

# Minutes of virtual DRRL committee meeting

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 7pm

## Apologies for absence:-

Received and noted from Joe Godden PR, Ian Graham BAC. Judith Coole WR, Sarah Swift PR representing DCC, Abigail Baker PuR and Dougie Scarfe LMS.

## Attendees:-

Suzanne Janes **Chair**-LDH, Debbie Dowsett **Minutes** BJ, Jerry Shield WAC, Ines Braun DD, Ian White BAC, Mike Towner PR, Graham Filmer PAC, Nichola Taylor RMPR, Ian Edwards HH, Jo Kain GT, Vikki Sedgley CR. Peter Wallis CR

## Actions from last meeting

IB confirmed that all concerns raised about Puddletown Plod have been discussed with Race Director and will be taken into consideration for 2023, It was suggested that Egdon Heath could be consulted to assist with organisation in future years. Committee thanked IB for dealing with issue.

GF asked if committee had decided regarding league events being cupless. Discussed and agreed league races would be asked to provide recyclable cups/bottles if they are a league event. Runners can be encouraged to bring their own hydration, but water should be freely available.

SJ asked if events needed to have sweeper or if it was only best practice. Agreed sweeper or vehicle at the back were necessary.

IB confirmed Gold Hill for 2022 is going ahead.

## Review of recent races:-

Sturminster 1/2 marathon went well and JS praised organisers for ensuring additional water stations were available as it was very hot.

## Proposed changes to league structure

IB raised concerns at number of runners needed to score for division one. PW advised his club is mainly social runners with little desire for competition. Discussion around difficulty smaller clubs have getting a team out so unlikely they would be able to compete in top division. Discussed practicalities of team size being pro rata. Agreed not manageable. IW pointed out that some larger clubs face similar issues as many members are track and field athletes. JS shared a proposal for creating three divisions based on finishing positions at the end of 2022. Agreed new structure for 2023 and JS will produce slides for MT to present at Broadstone ¼, although clubs will be made aware before then via email to club contacts, social media and DRRL website. SJ, CR and JK abstained but proposal carried by remaining clubs.

## Distribution of county funds

PW asked if committee had a financial report. DD confirmed nothing received recently. PW suggested county funds could be utilised for training courses for the benefit of clubs. Also discussion around expenses for race officials being paid from county funds. PW advised some officials don't

want to take expenses from charity funds race generate so any officials' expenses could be paid from county funds. IB advised EA pay some expenses for race adjudicators. PW asked if DRRL committee would consider taking on any local races threatened with demise. Discussion and will revisit if situation arises.

### **Proposed races for DDRL 2023**

IW confirmed Bournemouth 10 is not due to take place in 2023. Looking for race director to take forward in future years. SJ advised Littledown marathon and Littledown 5 not due to go ahead for same reason. IB advised she is withdrawing from supporting Blackmore Vale ½ but Lions plan to still stage the event. Discussion around Purbeck 10 being due to go ahead but as part of carnival so too close to other DRRL races to be practical to include for 2023. JS advised Wimborne 10 would be happy to give up league slot if Weymouth 10 could be included again. Discussion around licensing of that event as appears to be ARC, rather than EA. JS will contact Race Director to discuss. Proposed league races for 2023:-

Broadstone ¼

\*Lytchett 10-DCC

\*Marnhull 12K

NDVM- DCC

May 5 -U17

\*Puddletown Plod- DCC

Portland 10

\*Sturminster ½

Hoburne 5 -U17

Gold Hill 10K-U17

Wimborne 10

Boscombe 10K-DCC-U17

Committee agreed and JS to contact organisers of events not \* to confirm races going ahead and happy to be league events.

### **AOB**

PW asked if other RDs have had issues with payments from Run Britain as delays can cause cash flow issues. Discussion around bank account names but no other clubs seem to have been affected. PW also asked if clubs can remind members there are still places for Hoburne 5 for this year.

GF had to leave at 20:26

MT will present DCC medals for Stur ½ at Hoburne. Committee agreed no changes to age categories for DCC events and criteria to qualify for DCC is date of race. Also advised re-launched Winter Series

only had 16 spaces left. Also confirmed funds available to purchase trophies for presentation at Broadstone. Although no financial report received, no reason to assume there aren't sufficient funds to proceed as usual.

IE advised Hamworthy Harriers athlete's results are still not on website. JS advised Richard Orme is aware and he will chase.

IB advised Gold Hill is almost ½ full so places still available.

**Date of next meeting** 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 7pm via Zoom

**Meeting closed 20:34**