



DORSET ROAD RACE LEAGUE

October Minutes

A meeting of clubs affiliated to the DRRL took place on 5th Oct 2020. The July meeting having been cancelled due to suspension of the league. The meeting was held via video conference due to the current government rules on lockdown. Those who responded to the email regarding the meeting taking place attended.

In attendance: - Mike Towner, Sarah Swift, Debbie Dowsett, Phil Hadrell, Scott Parfitt, Nichola Taylor, Jerry Shield, Abigail Baker, Gary Haylock, Matt Coggins, Ian White, Ian Graham, Suzanne Janes, Graeme Beckett, Graham Filmer, Steve Buller, Rachel Smith Harrison, Innes, Yvonne Stone.

Apologies from - Peter Wallis, Richard Nunn, Jean Henry and noted Matt Goggins left the meeting at 19:41.

Confirmation of minutes.

All confirmed they had read and agreed minutes from previous meeting.

UKA Guidelines for getting back to running - Ines

Ines read the group a document regarding the guidelines and requirements for returning to running/training. She will email this document to the group, to be published with the minutes.

MT asked for additional information in regards to Road Racing and Ines read further from the document.

This document is very extensive, and whilst read here all to read in detail when forwarded with the minutes and disseminate as necessary.

MT raised concerns about the increase in cost caused by new guidelines for smaller races.

JS asked about mass starts. MT to email him a document from Run Britain website.

General discussion surrounding field sizes and wave starts – there are no set numbers for this, it appears that it is dependent on the race organisers ability to meet social distancing requirements.

MT to circulate documentation from Run Britain on starts.

Broadstone Quarter Update

MT clarified that having discussed this, the Poole Runners committee had come to the decision that this event will not be going ahead.

Bournemouth 10 Updates

IW updated the meeting on their preparations for Bournemouth 10 and how they have planned to proceed and ensure they met all the requirements. They have reduced their entries to 450, with 14 waves of 33 runners. BAC feels that, having measured, the course is wide enough to accommodate social distancing and passing. Water stations have been removed, other than one planned area that requires runners to stop and sanitise first. There will be additional marshals and additional signage. Runners will be asked not to congregate at start or finish points.

IW happy to provide support to any other clubs looking to plan/risk assess further events.

JS talked about the Clarendon Marathon yesterday and how the organisers had communicated well with runners and implemented staggered starts. He was unsure how well their plan of starting slower runners first had worked, but generally it had gone smoothly.

Proposed races for 2021

MT raised the issue of races that might go ahead next year in regards to the DRRL. Broadstone Quarter is off, as is likely to be Blackmore Vale. Lytchett are hopeful that they can still host their race, but this is dependent on how things develop., provisional date 14/2. NDVM – Ines was unsure due to lack of marshals available from local Scout groups. May 5 – Poole AC, think their race is doubtful. Purbeck 10k – AB said no plans to host race. Portland 10 - NT said not feasible to host. Hoburn 5 is looking possible for sept as already agreed by Council. Wimborne 10 – JS said unsure as too far away. MT suggested that given the above it looks impossible to hold a DRRL in its usual format.

Ines suggested virtual races, IW said that these races usually only have about a 25% uptake. JS said that he doesn't think that it is feasible to put on a league unless races in their traditional form can return.

MT raised the possibility of a limited league starting in the middle of next year. SS, felt that there might be more normality by mid next year.

JS said that timetrials were a more realistic option.

MT raised the possibility of closed races just for DRRL clubs, general discussion around this.

Discussion around financial implications of new requirements for those putting on races and how this may affect race entry fees.

Decision made to publish on DRRL webpage and Facebook page, that next year's League is under review and that a further meeting will be held later in the year. Provisional date 16/11 7pm.

Poole Runners Winter Series

MT informed the group that the Winter Series had been put on hold due to worries public perception.

Update on County Medals – Peter Wallis

PW not present. DD updated that PW had been told that the medal supplier was not in production currently due to pandemic.

MT put forward that he has a different supplier and will submit a price at the next meeting.

Treasurers Report -Richard Nunn

RN not present. DD informed the group that there had been a £200 donation from PAC.

AOB

DD asked if anyone had an update on the proposed work at Bournemouth Track. IW said that he had heard that work was unlikely to start until Feb.

Further general discussion around how to put races on and whether smaller races might be easier to manage.

Date of Next Meeting

16 Nov 2020 7pm

Chair Jerry Shield