

Minutes of DRRL committee meeting

Monday 13/05/2024

1-Attendees:-

Steve Rigby **Chair**-(TTC), Debbie Dowsett **Minutes** (BJ), Mike Towner (PR and DC), Graham Filmer (PAC), Jo Kain (GT), Abigail Baker (PuR), Judith Hibbert (WR left 19:27), Ines Braun (DD), Alex Door (EH), Peter Wallis (CR), Sharon Taylor (LDH). Steve Williams (LDH), Nichola Taylor (RMP), Jerry Sheild (WRC) and Eleanor Rollett (RIOT left 19:47)

2-Apologies for absence:-

Received and noted from Roger Cross (PR), Richard Nelson (BAC), Ian White (BAC), Dougie Scarfe (LMS) and Sarah Swift (DC)

3-Minutes of last meeting and actions:-

Minutes approved via email. Actions from minutes:-

i-SR fed back it hasn't been possible to pursue arranging a race at Winfrith for too many barriers to overcome.

ii-MT fed back that there's no possibility of a race at Tarrant Rushton after liaising with landowner.

iii-JH advised no one has emailed her with the tasks they currently carry out on behalf of DRRL.

ACTION-all to email her.

iv-MT and SR have meeting with organisers of Blackmore Vale in hand and will report back at next meeting.

v-DD fed back that Wimborne AC have advised it isn't possible to utilise a lap of Wimborne 20 as an alternative to Hoburne 5.

4-Feedback on races since last meeting

NDVM

All agreed everything went well. Some feedback that there were a lot of cyclists on the course. Discussion around option to purchase race mementos rather than them being given to all. IB plans to survey all entrants to get their feedback on the subject. Agreed that race costs are easier to contain and other events may do the same.

5-Update DRRL races for 2024

GF advised it would be possible to re-run Round the Lakes as a replacement for Hoburne 5 but timing may be a problem as the club has other events to arrange around that time. AD advised that Egdon Easy would be keen to step in but not enough time for 2024 now. IB advised Gold Hill venue under review so not an option for 2024 and Gilly Hilly is too long for junior runners. Discussion around any other possible events and agreed Round the Lakes is the only possible option for 2024. MT offered to supply 7 marshals from PR. All agreed other clubs should be able to support as well. Discussion around date and provisionally agreed 09/24.

Discussion around alternatives for 2025 and agreed Egdon Easy likely to be a good choice and AD advised most of the paths are now tarmac so should meet criteria for being a road race. IB is investigating possibility of bringing Milbourne 10 back for 2025 and asked if anyone had any contacts for the school. NT can provide a contact. MT advised there may be a 5K route at Boscombe. JH left the meeting at 19:27

Further discussion around how to confirm what percentage of a race can be off tarmac to be a road race. Only guidance anyone has found is over 20 years old.

6-AOB

MT asked if he can now remove Hoburne 5 from website and add Round the Lakes. Agreed.

DD raised the issue of many races struggling to be viable. AD suggested a reduction in the number of league races per year to give some events the chance to take a break. SR noted there would be less risk of injury if races were spaced out a bit more. Possibility of 8/10 or 7/9 to score. SR was concerned some clubs rely on races for income. GF confirmed PAC rely on their events to fund junior club events. Suggestion that clubs could be asked if their races are crucial to finances. **ACTION** committee to ask race organisers how they feel about the proposal.

JS asked if committee have feedback about Timing Monkey and their timing service. Agreed that on the day, they are very efficient and no issues. However, every race has experienced delays in receiving funds from race entries. All also reported difficulties with communication. For some events this has caused problems. Discussion around different ways of accepting payment for entries including only paying Timing Monkey for the timing on the day and using alternative means for collecting race entry fees. IB advised she also experienced difficulties with Run Britain due to a change in their systems. MT was aware of another company but had no direct experience of using them <https://www.evententry.co.uk/>

PW asked how clubs deal with issue of ICE details for new/casual runners. DD advised membership secretary shares details with coach leading session. NT advised RMP use <https://www.spond.com/try-it-its-free/> JS advised <https://runtogether.co.uk/support/runtogether-apps/> is an option. GF advised PAC encourage runners to carry parkrun ID as ICE details are clearly visible. It was noted that several runners use theirs when they run alone.

Date of next meeting 08\07\24

Meeting closed 20:02