

Dorset County Athletics Association

Minutes of The Road Running Committee meeting held on Monday 1st July 2019 at 7.45Pm

The Royal British Legion Club, Blandford

1. Present:

Peter Wallis	Christchurch Runners
Steve Buller	Poole Athletic Club
Graham Filmer	Poole Athletic Club
Sarah Swift	Poole Runners
Chris Ellis	RMPAC
Nichola Taylor	RMPAC
Scott Parfitt	Lytchett Manor Striders
Abigail Baker	Purbeck Runners
Matt Coggins	Purbeck Runners
Debbie Dowsett	Bournemouth Joggers (Chair)
Suzanne Janes	Littledown Harriers (Minutes)
Mike Towner	Poole Runners
Ian Graham	Bournemouth AC
Jerry Shield	Wimborne AC
Khalil Ghabaee	Poole Runners

2. Apologies for Absence:

Ines Braun, Claire Ridley, Jean Henry, Ian White, Neil Dyble, Peter Clarke, Richard Nunn

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

Approved.

4. Matters arising:

4a – The matter of runners wearing Club vests in races was raised and it was discussed if this should be enforced for individuals as well as teams. **Action** - It was decided that this should be placed on the agenda for the October meeting to discuss further. **Action** - Representatives should consult with their Clubs ahead of the next meeting. **Action** - Debbie offered to find out what the exact rules are ahead of the next meeting.

4b – The point at which minutes from the previous meeting are able to go onto the website was raised. It was confirmed that once the minute taker has checked minutes with the meeting chair and these have been circulated to all attendees they can then be placed immediately on the website.

5. Chairman's report:

Nothing offered.

6. Treasurer's report:

Richard sent apologies and provided a treasurer's report. The financial position is as follows:

The net position for the year to date is credit £515 which comprises entry fees of £255 and donations from races of £260 (these being £100 from the Bournemouth 10, £10 from the Rotary 1/4, £50 from Sturminster Newton and £100 from the NDVM) – many thanks for these amounts.

There are still four DCAA affiliations and RRL entry fees outstanding from: Dorset Doodlers, Gillingham Trotters, Purbeck Runners and RMPAC. If copies of the request letters are required could the clubs please email Richard.

7. Proposed list of races for inclusion in the 2020 season

Broadstone ¼ works well as first race..

Poole Festival of Running have no desire to be included.

Purbeck 10k may be a week later in 2020 to avoid clashes with Lulworth 10k and White Star events.

Wimborne 20 could be an option, but it is unclear if they are keen to be a chosen race. **Action** - Jerry offered to find out.

The Marnhull 12k, held by St Gregory's School and assisted by Dorset Doodlers, could also be a possibility.

It was discussed whether races with smaller entry numbers should be considered as DRRL events. No decision was taken.

8. Feedback on races since last meeting:

8a – Rotary Quarter – a much-liked race. However, feedback was offered that it perhaps starts too late on a busy bank holiday weekend when the promenade is busy. Clubs could also provide support to the organisers to provide details of best practice regarding marshalling, road crossings and additional water stations. It was suggested that perhaps Good Friday would be an alternative time to hold it when the area is less busy. **Action** - Peter stated he would feed back to Chris Potter.

8b – NDVM – a well organised race. Feedback was offered that the first changeover point was slightly chaotic. The possibility of offering more places for the relay if participants cycle to the changeover points was discussed. No decision was taken.

8c – May 5 – a good race, well organised, parking was good. Only feedback was regarding the lack of men's toilets due to a blockage.

8d – Poole Festival of Running – good atmosphere, good event.

8e – Puddletown Plod – a good race however the pre-race briefing was quite long. The entry list on the website could be ordered better to help Clubs identify their runners more easily. A Littledown runner tripped on a pothole coming back into the finish and needed to go to hospital for stitches. Biro's rather than Berol pens would be preferable to avoid details rubbing off race bibs. Team prizes were sent in the post rather than presented on the day.

8f – Purbeck 10k – a good event. Discrepancy with a prize due to a runner misspelling their team name has been rectified.

9. Any Other Business

9a – Debbie has a sanitised version of the race strategy document from the Boscombe 10k and will provide a copy to all who would like one.

9b – Westbourne AC provided an AOB which Debbie raised on their behalf, which mentioned that a Facebook page for number swaps has been successful for the Hampshire RRL. It was decided that Clubs already have their own ways of doing this and that people can alternatively post as a thread on the DRRL Facebook page if they would like to swap/obtain a number. Runners are reminded of the importance of informing the race officials of any number swaps.

9c – Peter W clarified the agreement regarding purchasing medals. This was confirmed at the April meeting and four years' worth of medals are to be purchased. Many thanks to Peter for all his hard work on this.

9d – Steve and Graham stated that May 5 would like to be a DRRL race for 2020 to help this new event gain momentum. It was advised that the race should avoid clashing with the Hardway Half which will be 17th May 2020.

9e – Nichola asked if attendees could promote the Portland 10 (Sun 7th July) to their members as it can struggle to fill up on the years it is not a DRRL race.

9f – Matt asked about clarification for the veteran age category as this was not clear from the website. It was confirmed that the age category is 40.

9g – Mike proposed that the group proceed with the quote for the new website discussed at the April meeting. Designers from Poole AC to meet with Emma Livermore to design the website, which will then be tested before going live on 1st January 2020 to coincide with the presentation of the new medals and the new rules regarding Club transfers. All agreed. The website should be in the trial phase by the October meeting.

9h – Mike suggested a leaflet about the league could be designed to inform and encourage new runners to participate. **Action** - Nichola offered to speak to designers at RMPAC to obtain a quote to design a tri-fold leaflet. **Action** - Mike to send content ideas to Debbie who will also speak to Luke about design work.

10. **Date of next meeting:**

Monday 7th October 2019, 7.45pm at Royal British Legion Club, Blandford.

Chair = Mike Towner

Meeting closed 20:59