

Minutes of Dorset County Road Race League committee meeting

6/1/2020 at the Royal British Legion, Blandford

1-Attendees

Debbie Dowsett	Bournemouth Joggers
Suzanne Janes	Littledown Harriers
Ian White (minutes)	BAC
Ian Graham	BAC
Richard Nunn	Wimborne AC
Abigail Baker	Purbeck Runners
Inès Braun	Dorset Doddlers
Steve Rigby	Tremlow Track Club
Peter Clarke	WSPH
Norman White (Chair)	WSPH
Graham Filmer	PAC
Steve Buller	PAC
Khalil Ghabaee	Poole Runners
Mike Towner	Poole Runners

2-Apologies for absence

Received and noted from Jerry Shield (WAC), Matt Coggins (PR), Jean Henry (WR), Peter Wallis (CR) and Nicola Taylor (RMPAC).

3-Minutes of last meeting

Proposed for acceptance by Khalil Ghabaee, seconded by Mike Towner - accepted.

4-Matters arising

Point 6 – Richard Nunn confirmed that the new clubs of Tremlow Track Club and Dorchester RIOT have paid their affiliation for 2020

Point 12 – Peter Clarke clarified that the U17 and U21 reference was for age groups 15 to 17 and 18 to 20 respectively. This wasn't clear in the leaflet but it was hoped that users would realise this. The meeting also thanked Mike Towner for organising the leaflets to be made and distributed.

5-Chairman's report

Norman had nothing to add.

6-Treasurer's report

2019 has been closed off with a surplus of £125 after trophies and certificates have been paid for, at a cost of £705.

Richard gave thanks to Purbeck Runners and Littledown Harriers for their contributions of £100 in the last quarter of the year, and it was also noted that Poole Runners had picked up the cost of the leaflets, in essence a donation of c£100 too.

12 clubs have already paid their fees for 2020.

7-Feedback on races since last meeting

- Wimborne 10 - Generally very good although ladies toilet queues seemed long and one particular motor home driver, who was a bit lost, got in the way at the bottom of the final hill which could reflect on the event traffic control.
- Boscombe 10k – Someone was disappointed as they had not had a reply to their email for a deferred entry (which isn't an option). Debbie agreed to look into this, Khalil to forward the details.

Other feedback expressed disappointment that the course wasn't 100% road, but the short section across the golf course was clarified as within the limits, and has always been part of the course. Other than this it was a very well organised event.

- Christchurch 10k – Well organised. Other feedback asked if this could be held in the summer, when conditions would match the fast course and allow possible PB's for runners.
- Round The lakes – Dreadful rain so well done to all the marshals. The heavy winds resulted in one runner jumping in the lake, with no injury, and some confusion was seen as slower runners moved left and right when lapping runners were approaching.
- Broadstone Quarter – There were a number of positive comments in relation to the event including the hall for runners use, table space for recording details, marshals support and over £3,000 raised for charity. There were also some concerns raised about the route into the chip timing finish area (which the RD had already reflected on) and the number of runners running in the road, perhaps driven by the large volume of spectators.

8-Number of Clubs to be promoted from division 2 in 2020

This was raised as the new clubs joining the league mean that there is an imbalance between the two leagues.

A short discussion took place on potential options, including no relegation and one team up, one team relegated and two up and possibly two down and three up.

Richard Nunn confirmed that the rule could be changed providing it was shown as an agenda item and discussed as such at a DRRL meeting. It was therefore agreed that this rule would be put on the agenda of the next meeting (April 2020)

9- Update on County Medal

Peter Wallis had provided an update on the medal, with much effort having gone into the new County Award but essentially we're in the same position. Two more new artworks have been received since the last meeting but both are still nowhere near the brief, despite Peter having provided the artwork of the castle.

Peter was promised the corrected artwork before Christmas but it still isn't here, but it is hoped that it isn't long before it's seen. It will be circulated via whoever has the mailing list when it arrives, with details of delivery, etc.

The meeting acknowledged the update and also agreed that we should get a solution by next meeting or look at other options to progress the new medals. In the meantime we would provide current medals as we go in 2020 and update them when the new medals are sorted.

Note: Item 9, final paragraph is superseded by point 10, with a small change of direction for the timing of awards of county medals.

10- Feedback on Presentation of Awards at Broadstone

Overall the presentation was very successful, slick and professional. Mike Towner noted that he would amend things slightly next time, with less tables and more chairs, perhaps encouraging athletes due to receive medals to sit nearer the front rather than by the bar.

IT was agreed that the handing out of all DRRL and county medals at the event was also good, and perhaps helped promote the county awards too. Certificates could be presented post event and main medals with DRRL medals. An email could also be sent to CC winners in advance of the presentations so they could attend. This was agreed as a good idea.

11-Update on new website

Mike Towner gave an update on the website which needs the host company to do the transfer from the old website. They didn't work over Christmas and so couldn't do this on 1/1/20. The site was then transferred, but to the development site but this is now being corrected for tomorrow (Tuesday 7th January). Some blank pages will be seen but text will be added by Mike in next week or so. A few links may need to be updated accurately as well, for example the PO10 link. Mike will also look at this, and add a link to a pacers chart and the DRRL Facebook

The meeting agreed that minutes should only be included for the past 2 years, and not 8-10 years as held on the old website.

Mike asked for additional administrator, with Inès Braun, Debbie Dowsett (tentatively) and Suzanne Janes volunteering, Mike would arrange some training dates.

Steve Rigby fed back that the league information needed to be updated for relevant promotion/relegation team movements. Mike Towner / Peter Clarke agreed to let Richard Orme know about the changes.

Bill Hicks had sent in a query re the new website saying it was difficult to find the 75+ age category. Peter Clarke confirmed that this would be due to the category including up to 99 year olds and so the search would be different to the usual 5 or 10 year category blocks.

12-AOB

- i) Bill Hicks (RMPAC) advised the meeting, and race directors in particular, that if the start of an event changes by less than 150 metres (straight line) then they can change it themselves otherwise the course needs to be officially remeasured.
- ii) Inès Braun (DD) said that the marathon and relays were open for entries and for the meeting to advise their members
- iii) Graham Filmer (PAC) said that the 'Night of the PB' (track 10k) was also open for entries and for the meeting to advise their members
- iv) Inter County event feedback has been shared by Jerry Shield. Nigel Harding (PAC) has suggested the Yeovil events may work following time keeping at them. It was agreed that we would wait to hear which events are selected and then add something to the DRRL website encouraging interest. A standard would be identified to ensure a strong team would be selected, and a set of words provided (by Steve Rigby) to Mike Towner to add to the website to encourage runners to express their interest. If some runners came forward team management would then be considered.

13-Chair and date of next meeting

Steve Rigby offered to chair the next meeting on 6/4/20.

The following meeting will be on 6/7/20 (Inès to Chair), then 5/10/20 (Mike Towner to Chair) and 11/1/2021 (Chair to be confirmed).

Meeting closed 21:08.