

# Dorset Road Race League Committee Meeting

**Agenda 2 December 2024 7pm**

1. **Attendees:-**  
**Judith Hibbert, Roger Cross, Jerry Shield, Sarah Swift, Graham Filmer, Ines Braun, Joanne Cain, Sharon Taylor, Mark Everett, Peter Wallis, Eleanor Rollett, Abigail Baker, Bruce Campbell, Nic Taylor**
  
2. **Apologies for Absence** Mike Towner (Poole Runners), Hannah Cook (acting secretary), Alex Door, Rich Nelson
  
3. Open Actions from last meeting

Item	Discussion in meeting	Action
Judith to create a description of the role of the DRRL committee and the various roles to be added to the website/constitution	14/10/24 Carried forward to next meeting 2/12/24 Carried forward to next meeting	Carried forward to next meeting
Judith to get a finance update from Richard Nunn	14/10/24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £272 in account, reduction from previous years. This could be a mis-forecast with some races not yet paying their contribution.</li> <li>• This is in addition to an historical 'accumulated fund' of £18621.</li> <li>• Consider increasing affiliation fees in the future or put a levy on the races (e.g. 4 x the cost of entry) to ensure we can cover costs and trophies so the DRRL is self-sufficient.</li> <li>• Graham highlight the potential reduction from Charity races, could we explore some leniency where appropriate.</li> </ul>	2/12/24 Sarah confirmed that County have approved our request for funding for this year's trophies.  2/12/24 Mike has confirmed that if each race contributed 4 x race entry fee, this would raise £884, which combined with the affiliation fees of 12 x £25 would raise £1,184 per year which would cover the cost of trophies. Meeting to confirm this arrangement for 2025
Cost of trophies	Subject to the above, Mike to confirm we can afford the expected cost of this year's trophies bearing in mind we now have a 3 tier system (£700 from £577)	2/12/24 See above Committee to confirm  2/12/24 Agreed to move forward. Note to be added to DRRL invoice notice. Marnhull & Puddletown to be contacted

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Graham to ask Martin Yelling if he would present the prizes on 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan at Broadstone. If not, Mike to ask Richard Orme.	14/10/24 Graham has spoken to Liz, to be confirmed	2/12/24 Yellings unavailable. Bruce to ask if Richard Orme is available. Another option is Kath Sanderson
Verwood Runners would like to join DRRL for next year	14/10/24 Mike has sent details and awaiting final confirmation and name of person to join these meetings	2/12/24 DRRL constitution sent and Verwood runners have provided email addresses which have been added to the list for next year. Judith to work out how to get them added to the DRRL messenger chat.

4. Feedback on previous races
  - a. Boscombe 10k – positive regards comms especially in the weather circumstances, deliberately less KM markers than usual to prevent flying away, took a while to get out of the car park, add search / display club names
  - b. Wimborne 10 – runners leaving not always aware of runners finishing, tractor issue, some facebook replies a little curt, delays with number postage
  - c. Weymouth 10 – good feedback, loved having the pavilion HQ,
5. Permanent solution to role of Chair and Secretary
  - a. Chair: No further contact as yet. Judith has chased and will send a further follow up confirming if no response it will become vacant and will be refilled
  - b. Secretary: Very thankful for Hannah stepping in managing the minutes, however ideally it requires a permanent role. No volunteers came forward. Judith to write up role description
6. Underpaid postal items:
  - a. All sorted
7. Confirmation all races are OK with DRRL contribution proposal
  - a. Agreed – see action table above
8. Update on Marnhull.
  - a. Looking for a new race director. No decision date shared. Judith & Peter to contact outgoing RD. Possibly Round The Lake on 6<sup>h</sup> April as an alternative?
9. Publication of entry lists:
  - a. Request for all hosting clubs to publicize. Include in the DRRL invoice notes.
10. Communication when DRRL races reach capacity or allocation of spaces to DRRL affiliated clubs.
  - a. Enter early
  - b. Captains to follow up
  - c. Hosts to share regular entry percentage status, copy to DRRL messenger / DRRL facebook pages and email DRRL contacts
11. Chip v gun times for DRRL results (Hampshire RRL apparently moving to use chip times for results for their next season)
  - a. Roger shared the research he had done. A healthy debate of pros and cons ensued. Agreed to watch what happens and then review

12. County Champs entries and results

- a. Add guidance to the DRRL invoice notes to improve the efficiency and comms.

13. Number of qualifying races for individual championships (Bruce received feedback from Chris Peck has asked if we could look at reducing the qualifying races from 7 to 5 for the individual championship. With a count back to a 6th race for a tie. A lot of our Counties best runners fail to get 7 races in for various reasons.)

- a. A discussion of pros and cons took place. Vote for in favour of keeping at 7 – unanimous

14. **AOB**

- a. Add Joanne Cain as an attendee for the previous meetings minutes
- b. Nic confirming venue availability for RTR -

15. **Date of next meeting**

- a. 13 January 2025

**Agreement of 2025 races based on table below**

	Month	Race	Going Ahead	Confirmed in DRRL
1	Jan 1	Broadstone Quarter	Entries open	
2	Feb 9	Lytchett 10	Entries open	DCC 10m (needs retrospective admin)
3	April	Marnhull 12k	TBC	
4	May 4	NDVM	Yes	DCC Marathon
5	May 18	May 5	Yes	U17
6	June 13	Purbeck 10k	Yes	U17
7	June 8	Puddletown Plod	Yes	
8	July 6 (tbc)	Round the Rock 10k	Yes	U17
9	August 3	Stur Half	Yes	DCC HM
10	October 19	Weymouth 10	Yes	
11	November 16	Wimborne 10	Yes	
12	November 23	Boscombe 10k	Yes	DCC 10k U17