

# Dorset Road Race League Committee Meeting

Agenda 29 September 2025 7pm

1. **Attendees:- Abigail Baker, Cary Gallagher, Heidi Snook, Mark- Littledown, Susie Palmer, Jo Kain Gillingham Trotters, Michael Towner, Karen Mitchel Dorchester RIOTI, Paula? LMS- Roger, Ian Barnes**
2. **Apologies for Absence :**
3. **Open Actions from last meeting**
  - a) 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. ACTION Mike Towner to draft a letter to EA explaining the situation and seeking clarification. 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. ACTION – Due diligence required on differences between ARC and EA safety measures. Alex to get pro's and con's from Richard
  - b) ACTION FOR ALL To gain feedback from their club members/committee on: Should ARC races be considered for DRRL? Should races outside of the County be considered? Should the number of races in the DRRL be reduced?

Item	Discussion in meeting	Action	Action
1. Action from last meeting	<p>Personal liability with EA. Thank you Mike for taking forward with RD and England Athletics. Misunderstandings between RD's and EA - no changes in public liability and requirements for running races. RD's are treated as club officials. Separate policy for this. There are no significant changes in license requirements.</p> <p>Update regarding best practice on ARC races. Alex was not in attendance.</p>	<p>Arrange for Barry Hopkins to meet with members of DRRL committee and RD's again to clarify EA position, especially those that have subsequently cancelled races. Anyone interested to express interest. To be arranged next 2 months.</p>	

2. Feed back from past DRRL races. (Boscombe Seafront 5K & "Round the Lakes)	<p>No concerns from Race organisers for Boscombe 5k. Results have been sent to EA so should be published soon. Overall positive feedback from those attending.</p> <p>Round the lake - race open for 15 + giving team prizes of bottles of wine and there were juniors in this winning team. Poole keen not to hold round the lakes twice in a year. Overall positive feedback from those attending.</p>	Race directors to consider prizes for U17 to ensure they have appropriate alternative.	
3. Feedback from discussions with EA	<p>Personal liability discussion with EA. Thank you Mike for taking forward discussion.</p> <p>EA believes there to be a misunderstanding between RD's and EA - there has been no changes in public liability and requirements for running races. RD's are treated as club officials. Separate policy for this.</p>	Arrange for Barry Hopkins from England Athletics to meet with members of DRRL committee and RD's again to clarify EA position, this is especially for those that have subsequently cancelled races as a result of the first meeting. Mike has agreed to arrange.	
4. Should the DRRL "rules " be changed to allow selection of league races outside Dorset?	8 clubs voted yes. 1 club voted against. General consensus was that this would be ok as long as sensible precautions were taken, including a race of a 'good distance' and not miles into the neighbouring counties.		
5. Should the DRRL accept races from Club s using ARC to licence their events	7 Clubs voted yes and 1 club voted no. Therefore ARC races can be used in DRRL but this should be kept the least amount possible.		

6. Selection of possible races for 2026.	<p>Races were selected for 2026 DRRL by the committee members attending the meeting.</p> <p>Boscombe 5km- Mike suggested they would be happy to be a stand by race.</p> <p>We have also put in Egdon Easy as a standby race as we did not have enough information to include it and it was felt that we had managed to create a league with EA affiliated races.</p> <p>We did not have enough information on Portland 10km or round the rock regarding its intention to run and therefore was not included in the list.</p>	<p>Those that have been allocated as county championships to include the required paperwork and statement on their entry website.</p> <p>As we did not have feedback from all DRRL clubs send out a draft list of races and ask for feedback by the end of the week. This gives clubs ample time to respond.</p>	
7. Volunteer and selection of DRRL chair	No volunteers		
8. Volunteer and selection of DRRL At Secretary.	No volunteers		
9. Date of next meeting.	26th January 2026	A meeting may occur earlier to meet with Barry from EA.	
AOB -	Trophy presentation for broadstone.	Graham to ask Liz Yelling if available.	

