

Minutes of virtual DRRL committee meeting

Monday 7th November 2022 7pm

Attendees:-

Suzanne Janes **Chair**-LDH, Debbie Dowsett **Minutes** BJ, Jerry Shield WAC, Ian White BAC, Mike Towner PR, Graham Filmer PAC, Steve Buller PAC, Nichola Taylor RMPPR, Ian Edwards HH, Jo Kain GT, Vikki Sedgley CR, Peter Wallis CR, Joe Godden PR, Nigel Haywood PuR, Abigail Baker PuR, Dougie Scarfe LMS, Richard Swindlehurst TTC, Steve Cook TTC and Brian Fields EH

1-Apologies for absence:-

Received and noted from Richard Nunn WAC, Ian Graham BAC. Alex Moller (EH), Bruce Campbell (EH), Sarah Swift PR representing DCC and Pete Clarke WSPH.

2-Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Minutes previously approved by email and no matters arising.

3-Review of races since last meeting (05/09/22)

HOBURNE 5-A few runners went the wrong way at the start due to a combination of not following instructions given before the start and the marshal having moved away from their position. Also mentioned that pre-race briefing was delivered but then there was a wait before the race started. There was no warning before the runners were started. PW acknowledged comments and said lessons have been learned.

GOLD HILL 10K- There were long queues for ladies and gents toilets before the race started. This was due to site manager at the school not opening all the facilities, including showers, which the event organisers had been expecting. Too short notice to arrange temporary toilets.

4-Finalise DRRL events for 2023

Broadstone - Jan 1st

Lytchett 10 - Feb 12th-DCC

Marnhull 12K - Apr 16th

NDVM - Apr 30th-DCC

The May 5 - May 21st-U17

Puddletown Plod - Jun 11th-DCC

Portland 10 - Jul 2nd

Stur Half - Aug 6th

Hoburne 5 - Sep 24-TBC-U17

Gold Hill 10K - Oct 8th-U17

Weymouth 10- Oct 22

Boscombe 10k - Nov 26th-DCC-U17

JS confirmed Weymouth 10 has a new Race Director and they are prepared to obtain a UKA licence for 2023.

SJ proposed the calendar and unanimously agreed.

5-Financial update

Provided by Richard Nunn.

Treasurers Report

The only entries this year have been £125 from RRL entry fees and costs of £38 being medal engraving and trophy labels.

This results in a net surplus to date for the year of £87 which follows on from last years surplus of expenditure of £1219 due to purchase of medals.

There have been no donations from events held.

Expenses:

Note: It is not the practice in athletics to pay expenses (except in exceptional circumstances) apart from actual costs incurred.

As far as 'training costs' are concerned that is in the domain of clubs to recover from participating athletes and cannot be covered by Dorset County AA. The closest we have ever got to this is where courses or seminars are arranged by the County for the benefit of affiliated clubs.

Any changes to this policy will need to be approved by the DCAA Exec Cttee.

Committee noted that no donations have been made by organisers of races in 2023. Agree that those present discuss with Race Directors/committees to encourage contributions.

6-Proposed change to league structure for 2023

RS explained that TTC have worked hard at races in 2022 to try and secure promotion to division one. Despite being likely to finish at the top of division 2 for the season, they will remain in division two under the new structure. TTC members feel change in structure shouldn't be advised at this stage of the season. RS acknowledged that had representatives of the club attended DRRL meetings

during 2022, they could have contributed to the debate. RS also advised Dorchester Riot could be adversely affected by changing the structure for 2023, although no representatives from the club were in attendance. JS acknowledged the points made.

Extensive debate ensued to try and agree a satisfactory resolution. Agreed that having three divisions would encourage competition but no clear consensus on how that could be achieved for 2023. Further debate on how to decide which clubs would be in which division. Suggestions included having one league for 2023 and then forming the new divisions for 2024 based on finishing positions. Due to differing numbers of runners to score in each division, and Richard Orme not being present to advise if that could be in place for 2023, the suggestion was not taken forward. Also suggested that three teams could be relegated from division one and one team promoted to be in division two at the end of 2023. Various club representatives made their points from the perspective of their club's circumstances. There was general agreement that it was unfair to make the changes from the start of 2023 but no consensus could be reached on the way forward.

SJ proposed that the previously agreed changes be delayed to start in 2024 with the previously agreed process for forming the three divisions. Those present voted with one vote per club to count.

8-in favour

3-against

2-abstentions

Proposal carried.

7-AOB

MT proposed usual style of trophies for the 2023 presentation. Agreed.

PW asked how clubs felt about asking DRRL for short term loans if race organisers were to experience cash flow issues when trying to put on events. Agreed that as much as possible should be done to support clubs arranging local events. DCC committee would need to be approached to authorise any release of funds, though.

8-Date of next meeting

Monday 6 February 2023 7pm via Zoom.

