

# **AGM Minutes**

**9pm**

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

**The Bow Room, The Exchange, Sturminster Newton**

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence (John Cowley)**

John thanked everyone for attending and noted that it had been an interesting year with things gradually returning to normal, which will hopefully continue.

Apologies- Dave Jackson, Julia Slade and Jane Ward.

**2. Previous minutes and matters arising (John Cowley)**

No actions from last year's AGM minutes.

**3. Treasurer's report & Donations (John Cowley)**

John handed out accounts for 2021 and 2020.

**Stur Half, which was cancelled- had a loss of £30 for the permit.**

**Stickler- took £5701.73 profit.**

**NDVM- was cancelled.**

**Wessex Ridgeway- £462.53 profit.**

**Total from all races £6134.26**

Membership income £243.00.

Charitable donations will amount to £750

Donations were to Sturfit and Marnhull 12k.

Total in club account: £111835.25.

Chip timing cost £1250 for the Stickler and a few Stur half entries are being held over.

Nobody had queries on the accounts and therefore are accepted as a true account of this year.

**4. Membership Report (Julia Slade)**

The club currently has 124 members, including life membership. 85 members are affiliated. During Covid we offered free membership for a year. Therefore a large number of people only had to pay £10 towards their £15 affiliation fee for 2021/22.

Some people were entitled to free non-affiliated membership this year having paid last year and therefore the total number of members could drop this year if some of those don't renew.

In 2019 we had 135 members and it would be good to increase numbers again now that everything has opened up and running seems to have increased in popularity through the pandemic. Thanks to Paul for running a C25k already and for doing another in January which should hopefully introduce a few more into the club.

All members are registered on the England Athletics portal and individuals can find their URN and check their details are correct on the 'my athletics portal' as well as finding out about other perks of membership such as discounts from hotels, brands etc. It's worth checking your details as EA updated their system at the end of March and for some people the first line of their address went missing.

All members should be getting club emails – please check that you are getting them.

#### **Membership fees for 2022 (Julia Slade)**

The England Athletics registration fee is increasing from £15 to £16. Competitive membership fees will therefore increase by £1 to £26. The club subsidises the affiliation fee by £5 (an offer you don't get when you join other clubs).

The non-affiliated membership will remain at £15.

Fees are due on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **5. Captain's Report & 2022 Race Dates (Nick Brooke)**

The Captain apologised for being unable to attend events over the last 2 years but should be able to attend Thursday night training more frequently in the future.

98 Dorset Doodlers raced during the year and there were 588 total Doddlers racing efforts. So an average of 6 races per Doddlers, but we know that a few ran substantially more than this average and some sensibly fewer.

As a club, we were represented at:

19	10km races
7	10 mile races
22	half marathons
26	full marathons.

34 Doodlers ran at least 1 full marathon.

Plus all the unreported ones. We also put 6 teams in the Wessex Ridgeway Relay.

## Club Championships

This age graded Championship had 12 Club Champs races this year plus any officially timed 5k (including Park Run) and any marathon comprising:

- 3 virtual races at the beginning of the season
  - 4 internal club races (Broad Oak Hilly, Purbeck 10k, Marnhull 12k and Stur 5.)
- And
- 5 externally organised races (Dorset Ooser, Lytchett 10, Black Hill 10k, Hellstone Half and Wimborne 10)

Competing in at least 1 club champs race were:

- 46 men
- 19 ladies

The results are hotly contested, in the sense of not hotly disputed but rather trying to score one over. Nowhere more so than between a certain married couple and a chairman and his successor. Both men's and ladies championships will be decided at the Stur 5 on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## Keith Vine

Just 18 races have qualified this year, having more than 6 Doddlers competing. A couple of trails races with sufficient runners were not included as there were less than 6 runners (i.e runners ran as a group socially so not racing).

We usually have over 30 races qualifying but a certain conspiracy theory has meant fewer races being held than in previous years.

Competing in at least 1 Keith Vine champs race were:

- 48 men
- 32 ladies

Again, the results are close at the top and final standing will be decided at Stur 5 and The Full Montycute on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Speaking personally – I hope next year's target paces are not quite so gut busting and heart attacking. I can't remember when I last raced a whole race even near my target.

## DRRL

The DRRL fixtures for **2022** have been announced:

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| 1 | 01-Jan | Broadstone Quarter          |
| 2 | 06-Feb | Blackmore Vale Half         |
| 3 | 13-Feb | Lytchett 10                 |
| 4 | 03-Apr | Marnhull 12k (social after) |

5	01-May	North Dorset Village Marathon
6	16-May	May 5
7	12-Jun	Puddletown Plod Half Marathon
8	17-Jun	Purbeck 10 (Fri evening)
9	03-Jul	Portland 10 mile
10	25-Sep	Holburne 5 miles
11	09-Oct	Gold Hill 10k
12	20-Nov	Wimborne 10

There was no Dorset Road Race League this year and no Lytchett Relays either.

We encourage all Daddlers to enter these races as you will score points for yourself and the club. There are awards for top scoring individuals and top scoring teams. Individual awards are not only for the very best but also in every 5 year vet age category, so even if you feel you are only half competitive, give it a go because even the best in your age group will struggle to get their 7 races done.

There is also a 'Fidelity' award for anyone completing all 12 DRRL races.

Also of note is 2022 **Dorset County Championship Races (DCC)**

1	01-May	North Dorset Village Marathon
2	17-Jun	Purbeck 10k (Friday evening)
3	03-Jul	Portland 10 mile
4	07-Aug	Sturminster Newton Half Marathon

Well done everyone who has represented the club this year, whether contesting for prizes or just getting your money's worth and feeling so much better afterwards, you're all worthy ambassadors of the club.

SEAA (South of England Athletic Association) have quite a lot of team events. If there was enough interest to form a team for any particular one I'm sure that the treasurer could be persuaded to part with £20 (or whatever the present cost is) to affiliate as individuals. One event I have often participated in is the SEAA Fell Running Championships on the Isle of Wight. A weekend of lunatic racing, 3 races over little more than 24 hours. Saturday has races at 11.00am and 3.00pm, with a 12 miler on Sunday. Lots of climbing, not surprisingly, and coming down. Also, you don't have to do all 3 races. It would be great to take a team there this year.

#### Provisional Club Championship races for 2022

There will be 12 cc races plus any 5k and marathon, as usual.

Internal races:	Milborne 10 Broad Oak Hilly Stur 5
3 x Trail 10k races:	Sika 10k (Wareham) Coombe Keynes

## Black Hill

2 x 12k

On road – the Marnhull 12k

Trail – Studland Stampede. Enter this race via Jane Ward who has secured 20 places.

2 x 10 milers from the DRRL Portland 10

Wimborne 10

2 x half marathons

On road Yeovil Half

Off road Dorset Invader.

Summary table. All to be confirmed.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Terrain</b>	<b>Organiser</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> or 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Milborne 10	10 miles	Road	Internal
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Sika 10k (Wareham)	10k	Trail	Ultimate Fitness
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Yeovil Half	½ Marathon	Road	Race Nation?
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Marnhull 12k	12k	Road	St. Gregory's School
May	Broad Oak Hilly	4 miles	Road	Internal
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Coombe Keynes	10k	Road	Coombe Keynes Trust
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Portland 10	10 miles	Road	Royal Manor of Portland AC
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Dorset Invader	½ marathon	Trail	White Star Running
Tbc September	Black Hill	10k	Trail	Bere Regis Scout Group
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Studland Stampede	12k	Trail	National Trust
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Wimborne 10	10 miles	Road	Wimborne AC
December	Stur 5	5 miles	Road	Internal

### **Coaching Report** (Ian Pollard)

Our training year began post lockdown, at the end of March with one Shaftesbury session, prior to Summer runs, and Thursdays from Sturminster Newton from 1<sup>st</sup> April. Sessions started from the Industrial Estate in Stur initially and then from Sturfit in July.

We used the usual summer locations in and around Stur and 3 track sessions at Stur High School.

The numbers attending were slow to build back up post lockdown, so thanks to those who have attended and I would encourage others to engage with the sessions. There is much to be gained from running in a training environment.

I always welcome your views on training with relation to times, locations and structured sessions, etc.

We are back to using Sturfit for our clubroom and showers / changing etc.

A big thank you to Shams and Paul who have both undertaken the EA CiRF qualification. Shams qualified in the late summer, having done a lot of his course and assessments online, which was tough.

**Post AGM update:** Paul passed his assessment on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November. He apparently wowed the examiners with a great demo.

Both of them have put a lot of time and effort into the course and will be a big benefit to the club. We now have 3 CiRF qualified coaches.

Very well done to Shams and Paul.

Paul deserves a special mention for his C25K course, which ran from May to August with 20 or so participants, some of whom have now joined the Doodlers.

The second course is scheduled for January in the New Year where Paul will be ably assisted by Craig White, Amanda and Vics.

### **Summer Runs** (John Cowley)

There was a late start this year and the first run was in May. It was a very successful set of runs with 20 plus and occasionally 30 plus runners. There were some new locations and some old favourites.

### **Wessex Ridgeway** (Jane Ward via Ian Pollard)

The race was held on 11<sup>th</sup> July this year, delayed from May. It will be back to May in 2022 on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Many thanks to Jane for organising the race and badgering companies for prizes etc.

Thanks also to Adam Frampton and Chris Cussens for marshalling at the road crossings.

There were 21 teams in total and one man ran 6 legs and 1 DNF (1 leg).

Overlap system was used again to progress the day

One team didn't complete leg 11.

Doodlers had 6 teams this year.

1<sup>st</sup> Team were the South Molton Stallions 8hr 13 mins

2<sup>nd</sup> were Poole Runners 'A' team +1 hour

3<sup>rd</sup> were Brook's Bucks (Stuart got lost). +1 hour 43.

The weather was mixed this year with rain, sun, chill and more rain. The conditions were wet, mud, wet and windy. There was no pub food at the end as the pub were using their indoors to host viewing of a football match for the local football team (Euro final).

There were no major mishaps and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all runners and crew. The net income was £432.52 as some money was paid to enter our teams. The profit will be donated to Dorset Mind, as proposed by Jane.

NBs

- Brook's Bucks – Stuart got lost on leg 11.
- A team – Adam was injured: Ruth, Angela and Barry did extra legs.
- All Js – included a ringer in Neil, who became 'Jess'.

### **The Stickler (Justin Perry)**

Despite the atrocious weather (heavy rain and high winds) the race went ahead in bright sunshine and rainbows! 383 runners started the race and 382 finished. We had 517 entrants but the weather and traffic problems caused big problems on the day.

The winner finished the race in an impressive 1:04:46 and no one got lost! The feedback from the runners has been really positive and supportive. The race directors wanted to mention the incredibly generous financial support given by Telesoft Limited and CC Moore. A few lessons have been learnt and little things to improve on but overall the race went without any issues.

Big thank you to the 50+ volunteers who helped with putting out signs, parking, marshalling, recce the route, PA announcing etc etc The list is a long one. Special thanks to Ian and Peter for their extraordinary commitment to the club and support for the race directors on the day. JP thanked John Townsend for his invaluable IT skills and calmness under pressure. We are both happy to take on the RD role for next year. Sara has confirmed she is happy to continue as Chief Marshal which is brilliant news.

### **Election of Club Officials (John Cowley)**

After reading out the attached list of Club Officers and Roles, the standing Committee members, Race Directors and Members with Club Roles were unanimously re-elected by a show of hands.

It was noted that all the club officials, especially race directors, need support before, during and after events. All club members are urged to get involved to make Doddler races a success.

## A.O.B.

### Christmas Party

The deadline for the Xmas party is midday on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November (tomorrow). Ideally, The Coppleridge would like 50 people to attend. There will be the usual Championship and Keith Vine awards as well as the Chairman's award and the Dodo award.

### London Marathon

The question was asked if we have a Doddler entry for the London Marathon for 2022. Julie will be asked to check, but we may not qualify.

### Doddler Signs

Pete Waterer will be doing a stock take of all the equipment in the trailer, so if anyone has any stakes or signs, please return them.

### Shillingstone Hill Race

Chris Martin from Blandford Runners has asked for assistance with Shillingstone Hill Race, which is part of Shillingstone Sports Festival. The proposed date is 12<sup>th</sup> July, but that could change. It was decided that we were happy to advise, but not to organise the event.

Shams proposed a thank You for the people in club roles who worked to keep the club going over the last 2 years.

**Meeting closed at 10.30pm.**