide as to what is involved in each aspect, e.g. Timekeeping, Race Referee, etc ...

ACTION- Chris Potter to draft guide to "What's involved in race organisation".

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

11.1 Meeting Venue - Ian Graham mentioned that Blandford Camp having been mentioned earlier in the meeting as helpful with the Race Organiser's meeting, was this a potential venue for this meeting. Richard Nunn suggested that although the Camp was helpful for a "One-off" we were not sure how receptive they might be to regular meetings, also that the hire costs for the legion were very cheap.

11.2 Alison Mesher mentioned that she is doing a Masters degree and is keen to study "Stalwart volunteering" and may be keen to discuss with many of the attendees at this meeting their motivation.

11.3 Park Runs – Jonathan Bowell asked whether the committee had a view on the proposed introduction of the "Park Run" events. General view was that although these were informal and unlicensed, there was no apparent conflict to the aims of the DCAA and there would not be any action to discourage participation.

11.4 Cross Country League – Jerry Shield to pass details to Jonathan Bowell

11.5 Christmas 10K – 200 entries have been received already.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

12.1 The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm. Date of next meeting is Monday 4th July 2011 – Jerry Shield to take the chair.