

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE HELD ON  
MONDAY 4 JULY 2011 AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB, BLANDFORD.**

**Present**

Chris Potter	Acting Chair and Christchurch Runners
Peter Clarke	Dorset County AA President and Weymouth St Pauls Harriers
Richard Nunn	Treasurer and Wimborne AC
Mike Barron	Purbeck Runners
Jonathan Bowell	Lythchett Manor Striders
Alison Mesher	Poole AC
Dave Sanderson	Royal Manor of Portland
Ian Graham	Licence Officer and Bournemouth AC
Debbie Dowsett	Minutes (Bournemouth Joggers)

**1. Apologies**

Jerry Shield (Wimborne AC), Jean Henry (Westbourne RC), Ines Braun (Gillingham Trotters), Norman White, Ray Graham and Janet Hooper (Littledown Harriers)

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

2.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2011 were agreed.

**3. Matters arising**

10.2 Chris Potter advised this is in hand.

**4. Chairman's report**

No report available

**5. Secretary's report**

No report available

## **6.Treasurer's Report**

6.1 Year to date surplus reported as £358. This includes a donation from Ian Graham of £100 from EA expenses and monies from Purbeck 10K race.

6.2 Net profit from Purbeck 10K race is £759 with all invoices to date paid. Only outstanding item being a possible invoice from Dorset Police. However, no figure has been advised or requested to date.

## **7.Licence officer's report**

7.1 Licences approved for:-

Hard Way Round the Rock-25/5/11

Puddletown Plod-12/6/11

Maiden Newton Madness-13/8/11

Shillingstone 5 Mile Hill-28/1/11

The Beast-4/9/11

Wayfayers' Relay 10/9/11

Hoburne 5-2/10/11

Gold Hill Race-9/10/11

Weymouth 10-22/10/11

Wimborne 10-20/11/11

Boscombe 10K-27/11/11

7.2 The future of County Licensing Officer role is still in doubt (no word as yet as to how the pilot Regional Councils in North West and North East are progressing). There may be a meeting on 16 July 2011 at which there should be more information.

7.3 Regarding the organisers of Weymouth 10 asking all competitors to run in their commemorative t-shirt, for those runners who take part in the 12 chosen League races it is important that you wear your Club Vest regardless of where you might finish. As the League counts all runners in each race and there are Age and Club Awards, your finishing position is important even if you are the umpteenth scorer in your club as it could affect the score for someone in line for one of these awards. Wearing your vest enables runners to determine if it is worth making the effort to overtake to try and improve their position at the end of the

season so please encourage your club members to wear your Club colours with pride in all League events

## **8. Road Racing League Report**

8.1 Update on number of league races to count for team awards. Dave Sanderson confirmed the responses rec'd from clubs as reported in the minutes of RRRL meeting 28 March 2011. Debbie Dowsett advised that whilst Bournemouth Joggers understood that the committee could do no more at the present time, they remain concerned that the majority of clubs do not fully understand the implications of the matter. Bournemouth Joggers will not request the item be discussed again until they have coordinated support from the other clubs.

8.2 Dave Sanderson explained they were a little disappointed at the numbers attending the recent Race Organisers Seminar. It was felt the event was successful but not necessarily attended by those who may have benefitted the most. A further event may be run in 2012.

8.3 Dave Sanderson also reminded clubs to check provisional race results promptly and advise him of any discrepancies.

8.4 The next Dorset RRL race is Swanage half-marathon on 16/7/11.

8.5 The suggested Dorset RRL races for 2012 are:-

Hoburne 5, Poole 10K, Purbeck 10K, Boscombe 10K, Broadstone ¼, Lytchett 10, Wimborne 10, Milborne 10, Swanage ½, Bournemouth Bay ½, Sturminster Newton ½ and Mad March 20.

Clubs are asked to report their views back for the next RRL meeting on 3/10/11 when the final decision will be made.

8.6 Dave also advised that he is standing down from administering Dorset RRL matters after 20 years. He asked if anyone is interested in taking it on. There may be an interested party, but has still to be confirmed. Please see **appendix 1** for details of what the role entails.

8.7 Dave confirmed he and Kathleen will be continuing with their time-keeping duties.

## **9. Purbeck 10K**

9.1 Race Director, Mike Bush, submitted a written summary as follows:-PURBECK 10K ROAD RACE REPORT RACE DAY 18 "MAY 2011

It was a cool calm evening for our annual May road race event, held this years slightly later than last We attracted just over 400 entries and 355 turned up and ran on the night Numbers were slightly down on last year.

The race was won by Willard Chinhañhu representing Poole Runners in 31.56 mins, second was Ian Hapgood. Bournemouth A.C in 32.01 and third. Stuart Fox an unattached runner in 33.45.

For the ladies, Helen Dyke, Poole Runners was first lady in 37.46 followed by Abigail Jones, Poole Runner in 38.11 and third Janie Chapman, Bournemouth AC in 39.48

Team prizes went to B.A.C.men and the ladies to Poole Runners.

It was a very difficult year organising the race. We kicked off as usual around the 16th December with the usual letter to Purbeck District Council only to find that the job had been taken over by Dorset County Council and little moved until the end of March culminated in a meeting at Wareham Police Station on 31st March. Dorset County now supervise all road closures in that area. We are indebted to Mr Peter Impett for keeping things on the rails at this point, since we had little movement from D.C.C. We needed to bring ourselves up to date in respect of the road barriers and advanced information signs

But all at a cost to us.

This year we made use of Wareham Middle School as a base since we had outgrown the Purbeck Sports Centre. All competitors had a longer run/walk to and from the start. However, it would appear that the use of the school may be short lived since they were not happy with the number of cars that turned up on the night. The prize giving was held at the Black Bear Hotel in Wareham Main Street but was poorly attended.

I have organised the the race now for 10 years expertly assisted by Ken Ballam, without who's help things would not have run so smoothly. I should also like to mention the help I received from Chis Potter and his trailer, John Roden from Poole Runners and young Potter I now need to hand over to someone else to take it on. I wish them well.

9.2 A new venue is needed for this race as it can no longer be held at Purbeck Sports Centre and the Middle School are unlikely to offer their facilities again. Mike Barron advised there is a potentially suitable route from Norden-Arne.

9.3 A new race Director will be needed for the future as Mike Bush will be standing down. Dave Sanderson asked if Purbeck Runners would consider taking over the race organisation. Mike Barron will ask their committee. The race has always had links to Dorset RRL and it was hoped a donation to the County funds could be made by the new organisers.

## **10. Official's Secretary's Report**

10.1 Ian Graham asked if licence applications stating that the referee was 'to be advised' were acceptable or should organisers be arranging their own officials? Discussion surrounding officials being happy for their contact details to be made public and where this should be. As UKA don't recognise the position of Official's Secretary, unclear how to share this information. It seems County Committees are race organisers only as far as UKA is concerned. Therefore, Ian will forward 6-monthly lists of races to Chris for circulation amongst referees.

10.2 It was confirmed that one UKA official is required for time-keeping at races.

## **11. Any other business**

11.1 Janet Hooper plans a 'Leadership in Running Fitness' course at the Littledown Centre in Bournemouth on Sunday 16 October. This is part of the UKA coaching scheme and is the base module for those wishing to coach running as opposed to track and field. The likely cost is £90 per attendee. She asked if clubs wished to send any delegates, could they let her know.

11.2 Jonathan Bowell advised he had received feedback that runners had taken the wrong route during the Puddletown Plod as the route was not signed or marshalled at one point. Dave Sanderson advised he had points to raise with the organisers regarding results and will collate all the points on both matters and contact them.

11.3 Peter Clarke asked if anyone knew of runners who had experienced adverse symptoms after using caffeine based sports drinks. He is aware of US and Australian studies that link such products with previously undetected heart problems. Clubs to advise any known cases at the next RRL meeting.

## **Date of the next meeting**

Monday 3/10/11 with Jonathan Bowell to chair.

Meeting closed at 20:50

## Appendix 1

### Job Description for League Administrator

1. Make sure a list of proposed races for the following year is presented to the Committee at the July meeting. (Currently done by Jerry Shield but could be rotated)
2. After discussion at the October meeting confirm the League races for coming year and decide on the 4 Championship races. Marathon, 1/2 Marathon, 10 Mile and 10K. These should be chosen from the selected races for the League.
3. Contact Race Organisers to let them know their races are in the League for coming year and also ensure those chosen as Championship events have the necessary qualification info on them. Contact details can be currently obtained from Ian Graham. Licence Officer for Dorset.
4. Contact Clubs and get agreement to participate in the League for the coming year and contact details for the clubs. A List of Dorset Clubs can be obtained from County Treasurer and the UKA club search facility.
5. Ensure Results are obtained from each event and are sent to Richard Orme for inclusion on the League results website. Check that results are correct to the best of your ability when published on the site and obtain any Dates of Birth to clarify age groups and identity where necessary.  
Age for League is Age at end of current year so may differ from results. i.e. if a 45th birthday is in September then you are 44 for a race run in May but 45 from 1st Jan for the League. The League has 5 year groups from 21 (Also under 21s) but races are often 10 year groups so it is necessary to have individual ages and at least the year of birth.  
See also note 9 reference changes of club. Runners can only count for 1 club in the current year but can continue as an individual if they change in the current year.
6. Confirm winners of awards for the County Championship awards and pass awards to club and/or individuals concerned. May need addresses from Race Organisers in the case of unattached individuals. Medals are collected from County Treasurer at start of season and engraved (and ribbons added) with the previous years League awards.
7. After last race of League establish award winners. Choose suitable Trophies and have engraved, Certificates where required rather than perpetual trophies as trophies are always a problem to get back (Certificates at present done by Christine Willis Stur 1/2 organiser).
8. Arrange presentation. Usually at Broadstone at the New Years 1/4 event.
9. Although not part of your job it is handy to know the rules for Road Running as promulgated by UKA and also the League rules especially those concerned with club eligibility and changing club rules.
10. Full briefing will be given to any person taking on this job. My knowledge has been built up over 20 years and confidence comes with experience. If you think you have the ability don't be put off by lack of knowledge as that will come.

Dave Sanderson

