

# Draft minutes of DRRL committee meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## 1-Attendees:-

Suzanne Janes **Chair**-LDH, Debbie Dowsett **Minutes** BJ, Mike Towner PR, Graham Filmer (PAC), Nichola Taylor (RMPRC), Jo Kain GT, Steve Rigby (TTC), Stuart PuR, Sharon Taylor (LDH), Sarah Swift (Dorset County), Ian White (BAC,) Judith Hibbert (WR) and Peter Wallis (CR)

## 2-Apologies for absence:-

Received and noted from Roger Cross (PR) and Jerry Shield (WRC)

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

Minutes approved via email and SJ confirmed no actions O/S

## 4-Feedback on races since last meeting

a-Weymouth 10-Nothing to report. All appeared to go well.

b-Boscombe 10K-Comments about how well road-crossings work and enjoyable for those marshalling. Donations to food bank a great idea but could possibly have been better advertised. Good that number transfers were permissible until close to race.

c-Junction ¼ marathon-Noted that start of 2<sup>nd</sup> lap was much better organised this year and worked well. Positive feedback about torch memento. Presentation of awards afterwards went very well with none left to be distributed afterwards. SJ thanked MT for organising. SS thanked SJ for presenting the awards. MT advised one club have asked for additional glassware for a team member and any other clubs who would like more should let him know.

## 5-Promotion of DCC races

MT has noted that not all races are making it clear that they are DCC events and providing box to tick on their entries. This appears to be more of an issue with races that aren't wholly organised by clubs. MT suggested that an email could be sent to selected race organisers advising them they have been selected and what requirements are. Agreed. **ACTION** MT will draft.

## 6-Potential issues with races selected for 2024

PW confirmed he will not be race director for Hoburne 5 due to family wedding. Currently, no one else has stepped forward to be RD but he explained it would be easy enough for someone to take over. Many processes in place and landowners are helpful. Christchurch Runners will support.

DD confirmed there is currently no RD for Boscombe 10K 2024 but club AGM is approaching and agenda item for that.

SR advised that TTC are looking at arranging a race but that is taking time. **ACTION**-In the meantime, he will raise with committee to see if they could take on either event. JH also expressed an interest in being RD for Boscombe 10K. **ACTION** DD will liaise with both after club AGM.

NT advised Round the Rock committee are working through new requirements from local council re siting of signs. Agreed that councils are presenting more and more bureaucracy for race organisers and are not consistent.

## **7-AOB**

IW advised he has had feedback when speaking with runners re wearing of club vests for DRRL races. Some runners feel they have been singled out and discriminated against when having team points removed for not wearing a vest. Example was BAC lady at Boscombe 10k was not removed from team results for not wearing a vest when others have been at other events. IW asked who is policing the rule and if it is absolutely necessary. Discussion around race referee having ultimate responsibility for decisions but if they aren't aware, they won't know there's a problem. Agreed that the rule comes from UKA and is necessary to ensure fair racing so runners can clearly identify those they may wish to try and catch. Agreed team captains are responsible for ensuring runners are wearing a vest. Suggestion that not all runners have more than one club vest and may not have a clean one available. Agreed that most runners are happy and proud to wear their club vests and only a minority of repeat offenders. Captains also responsible making sure new runners are aware of the rule. JK raised the issue of some runners having a medical reason for not wearing a vest and MT advised CJ Sports in Winton will print any club name on an alternative top. JK also asked if those with a medical condition could have their race number marked in a clear way so referee, organisers and other runners are aware of medical exemption without having to disclose what the condition is. PW reminded everyone that runners can wear an alternative top in club colours. SS confirmed that variations have to be registered with UKA but agreed that option is available. PW advised that PBT Teamwear is happy to fulfil small orders of club kit at reasonable prices. IW made the point that if some runners are exempt from wearing a vest for any reason, the rule is contradictory. SR asked if anyone was aware how rule is applied in Hants RRL: No one knew. SJ summarised that rules will continue to be applied and clubs are responsible for ensuring runners comply or risk disqualification from team results but individual points still stand.

MT advised DRRL rules are out of date as there are now three leagues. SJ asked for a volunteer to update them. MT will draft and circulate to SJ and SS for approval.

JK asked if a decision had been made on increasing affiliation fees to DRRL. DD advised no response from Richard to her email. SS advised Dorset committee meeting due shortly so she will discuss with him. No clubs have had their invoices for 2024 yet.

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

08/04/24 7pm

Meeting closed 19:58