

DORSET ROAD RACE LEAGUE

Minutes DRRL committee meeting Monday 27th April 2026 1900

1 Attendees: Joanne Kain (GT) Mike Towner (PR) Richard Orme (Results/EH) Tracy Brooks (PurR) Roger (PR) Steve Williams (LH) Ian Barnes (DD) Jerry Shield (WAC) Graham Filmer (PAC) Carys (WRC) Karen Mitchell

2 Apologies for absence: Phil Haddrell (Weymouth St Pauls)

3 Minutes from last meeting and actions arising: minutes accepted and approved by committee.

MT confirmed he had heard from St Gregorys that Marnhull 12k won't be continued by the school.
Update from IB that race may return in a different format- further updates if/when available.

Further action points incorporated into today's meeting.

4 Race feedback:

Blackmore Vale half marathon postponed due to flooding now 12th July with earlier start time

Lytchett 10 new route, slightly less downhill, car parking slightly more congested than usual

Bournemouth Bay half marathon Poole runners positive feedback, 2 runners stopped to assist runner in distress around mile 10 requiring run of mile to nearest marshal – all ended ok but overall 2 runners with extended run time and delay in getting help – could races offer runners a contact number if they are in difficulty? Concern about handing out personal contact details. Race start confusion whether in waves or continuous shuffle to start line – current DRRL policy is that gun time counts not chip time – reconsider if we use this race in future. Also water stations not evenly placed on a warm day.

5 Funding zoom/website: zoom account for committee meetings to auto renew 9th May 2026 at £135.90+taxes/vat ?options to use free service of 37/40minutes or ask if anyone has account we can use. Most of our meetings last hour+ on occasion hence for continuity purpose agreed to renew for this year and find out if there any alternatives. Consensus is to keep with online meetings. Roger to check with Dorset Athletics if interested - although currently they meet in person. Results page is now hosted by Egdon Heath to reduce financial burden. Website costs also increasing however renewal next due March 27 JS to bring details to next committee meeting

6 England Athletics changes to age groups: EA has changed U15 to U16 and U17 to U18 however as a county we have our own rules which aren't affected by these changes –our rule is minimum age 15 on day of race– agreed to keep as now without change - carried with no objections

7 Dates of birth: Discussion around GDPR and race entry information to enable league to analyse year of birth for age group categories – nb your data is part of your affiliation to EA/parkrun/club. Decision made that if you don't want any of your data analysed don't enter races. If you don't want your data analysed by DRRL then enter as unaffiliated ie you can race but you won't be taking part in the league. However if you want to be part of your club team you will need to disclose gender and contact the race organiser and DRRL results organiser who will give you a nominal age.

8a Volunteers: it was decided that all clubs would ask if anyone would be interested in becoming a course measurer, race adjudicator or race referee – funding might be available from reserves – and message to be added to facebook page. Note a race referee is required for county races not for drrl if under 300 participants and we have one level 2 referee in county = Chris Potter.

8b Chair and/or Secretary for DRRL: JK offered to act as chair for a year with suggestion that role is rotated around the clubs. Proposed MT seconded JS carried no objections

9 AOB: JK and JS to review email list for invitees to next meeting.

Mens 60-64 is blank on website MT to investigate and update.

MT requested promotion of U17 races - all clubs to promote and asked if those hosting races can put on their websites. *TB checked with race director and will be added to Purbeck 10k.*

JS website costs have significantly increased – pays and then reimbursed by Richard Nunn. Will bring to next meeting to discuss as concerns over website security/hosting. IB to look at.

10 Date of next meeting: Monday 13th July 1900

meeting closed 1957