

# Dorset Road Race League Committee Meeting

**Agenda 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025 7pm**

1. **Attendees:-** Mike Towner, Ian Barnes, Steve Williams, Nicky Sawyer, Tim Gough, Jo, Roger Cross, Jerry, Abigail Baker, *(apologies if anyone missed off this list – we need an official Chair and minute taker to avoid these discrepancies)*
2. **Apologies for Absence** : - none received
3. Open Actions from last meeting

Item	Notes from previous meetings	Discussions at the meeting on 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept
1. Judith to get a finance update from Richard Nunn	<p>2/12/24 Sarah confirmed that County have approved our request for funding for this year's trophies.</p> <p>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</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> <p>19/4 Puddletown Plod and Marnhull Race Directors advised in</p>	<p>Matter closed. No further action. Agreed all clubs to pay 4 x the entry fee which goes towards paying for the trophies.</p>

	<p>person at RD course on 15/2</p> <p>Clubs not invoiced yet for their affiliation fee. Steve to speak to Richard as Treasurer to check invoices can be sent soon.</p> <p>Formal invoice for race entry donation to follow after each race of 4 x race entry fee.</p> <p>Broadstone Quarter and Lytchett 10 invoices sent and paid.</p>	
2. Feedback on previous races	<p>May 5 – all positive feedback</p> <p>Purbeck 10 - great other than terrible weather!</p> <p>Blackmore Vale – great additions to cope with the heat.</p>	Stur Half – all positive feedback. Minor discrepancies on results quickly sorted.
3. Race replacements	<p>Round the Lakes on 28th September offered as an option by PAC</p> <p>Round the Lakes on 28th September confirmed, also appropriate for U17 race.</p> <p>Blackmore Vale suggested on 13<sup>th</sup> July, it is EA licensed but some hesitancy due to issues at previous event around timing and results.</p> <p><b>Plan A. ACTION:</b> Mike &amp; Roger to talk to race organisers by 9<sup>th</sup> May to check how improvements have been made and if they could manage DRRL requirements, capacity and make relevant contributions.</p> <p><b>Plan B. ACTION:</b> Roger to check EA license for Run Bournemouth – some hesitancy due to high cost of entering. (Al says it is )</p>	Replacements were found and the 2025 DRRL race now finalised. Remaining races are in appendix below.

	<p><b>Plan C. ACTION:</b> Graham to talk to Bournemouth about Bournemouth 10 being re-planned for later in the year.</p> <p>14/07 - All future races confirmed and good to go.</p>	
<p>4. Replacing role of Chair and Secretary</p> <p>a. Chair: Vote on replacement to be held</p> <p>b. Secretary: Volunteer requested</p>	<p>13/1 Judith confirmed as Chair.</p> <p>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. Done. No-one has come forward</p> <p>19/4 Judith will be stepping down as Chair from mid August</p> <p>14/07 Judith leaves in 42 days, a replacement chair is needed.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> To review roles/responsibilities, could the JD be simplified? Post holders need to be comfortable with Googledrive for data security.</p> <p>Zoom account has been paid for for another year. <b>ACTION</b> Lee to follow up with Steve Rigby who paid for the account.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> Judith to send Mike Towner DRRL passwords just to hold until replacement chair and secretary is found.</p>	<p>No formal ongoing chair or secretary confirmed. However Heidi and Abigail agreed to set up next Zoom meeting and chair the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept.</p>
<p>5. Dorset County Road Race secretary.</p>	<p>No-one came forward. To promote via social media. Anyone from any club can do the role. Still need a secretary, no updates from members regarding talking to their club.</p> <p>Judith stepping down as Chair due to travel and relocation. ALL to think about capacity to undertake roles.</p>	<p>No formal ongoing chair or secretary confirmed. However Heidi and Abigail agreed to set up next Zoom meeting and chair the meeting n 29<sup>th</sup> Sept.</p>
<p>Update on Marnhull.</p>	<p>To confirm on website with date as 14<sup>th</sup> September (Mike).</p> <p>Jerry to confirm date with Spencer and also confirm fee payable. However, some flexibility offered as raising funds for a charity.</p>	<p>Boscombe 5k all good to go – but prom needs</p>

	<p>19/4 Judith met the RD at RD Course and he confirmed race was going ahead</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Ines to check date of Marnhall and confirm.</p> <p>14/07 Mike set up a Boscombe 5k in September as a replacement race. BCP now approved. It is a UKA club member only. Entries are open with max. entry limit of 250. <b>ACTION:</b> Club Captains to promote.</p>	<p>sweeping or a safety assessment will take place. Look out for any notice if the prom is not swept regarding safety.</p> <p>Feedback also taken on board that unfortunately the Boscombe 5k falls on same day at Weymouth triathlon where local club members are paid to marshal, as well as the event making it difficult to leave and return to Weymouth. This results in Weymouth runners very unlikely to be able to make this DRRL event. Consideration needs to be given to this to avoid any clubs feeling geographically isolated.</p>
RD Course	<p>Some concerns arouse regarding additional workload and liability over putting a race on, which may have caused races to be cancelled. However, it was noted that with proper risk assessments and event management, following EA guidelines, there is no additional personal liability as a race director.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Judit to talk to Portland to understand why they have cancelled.</p>	<p>Still appears to be concerns regarding personal liability. Mike to draft an email to EA regarding the concerns and leading to race cancellations and race director snot willing to complete all the lengthy paperwork and take personal risk. Lead to a discussion regarding EA Vs ARC races and inclusion in the DRRL. See next agenda item.</p>
“Should the DRRL “rules” be changed to allow selection of league races outside Dorset if there are insufficient in County?”	<p>With difficulty this year in securing the required 12 races much of the meeting was discussing other options such as using ARC registered races instead of EA, and including races in neighbouring Counties. These issues can’t be considered in isolation as some neighbouring Counties use ARC instead of EA.</p> <p>EA seems to be making it difficult and race directors are cautious of being held personally liable for any accidents or complaints – this seems to be a greater concern since a recent race directors training event.</p> <p><b>ACTION Mike</b> Towner to draft a letter to EA explaining the situation and seeking clarification.</p> <p>EA also seem to be adding further paperwork and costs, making the time and costs prohibitive for clubs and volunteers. However – these safety measures are there for the protection of athletes – questions asked over are ARC races offering sufficient safety measures.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – Due diligence required on differences between ARC and EA safety measures. <b>Alex</b> to get pro’s and con’s from Richard.</p>	

	<p>Course measurement probably the same as use the course measurer?</p> <p>Asked if ARC races also offer discount to EA registered athletes – answer YES.</p> <p>ARC races do not go on the Power of 10 website so some faster athletes may not wish to enter.</p> <p>An event organiser does not need to be a UKA club to organise an ARC event.</p> <p><b>Other considerations discussed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from competitive runners that fewer races would mean a more competitive field as less races to chose from.</li> <li>• We need to raise funds for trophies – which was why the 4X entry fee was introduced to be a DRRL event – usually more than covered by the increase in entries.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION FOR ALL</b></p> <p>To gain feedback from their club members/committee on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should ARC races be considered for DRRL?</li> <li>• Should races outside of the County be considered?</li> <li>• Should the number of races in the DRRL be reduced?</li> </ul>	
AOB	<p>Mike Towner approached by Shaftesbury Rotary regarding advice to improve race to meet DRRL standards. To share details with Steve to speak to them.</p> <p>Judith - needs a race referee – how do we find a race referee?</p> <p>Chris Potter is a timer so can't duplicate roles. Ask Roland.</p> <p>14/07 To consider looking at races in the bordering Counties where we are short of events, for example ARC races.</p>	<p>Update – this AOB was considered as an agenda item above.</p>
Date of next meeting	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	

## APPENDIX

**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
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	August 3	Stur Half	Yes	DCC HM
	September 14	Marnhull		
	October 19	Weymouth 10	Yes	
	November 16	Wimborne 10	Yes	
	November 23	Boscombe 10k	Yes	DCC 10k U17