

DORSET COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 8th January 2018, AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, BLANDFORD

1. PRESENT

Victoria Casson	Westbourne RC (Minutes)
Kevin Dowsett	Littledown Harriers
Michael Smith	WSPH
Pete Clarke	WSPH
Joanne Kain	Gillingham Trotters
Debbie Dowsett	Bournemouth Joggers
Clare Martin	Purbeck Runners
Matt Coggins	Purbeck Runners
Ines Braun	Dorset Doddlers
Jerry Shield	WAC (chair)
Ian Graham	Bournemouth AC
Ian White	Bournemouth AC
Peter Wallis	Christchurch Runners
Nicola Taylor	Royal Manor of Portland
Khalil Ghabaee	Poole Runners
Graham Filmer	Poole AC
Steve Buller	Poole AC

2. **APOLOGIES** Jean Henry (Westbourne RC), Richard Nunn (Wimborne AC), Michael Hughes (Hamworthy Harriers)

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Agreed

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Pete Clarke wanted to know if, in relation to 5.5, anyone had come forward to help Jerry with the social media side of things. Ines B and Graham F both volunteered to help Jerry with this.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

5.1 Tony Gale from UKA is looking to organise SW inter counties running championships and would like Dorset's input into the idea. Travel is subsidised and there is the possibility that race entries could be subsidised too. It was agreed that as a concept and as a principle, Dorset should try and put forward a team, but that it would need someone to drive it forward. Possible suggestions included that the winning DRRL teams could try to organise a team for the inter-county champs. This year that would be Poole AC for the men and Littledown for the women.

Action: Clubs to look for volunteers to manage County teams and ask their top male and female runners if they would be willing to commit to the idea depending on the races chosen (i.e. we need team managers - and we need the best runners across all the clubs)

5.2 Nigel Harding circulated an email regarding an endurance officials course scheduled to take place in Chippenham on the 3rd of February. This should already have reached clubs. The booking details are at:

<https://www.englandathletics.org/courses.aspx?siteSectionId=33&postCode=SN15&distance=5®ion=000100010002001400020003&keyword=officials&courseType=0001300000030013>

The deadline for bookings in 22 January.

5.3 There is a new UKA licence standards document that includes a paragraph that all race directors need to include. This forms point 37 of the document:

37. To comply with the Data Protection Act, race organisers should include the following wording on race entry forms:

"You agree that we may publish your Personal Information as part of the results of the Event and may pass such information to the governing body or any affiliated organisation for the purpose of insurance, licences or for publishing results either for the event alone or combined with or compared to other events. Results may include (but not be limited to) name, any club affiliation, race times, occupation and age category."

5.4 There is a road running road show, organised by England Athletics, being held in Exeter aimed at coaches and running club leaders which offers the opportunity to find out more about initiatives that aim to support road running clubs. It will be held at the Exeter Harrier club house on Monday 19th February 6.30pm - 9.30pm. More details can be found by emailing roadrunning@englandathletics.org

5.5 There have been a couple of recent issues with club runners not running in club vests or club colours. The DRRL rules replicate UKA rules that dictate that club colours must be worn. Recent indiscretions would have had an impact on league results if the rules had been upheld. It was agreed that policing the rule is an issue. If there are genuine exceptions as to why runners can not run in their club colours (e.g. medical issues), these people should make themselves known to race officials.

Action: All representatives to feedback to club members and remind them of the DRRL rules regarding wearing club colours.

5.6 The presentations went well at Broadstone and IW felt that Jerry should be congratulated for his efforts.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 Financial position has not changed since the last meeting.

7. FEEDBACK ON RACES SINCE LAST MEETING

7.1 Bournemouth Marathon Festival – Well organised. Hot weather.

7.2 Gold Hill 10k – Tough run. Challenging but good course. PC said he wanted to personally

thank Ines as he thought the whole event went really well.

- 7.3 Gilly Hilly - MC said that there was a nice atmosphere and a good medal but felt that the start on the narrow line was quite tight and that faster runners found it difficult to get to the front at the start. PC commented on the nice cakes and bacon butties. IB said that they would give some thought to re-arranging the start location.
- 7.4 Wimborne 10M – The event filled up quickly. It was a good event with nice cakes. A nice village feel to the start and finish area
- 7.5 Boscombe 10K – JK felt the communication about parking in the email prior to the event was helpful. JS thought it was an excellent race. IB said there was an issue with a marshall towards the end of the race not directing some of the front runners on to the track so that they almost went the wrong way. KG and SB felt that transfers closed early which annoyed some of their members. DD said that they will make cut-off dates more visible on race materials.
- JS added that cut-off for transfers should be very clearly stated for **all races** on all race materials including online. If people are made aware in advance, they shouldn't then complain.
- 7.6 Christchurch Xmas pud – The weather was horrendous which did cause some issues including some wrong prize allocations. IG loved it and said that it felt like being a child again jumping through all the puddles. PW said that they are looking into getting the start relocated to the Grange school for next year.
- 7.7 Round the lakes 10K – IB said some of her club members enquired about the length of the course as they thought it might have been too long. GF said the course had been officially measured as 6.2 miles and they had kept the same course for years.
- 7.8 Broadstone Quarter - The new course was good with the start / finish area being better. JK said that there were marshalls sending people the wrong way at the second lap and sending them towards the finish. She also spotted people wearing headphones. IB felt that the start was too crowded and that there was an issue with the wheelchair at the start.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- 8.1 PW raised the issue that at Broadstone Quarter, you needed to be a member of UKA in order to represent a club, as far as he knew the only race where that was the case. He felt that clubs should be able to encourage runners to join them, and compete for them, without having to pay to become UKA affiliated. IW and IG reviewed the DRRL rules and noted that the relevant point in the DRRL rules was point 4:

4. Eligibility to compete in the League will be limited to UK Athletics rules for Competition.

Clubs should note UKA rule 221 (2): “Every scoring runner in an open team race must be a 1st Claim member of the club he/she is entered to represent”.

Which doesn't actually refer to an individual needing to be UKA affiliated. JS pointed out that there is no way of proving first claim members without them being UKA affiliated. PC pointed out that juniors pay £14 to become UKA affiliated in order to represent the club but they can only race in 4 races so don't benefit from the affiliated race rate. IW wondered why clubs would encourage their runners to sign up to UKA then. It was felt more time was needed to discuss the issue after the rules had been reviewed by all.

Action: IW to raise it at UKA run race directors meeting in February.

Action: All to read DRRL rules and any relevant UKA rules before next meeting in order to work out an approach.

Action: VC to add to the next meeting's agenda to discuss this issue further.

- 8.2 Linked to the previous point, JS pointed out that there were less people competing consistently

across the races of the league. There were only 50 men and 28 women who had completed 7 or more league races in 2017. It was suggested that this could be due to more races being available outside of the league, particularly off-road races. MC said that some members had avoided the DRRL races due to the competitive nature.

Action: VC to add to the next meeting's agenda to revisit the format of the league to see how it can be made more exciting and relevant.

- 8.3 PC displayed the new certificates to discuss the new format. 27 years of names can still be added under this new format.
- 8.4 PC asked for feedback from any club members who received a towel for the age-group prize at the awards presentation to see if this would be a suitable prize to give next year as well. A bigger towel would obviously add to the costs.
- 8.5 PC handed out a list of his results for his first 50 runnings of the Weymouth 10. He has run in every Weymouth 10 event since 1967 and only missed one year (1974) through illness. His fastest attempt (barring the time it was only 9 miles) was 54:14 in 1971. This also resulted in his best position of 8th in a field of 44. Well done Pete - some inspirational running.
- 8.6 There is a UKA race directors course on 17th Feb in Exeter. It costs £50. IW will send out an email with further details on how to sign up if interested.
- 8.7 All DRRL races for the rest of the year have been confirmed with dates and these should be on the website.

9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

- 9.1 The meeting concluded at 9:32pm
- 9.2 The next meeting will take place on 9th April 2018.