

DORSET COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2018, 7:45PM
THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, BLANDFORD

1. Present

Jerry Shield	Wimborne AC (Chair)
Sarah Ellis	Westbourne RC (Minutes)
Peter Wallis	Christchurch Runners
Gary Haylock	RMPAC
Nichola Taylor	RMPAC
Ines Braun	Dorset Doodlers
Matt Coggins	Purbeck Runners
Steve Buller	Poole AC
Graham Filmer	Poole AC
Scott Parfitt	Lytchett Manor Striders
Khalil Ghabaee	Poole Runners
Pete Clarke	Weymouth
Ian Graham	Bournemouth AC
Barry Telling	Littledown Harriers
Charlie Griffiths	Westbourne RC

2. Apologies

Ian White (Bournemouth AC), Richard Nunn (Wimborne AC), Debbie Dowsett (Bournemouth Joggers), Jo Kain (Gillingham Trotters), Jean Henry (Westbourne RC)

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

a. Agreed

4. Matters Arising

a. None

5. Chairman's Report

- a. SW Regional Council awards recently held – Chris Potter attended
- b. Regional Championships – Poole AC (Dave Hicks) organising a mens team but no ladies team entered
- c. Jerry will be resigning as Chair at the end of the year. Pete thanked Jerry for all his hard work.
- d. Jerry formally thanked Victoria for her contribution to the meetings & minute taking

6. Treasurer's Report

a. No update

7. 2019 DRRL & CC races

a. Agreed the following races for DRRL:

Race	Date
Broadstone Quarter	1 st Jan
Lytchett 10	10 th Feb
Bournemouth 10 (DCC)	25 th Feb
North Dorset Village Marathon (DCC)	5 th May
May 5	19 th May
Puddletown Plod Half	9 th Jun
Purbeck 10K (DCC)	21 st Jun
Stur Half (DCC)	4 th Aug
Portland Round the Rock 10K	11 th Aug
Littledown 5	15 th Sep
Wimborne 10	17 th Nov
Boscombe 10K	24 th Nov

- b. We discussed & decided to tie the DCC events to the DRRL events, whereas previously we had deliberately selected different events. This has been done in an attempt to improve the quality of the field at the DCC events. As such, the following races will be in the **Dorset County Championship - Bournemouth 10, NDVM, Purbeck 10K & Stur Half**.
- c. In the meeting we had selected the Gilly Hilly for the league, however further to the meeting, an update has been made to the 2019 race list. As a new team is going to be organising the Gilly Hilly, it has been decided to let the race establish itself without the pressure of it being a league event. Hopefully it can then be selected for the 2020 league season. As the work to build a new Bournemouth Football stadium has been delayed, the Boscombe 10K will be going ahead as usual next year, so this race has been selected instead.
- d. Wimborne 20 was considered instead of NDVM, but due to the number of deferred entries from 2018, this isn't viable this year.
- e. We discussed the possibility of promoting DCC races more and improving the medals.
Action: PC to discuss the DCC medals at the next DCAA meeting.
- f. IG discussed whether the tick box on entry forms, to confirm a person is eligible for entry into the DCC, is required. We could confirm using address on the entry form. Decided to keep the tick box but possibly ask that the tick box is mandatory on race entries, or emphasise the question on the entry form. **Action:** IG to ask race organisers to publicise / promote the DCC races more.

8. Feedback on races since last meeting

- a. **D'Urberville Dash** – it was a hot day, so more water stations should have been provided. Delayed start due to the gate to the field being locked.
- b. **Stur Half** – another hot day and not enough water provided. Sign for 'drinks ahead' wasn't close to the water station, so misleading. Some slower runners didn't get water. Buff given as prize and not a medal as advertised. Also, showers were advertised but not made available.
- c. **Round the Rock** – well organised despite the weather
- d. **The Beast** – tough race!
- e. **Hoburne 5** – enjoyable course, friendly, the raffle was a good idea & recognition of birthday runners. Marshalls were a bit quiet on some parts of the course. No postcode on the instructions. PC commented that there weren't awards for the first 3 male & female runners – but agreed that awards were at the discretion of the race organiser, and should be made clear in the entry form.

9. Any other business

- a. Puddletown Plod was a DCC race this year but not mentioned on entry forms. Medals sent out months after the race.
- b. Imperial Series races normally sold out months in advance. Could try to encourage clubs to buy up places in advance, but this isn't possible for the smaller clubs. Encourage promotion within clubs
- c. Could the DRRL website be updated more frequently? **Action:** JS to consider
- d. Lytchett 10 entry free rising from £12 to £14 next year
- e. Gold Hill is full and there is a waiting list
- f. Blackmore Vale entries are open & there are 20 places for a relay in 2019
- g. IB mentioned there is a police event on safety. **Action** IB to send email to SE to distribute with the minutes
- h. Discussion on late transfers if the race is sold out. Agreed that race organisers had discretion over the cut off date for transfers but this should be clear in the race instructions
- i. 5 mile series being discussed, not (necessarily) part of DRRL
- j. Christchurch now have a race clock (happy to share with other clubs)
- k. Note that for Hoburne 5 there was one race entry via Run Britain that was paid on last years entry fee. Other clubs to be made aware of this.
- l. JS to come up with a 'job description' for the Chairman position in order to recruit for the position

10. Date of next meeting

- a. The meeting concluded at 9:50PM
- b. The next meeting will take place on 7th January 2019, 7:45PM, Royal British Legion, Blandford