

# Draft minutes of DRRL committee meeting

**Monday 09/10/23**

## **1-Attendees:-**

Suzanne Janes **Chair**-LDH, Debbie Dowsett **Minutes** BJ, Jerry Shield WAC, Mike Towner PR, Graham Filmer (PAC), Nichola Taylor (RMPRC), Jo Kain GT, Steve Rigby (TTC), Abigail Baker PuR, Steve Williams (LDH), Sarah Swift (Dorset County), Roger Cross (PR), Alex Door (EH), Inés Braun (DD), Aaron Beaton (WR) and Dougie Scarfe (LMS)

## **2-Apologies for absence:-**

Received and noted from Ian White (BAC), Judith Coole (WR), Peter Wallis (CR)

## **3-Minutes of last meeting and actions:-**

Minutes approved via email and SJ confirmed actions O/S.

- No representatives had any volunteers to become course measurers
- Representatives had reminded members to wear club colours for league races
- MT advised there are still some dates of birth missing from DRRL results-see item 6
- DD confirmed DCC qualifiers are now clearly visible on entry list for Boscombe 10K.

## **4-Feedback on recent races**

### **Round the lakes**

Generally felt to be well organised on the day. SJ thanked GF for getting the race arranged at short notice so league wasn't affected. It was advised that there wasn't much info for those who entered on the day. GF noted and will feed back to race committee.

### **Gold Hill**

Again, felt to be well organised and particular praise for handmade ceramic medals. Results were published very quickly and runners like them being posted around the finish area. There were some runners who were unable to purchase post-run refreshments as they didn't have cash. IB advised a card machine was available so will feed back to race committee so they are aware in future.

## **5-Proposed DRR league races for 2024**

JS has reviewed races over last 10 years to try and find a mix of distances and locations. Shared with committee (see appendix i) Draft proposal had 11 events with committee to discuss 12<sup>th</sup> race. JS explained many events have folded so choice is more limited. Geographically, there seems to be far fewer events to the west of the county. As always, the focus is on races organised by clubs, rather than commercial companies. AB confirmed Purbeck 10K is due to return in 2024.

Discussion around possible events. Egdon Easy has more than 10% off tarmac so isn't a candidate for inclusion. NT advised RMPRC cannot commit to holding Round the Rock and Portland 10 as there

isn't enough support. Egdon helped with events if it meant both could take place. DS said he wasn't sure Lytchett 10 would be viable if it wasn't a league race. Agreed Christmas 10K is quite late in the calendar to be included and has potential to be cancelled, as has happened recently. This could cause issues for league results. It was also agreed that generally the race fills up and is viable. It was also noted that as Hoburne 5 is due to make a return in 2024, CR would then have two league races within a relatively short space of time.

Discussion around new and returning races. There are hopes Gilly Hilly will return in 2025 and possibly Milborne 10. However, neither will be ready for 2024. There is also work being done to see if a fast and flat 5K event could be arranged at Winfrith. MT confirmed that PR have a measured 5K course that could be used for similar race. Agreed that Winfrith proposal is so there is somewhere different for runners to race. Bournemouth Bay Run is organised by charity so wouldn't be chosen if there are club races available.

There are gaps in the calendar, due to timings of races. **Actions NT will speak to race committee to see if Round the Rock 10K could be run in July. DS will see if the date of Lytchett 10 can be moved further along, but acknowledged that will be dependent on availability of the school.** Committee meeting 19/10 so he will feed back after that date.

Based on races so far, MT proposed that Dorset County Championship races for 2024 are:

Blackmore Vale ½

NDVM

Purbeck 10K

Wimborne 10.

Agreed.

SJ thanked JS for all his efforts in producing a draft calendar. Agreed a decision around finalising races can be made virtually.

## **6- Missing dates of birth**

MT advised there are still several club runners for whom there is no year of birth recorded for results purposes. He will pass on a list of queries to DD who will share with club reps alongside minutes of the meeting. **Action- JS and DD said they would deal with any queries for their clubs.** SS asked if it would be possible to create a 'missing DOB' category within the results to make identification easier. MT suggested advice would have to be sought from Richard Orme about that. **Action-DD will ensure Richard's email address is included when minutes are shared with clubs.**

## **7-AOB**

a-DD advised she has been asked to raise the issue of infrequent financial updates. SS confirmed that there is very little change in the balances once the awards have been paid for and club's renewal fees have been paid. SS also confirmed that audited accounts are presented to the Dorset County AGM annually so are available if anyone wishes to see them. Agreed that an annual update after this period would be useful, as well as confirming which clubs have renewed their affiliation.

b-MT asked if committee would approve around £800 for end of year awards-agreed.

c-Discussion around the level of club affiliation fees and if an increase would be appropriate, given that EA are increasing their charges. **Action-DD will contact Richard Nunn for his thoughts.**

d-JS noted that not all club contacts use social media so are not included in the committee Messenger group. This leads to some clubs not being aware of urgent matters and general discussion. Agreed that it would probably be more inclusive if a WhatsApp group was created. No firm plan to take that forward. To be discussed at next meeting.

e-DD reminded everyone that Boscombe 10K is open for entries and is also short of marshals so any volunteers would be welcomed.

f-MT asked if anyone had any suggestions for who could present the awards at the presentation at Broadstone. There are a few names being considered but any other proposals would be considered.

g- NT advised that At the Dumble Bimble, RMPAC charity run, a runner from another DRRL club was extremely rude and swore to volunteers at registration. She asked that clubs remind runners that this kind of behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Agreed.

#### **8-Date of next meeting**

08/01/24 at 7pm

Appendix 1

	2024	2023	2022
Jan	Broadstone QM	Broadstone QM	Broadstone QM
Feb	Blackmore Vale HM Lytchett ? XX	Lytchett 10m	Blackmore Vale HM Lytchett 10m
Mar	XX		
Apr	XX		
May	North Dorset M The May 5m	Marnhull 12K North Dorset M The May 5m	Marnhull 12K North Dorset M The May 5m
Jun	Purbeck 10K	Puddletown Plod HM	Puddletown Plod HM Round the lakes 10k
Jul	Round the Rock? XX	Portland 10m	Portland 10m
Aug	Stur HM XX	Stur HM	
Sep	Hoburne 5m XX	Round the Lakes 10k	Hoburne 5m
Oct	Weymouth 10m	Gold Hill 10k Weymouth 10m	Gold Hill 10k
Nov	XX Wimborne 10m Boscombe 10k	Boscombe 10k	Wimborne 10m
Summary	2 * 5m 2 * 10k 1 * QM  3 * 10m 2 * HM	1 * 5m 3 * 10k 1 * QM 1 * 12k 3 * 10m 2 * HM	2 * 5m 2 * 10k 1 * QM 1 * 12k 3 * 10m 2 * HM
	1 * M	1 * M	1 * M

	2019	2018	2017	2016
Broadstone QM	Broadstone QM	Broadstone QM	Broadstone QM	Broadstone QM
Lytchett 10m	Blackmore Vale HM	Blackmore Vale HM	Blackmore Vale HM	Blackmore Vale HM
Bournemouth 10m	Bournemouth 10m	Lytchett 10m	Bournemouth 10m	Bournemouth 10m
	Rotary QM			
North Dorset M The May 5m	North Dorset M	North Dorset M	North Dorset M	North Dorset M
Puddletown Plod HM Purbeck 10k		Puddletown Plod HM Purbeck 10k	Poole 10k Puddletown Plod HM Purbeck 10k	
	Portland 10m	Portland 10m		
Stur HM Round the rock 10k	Stur HM Round the rock 10k	Round the rock 10k	Round the rock 10k	Round the rock 10k
Littledown 5m	Hoburne 5m	Littledown 5m	Hoburne 5m	
	Gold Hill 10k	Gold Hill 10k	Gold Hill 10k	
Wimborne 10m Boscombe 10k	Wimborne 10m Boscombe 10k	Gilly Hilly 7.5m Boscombe 10k	Wimborne 10m Boscombe 10k	
2 * 5m	1 * 5m	1 * 5m	1 * 5m	
3 * 10k	3 * 10k	4 * 10k	5 * 10k	
1 * QM	2 * QM	1 * QM	1 * QM	
3 * 10m	3 * 10m	1 * 7.5m 2 * 10m	2 * 10m	
2 * HM	2 * HM	2 * HM	2 * HM	
1 * M	1 * M	1 * M	1 * M	

2015	2014	2013	2012
Broadstone QM	Broadstone QM	Broadstone QM	Broadstone QM Milborne 10m
Blackmore Vale HM Lytchett 10m	Blackmore Vale HM Lytchett 10m	Blackmore Vale HM Lytchett 10m	Blackmore Vale HM Lytchett 10m
		March Hare 20m	March Hare 20m
Rotary QM			
North Dorset M	North Dorset M		
	Poole 10k		Poole 10k
Purbeck 10k	Purbeck 10k	Puddletown Plod HM Purbeck 10k	Purbeck 10k
Portland 10m	Portland 10m	Portland 10m	
Stur HM	Stur HM	Stur HM	Swanage HM Stur HM
			Hoburne 5m
Littledown 5m	Littledown 5m	Littledown 5m	
	Gold Hill 10k		
Weymouth 10m		Weymouth 10m	
Gilly Hilly 7.5m	Gilly Hilly 7.5m Wimborne 10m	Gilly Hilly 7.5m	Wimborne 10m Boscombe 10k
Boscombe 10k		Boscombe 10k	
1 * 5m	1 * 5m	1 * 5m	1 * 5m
2 * 10k	3 * 10k	2 * 10k	3 * 10k
2 * QM	1 * QM	1 * QM	1 * QM
1 * 7.5m	1 * 7.5m	1 * 7.5m	
3 * 10m	3 * 10m	3 * 10m	3 * 10m
2 * HM	2 * HM	3 * HM	3 * HM
		1 * 20m	1 * 20m
1 * M	1 * M		