

Dorset Road Race League Committee Meeting

Minutes 13 January 2025 7pm

1. **Attendees:-**

Judith Hibbert, Nick Inge, Jerry Shield, Sarah Swift, Graham Filmer, Steve Williams, Paula Wright, Joanne Cain, Peter Wallis, Eleanor Rollett, Abigail Baker, Mike Towner, Hannah Cook, Ines Braun

2. **Apologies for Absence** Roger Cross, Alex Door

3. Open Actions from last meeting

Item	Discussion in meeting	Action
Judith to get a finance update from Richard Nunn	<p>14/10/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £272 in account, reduction from previous years. This could be a mis-forecast with some races not yet paying their contribution. This is in addition to an historical 'accumulated fund' of £18621. 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. Graham highlight the potential reduction from Charity races, could we explore some leniency where appropriate. 	<p>2/12/24</p> <p>Sarah confirmed that County have approved our request for funding for this year's trophies.</p> <p>2/12/24</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Meeting to confirm this arrangement for 2025</p> <p>13/1/25 Wording sent to Richard for inclusion in 2025 invoice.</p> <p>No DRRL affiliation invoices received yet. Formal invoice for race entry donation to follow after each race.</p> <p>All other races, managed by clubs will receive invoices, but may have discretion where raising funds for a charity such as Broadstone ¼ and Marnhull.</p> <p>Judith to write to Puddletown Plod organisers, to advise them of the fee.</p>
Verwood Runners would like to join DRRL for next year	Welcome to Verwood Runners to their first meeting.	<p>13/1/25</p> <p>To be added to Messenger chat.</p> <p>Done.</p>

4. Feedback on previous races	Broadstone ¼ marathon. Great, despite the weather! Finish worked well this year. Good pre-information regarding the weather.	No action required.
5. Permanent solution to role of Chair and Secretary a. Chair: Vote on replacement to be held b. Secretary: Volunteer requested	No further contact from Steve Rigby so it will be taken as his resignation from the role. Judith confirmed happy to stay on as chair. Seeking a secretary.	Judith confirmed as Chair. No volunteer came forward from the group, to promote on Facebook and all to ask all their club members, can be more than 1 person per club.
Dorset County Road Race secretary.	Volunteer required as Sarah Swift is stepping down from all volunteering roles from the middle of the year. Sarah explained that she currently sits on County meetings that takes place in person 3 times a year at Ashdown track. Needs someone who knows the runners, attends events and can support liaison between groups. Full details on previous minutes.	No-one came forward. To promote via social media. Anyone from any club can do the role.
Update on Marnhull.	They were looking for a new race director. Spencer Mogridge is new RD who met with the school. Looking at alternative dates that don't clash with anything – September 14 th .	To confirm on website with date as 14 th September (Mike). Jerry to confirm date with Spencer and also confirm fee payable. However, some flexibility offered as raising funds for a charity. Round The Lake on 6 ^h April remains as a back up option.
Promotion of 15 - 17 age group races	Consistently very poor attendance from juniors in road race league.	Suggested adding a prize category at relevant races to encourage competitors. All clubs to promote and encourage their juniors through their own junior coaches.
AOB	DRRL website Mike wrote to Emma Livermoore regarding some updates. No updates or security patches since 2019. To consider if results website, maintained by Richard Orme should be maintained, or requires security patches. However, not for us to	£100 quoted to make amendments, Mike progressing. To note: errors go via club captains to Richard Orme within 3 months, we don't get involved.

	<p>stipulate. Not confidential or commercial.</p> <p>Blackmore Vale not a DRRL and reference needs to be removed from their website.</p> <p>Race Directors training on 15th Feb. Peter to ask if others attending could share lifts.</p> <p>North Dorset relays are now open. Individuals can enter the relay and effort will be made to accommodate them within a team.</p> <p>Round the Rock date is still TBC</p>	<p>To ask Tim Otter to remove reference.</p> <p>Judith to share any useful resources.</p> <p>Nicola to confirm date</p>
Date of next meeting	Monday April 28 th	

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)
	May 4	NDVM	Yes	DCC Marathon
	May 18	May 5	Yes	U17
	June 13	Purbeck 10k	Yes	U17
	June 8	Puddletown Plod	Yes	
	July 6 (tbc)	Round the Rock 10k	Yes	U17
	August 3	Stur Half	Yes	DCC HM
	September 14	Marnhall		
	October 19	Weymouth 10	Yes	
	November 16	Wimborne 10	Yes	
	November 23	Boscombe 10k	Yes	DCC 10k U17