

Draft minutes of virtual DRRL committee meeting

(to be agreed at next meeting)

12/7/21

In attendance:-

Suzanne Janes (LDH) Chair, Debbie Dowsett (BJ) minutes, Mike Towner (PoR), Nichola Taylor (RMP), Dougie Scarfe (LMS), Jerry Shield (WAC) and Abigail Chivers (PuR)

Apologies received from:-

Steve Buller (PAC), Phil Hadrell (WSPH), Ian White (BAC), Jean Henry (WR), Rich Nelson (BAC), Jo Kain (GT), Ian Graham (BAC), Sarah Swift (PoR), Rachel Smith-Harrison (LDH) and Peter Wallis (CR) Rachel Smith-Harrison (LDH)

1-Update on races for 2021

Upton Summer series has gone ahead as planned. Lychett 10 is still due to take place 22/8/21. Bournemouth 10 is due to take place, as planned. Hoburne 5 has been confirmed as cancelled. Boscombe 10K confirmed 28 November. Wimborne is due to take place 21 November, but not yet confirmed. DD asked how race organisers are managing additional COVID precautions. General consensus is all manageable and most likely to continue as more events go ahead. DD also asked about consulting Safety Advisory Group (SAG) re races. MT advised it wasn't necessary for Upton Summer series as already an established event. When Poole Runners were trying to arrange a Winter Series, they did have SAG involvement as long break since it was last run. It was noted that event organisers need to produce their usual risk assessment as well as a COVID risk assessment. MT advised events team at BCP are very helpful and approachable.

2- Proposed calendar for 2022

Those present agreed it was probably fair to ask the organisers of the 2020 DRRL events if they are happy to be included for 2022. It was decided that when the minutes are circulated, race organisers will be asked to confirm their intention to go ahead in 2022. Anticipated events:-

Broadstone ¼

Blackmore Vale ½

Lytchett 10

Marnhull 12K

NDVM

May 5

Puddletown Plod ½

Purbeck 10K

Portland 10m

Hoburne 5

Gold Hill 10K

Wimborne 10

3- Dorset County medals

MT advised medals have been produced and are currently awaiting shipment. Delivery expected by mid-August. Once in UK, the boxes will be engraved at no additional cost. Any engraving of the medals would incur costs. It was agreed just the plaque of the box would be sufficient. Plan to present at Broadstone ¼ 2022.

4-LiRF to runner ratio

DD asked how clubs are managing groups in light of recent emphasis by EA that there should be 1 LiRF to 12 runners. AC advised interpretation of wording is that it is guidance, as opposed to a regulation. SJ advised after scrutinising the EA coaching insurance, as long as a LiRF asks another runner to assist with larger sessions, insurance remains valid: Assistant doesn't have to be a LiRF. Discussion around clubs not being aware this was a requirement. Clubs with several LiRFs often have enough per session anyway. It was acknowledged that there doesn't have to be a certified LiRF/coach to lead runs at all. Link to relevant EA docs-see section 5 <https://england-athletics-prod-assets-bucket.s3.amazonaws.com/2021/05/Guidance-FAQs-2021-v4.pdf>

NT asked if other clubs train LiRFs internally. Other clubs not aware so NT will source the relevant information to share with clubs.

5-Website update

MT reports that within cost of purchasing updated website, a group training session, to cover adding docs and keeping info up to date was outstanding. This was delayed due to lockdown. SJ, MT, JS and NT are all happy to receive training. MT will look to arrange a date. MT further advised annual maintenance of the website, such as applying patches, is not included in the training. Emma will do that for us for 2021, but there will be a cost going forward. JS confirms he still manages the maintenance of domain name and liaises with Richard Nunn for reimbursement.

6-Chip timing kit

Discussion around DRRL purchasing chip timing equipment to be hired by event organisers in the county. It was noted equipment would need to be stored and maintained, including software updates. It was also agreed that current timing providers deal with set-up, issue of numbers and results. It was felt that the burden of using and maintaining the equipment may fall on one or two people. Those present felt more pitfalls than benefits. It was suggested that committee approach local company, such as Timing Monkey, and try and arrange a discount for commitment to doing several local events.

AOB

JS-Advised there is still an option to put in a team for SW County RRL. However, no response to email circulated in May so probably too late for response date of 18/7/21. Cornwall, Devon, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire all participating. Discussion around expenses as travel

required. Agreed reasonable expenses could be paid. Agreed Dorset will pass for 2021 but promote for 2022. Male and female teams and a local race could be promoted.

MT said minutes need to be circulated and published as 'draft' until they have been agreed at next committee meeting.

SJ asked if those present happy to be included in a Messenger chat group for quick contact. All happy.

SJ asked how clubs plan to run sessions post 19/7/21. Mix of resuming pre-COVID group arrangements, avoiding meeting in small indoor spaces and continuing to ask members to book sessions. All agreed it was useful to know who to expect for sessions. Discussion around booking being a barrier to participation versus being useful to run leaders. Most races likely to continue with COVID best practices in place.

JS thanked SJ for chairing and asked if she would she be prepared to continue. SJ happy to do so.

Next meeting provisionally agreed planned for 13/9/21. Discussion around virtual versus face-to-face meeting. Consensus of those present was to continue with virtual meetings, but to be confirmed.

Meeting closed 20:25.