

Dorset County Athletics Association

Minutes of The Road Running Committee meeting held on Nonday 8th April 2019 at
7.45Pm

The Royal British Legion Club, Blandford

1. Present:

Ines Braun	Dorset Doddlers (Chair)
Debbie Dowsett	Bournemouth Joggers (minutes)
Suzanne Janes	Littledown Harriers
Luke Dowsett	Littledown Harriers
Ian Graham	Bournemouth AC
Pete Clarke	Weymouth St Pauls
Norman White	Weymouth St Pauls
Steve Buller	Poole Athletic Club
Graham Filmer	Poole Athletic Club
Abigail Baker	Purbeck Runners
Matt Coggins	Purbeck Runners
Mike Towner	Poole Runners
Peter Wallis	Christchurch Runners
Kirsty Weston	Lytchett Manor Striders
Khalil Ghabaee	Poole Runners

2. Apologies for Absence:

Claire Ridley, Jerry Shield, Jean Henry, Sarah Ellis, Ian White, Scott Parfett.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

Approved.

4. Matters arising:

4-a Upgrade of Dorset County Championship medals discussed. Mike Towner and Peter Wallis advise proposed new medal will be in a presentation box with a certificate. Hoping better medals will encourage more athletes to compete for County awards. Various other options for promoting Dorset County Championship races discussed. Club reps present need to promote the races and considered having separate page on DCC website/Facebook. Discussion over relevance of DCC races/medals and agreed better promotion is needed as some athletes are surprised to receive a medal and are often not aware they were eligible. Committee asked to vote on preferred choice from the two designs presented:

Design 1-Four in favour

Design 2-Eleven in favour

Medals being produced in gold, silver and bronze effect- Thirteen in favour

Committee agreed to purchase enough medals for four years of championship races.

4-b Upgrade of DRRL website discussed after Mike Towner had approached a web designer to carry out the work needed at a cost of £440 + £60 Wordpress theme or £560 + £60 Wordpress theme. KW asked if revised design would be app-friendly for smartphone/tablet users. As several clubs do have the type of site DRRL needs, agreed committee will ask clubs to see if there are any volunteers who could do an upgrade for free. Further discussion on upgrade will include results. MT felt Richard Orme should be consulted as he processes results.

Actions- All present to appeal to clubs and MT to contact Richard Orme regarding results on website.

4-c Those present had different copies of draft rule changes so points were not numbered the same, but content was.

- i) PC read a draft introduction to proposed updated rules for DRRL.
- ii) PC proposed that a third level of deciding a individual award winner in a tie situation should be head to head race results.
- iii) Athletes to be reminded they need to wear club vests/colours for DRRL races or their score may not count for team results.
- iv) Club transfer process to mirror Hants/Susses/Wilts. Runners transferring between clubs must go through the recognised transfer system and score only for the eligible official club at the time of the race: Dorset will now abolish the 'Rolling Stone' process.

All changes unanimously approved.

5. **Chairman's report:**

Nothing offered.

6. **Treasurer's report:**

Nothing offered

7. **Feedback on races since last meeting:**

7-a Blackmore Vale Half-Organisers did well to rearrange route at short notice. Well-marshalled and only issue advised was cars leaving crossed the path of runners finishing.

7-b Lytchett 10- All went well

7-c Bournemouth 10-All went well without long queues for toilets this year.

8. **Any Other Business**

a-PW asked committee for any items they feel DRRL could benefit from for local race organisers as BAE systems are supporting such projects. Christchurch Runners now have a race clock and Poole Runners have a timing system. Both of which can be used by other clubs- Other clubs to make direct contact if needed.

b- KW suggested a contact group for organisers of club races to share best practice and resources. Action-KW will arrange and took contact names of some race organisers.

c- GF advised three volunteer course measurers came forward and their details have been passed to Bill Hicks to take forward.

d-SJ advised Littledown 5 is 1/3 full already so club runners should enter promptly.

e-Discussion over provision of paper entries for DRRL races. DD confirmed all races selected for 2019 have confirmed paper entries will be accepted. IG noted not all races produce a specific race entry and generic form needs to be sourced which may present a barrier to some runners.

f-NW advised that on 14/7/19 there will be a 10K trail run at Moreton in memory of past runner. Entries via Full on Sport to Phil and Bovy Bouncer.

g-GF advised Poole AC due to appear on BBC South Today programme 9/4/19.

h-KW advised Lytchett relays have had entries for 50 of the 80 team places available.

i-SB advised 100 places left for May 5

j- MC advised 100 spaces left for Purbeck 10K

k- IB advised there are still individual places for NDVM. Consideration is being given to making more relay team places available in 2020, so long as teams commit to not using cars to move between changeover points.

Meeting closed 21:55

9. Date of next meeting:

Monday 1st July 2019, 7.45pm at Royal British Legion Club, Blandford.