



ARMADA ATHLETICS NETWORK
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
10th July 2018



Present: Paul Ross (EVH & Chairman; John Smith (Treasurer and Tamar Trotters); Keith Reed (EVH & Secretary); Dave Hatch and Jason Hulcoop (Moorhaven); Leigh Robinson and Lou Shalders (Plymouth Harriers); Martin Head (BATS); Fred Jenkins (IS); Kris Jones (Plymouth Musketeers); Martin Exley-Deane (Tavistock AC)

Apologies Graham Edmonds (COPAC); Steve Leonard (PRR) Scott Allen (Storm);

Minutes of Previous meeting: Agreed as true record.

Club reports

Tamar Trotters Club teams did well in Hope 24. Juniors have taken part in four way competition on track. They are about to start summer break. Juniors are starting to feed into senior club. Club enjoyed EVH relays. Mag 7 nearly full but still some places left.

Plymouth Musketeers Kris Jones gave the report. The Muskie Madness race on 30th June went off OK. Thanks to all the clubs who supported the event. There will be a new race director in 2019. Enjoyed EVH relays. Couch to 5k groups about to graduate. Membership currently 210.

BATS Numbers are steady. Club enjoyed Muskies Madness. Runners from the club ran on Lundy and also Lands End to Cape Cornwall.

Plymstock Road Runners (by email) I hope you all enjoyed the Erme Valley Relays, many thanks to EVH for putting on an excellent event once again. I am just emailing you to inform you that the Muddy Duck 10k race is now FULL. No more online entries will be taken, and there will be no race entries on the night as the race limit of 300 has been reached (a fantastic achievement!). Entry on the night will be for the 3k Fun Run only. Please inform all your club members of this, and ensure that if they are competing next Saturday night, that they keep their number on the front of their top as the bar code needs to be read for the results.

Instinctive Sport Runners at the Torbay Half, Armada 5K and 2 teams in the EVH relays

Moorhaven RC Club is linking with Derriford Hospital Gardening club aiming to recruit volunteers.

Plymouth Harriers Leigh Robinson gave the report and said it has been challenging since taking on the role of Chair. Currently recruiting new LIRF's and CIRF's. Beginners and lower pace groups are doing well. Enjoyed Muskies Madness and EVH relays. Steve Fletcher won Ashburton race. Entries still available for Six Moor Miles.

Tavistock AC. Athletes at SW league, YDL and SAL. Six club representatives at English Schools. Junior teams did well at EVH relays. Two new LIRF's on course and also two new assistant club coaches recruited. Next cycle of Couch to 5K has begun. Tavi Relays taking place on 19th July, bumper entry expected. Club is putting on two fell races on 1st August and 15th August. Membership currently 310.

EVH. Relays went really well on July 6th. Thanks to all the clubs who supported the event which had a record entry. Ladies team did well at Muskies Madness. Juniors doing well but not many competing. Road runners continue to perform well. Volunteer recruitment continuing.

COPAC. (by email) The Club is a good form – but, as you know, turnout for locally staged events is better, obviously, than for those at some distance. We have five youngsters in the England Schools Finals, only one of which is being supported by her school. The others are looking for the club to help with travel costs. I plan to write to PCC to suggest that this is mean spirited, not the least as ESAA Finals are the equivalent to junior Wimbledon (for example) and can be the stepping stone to national selection. Our national and international athletes are doing well. David King is in the GB Team for the Europeans, unfortunately Matt Sumner did not make the cut from the 400m heats. Clare Taylor is off to throw the hammer for GB in the World Veterans' Championships in Majorca in September.

There were a number of PBs for the younger athletes at the June Exeter Open and the combined team did pretty well at Oxford given the shortage of numbers. Poppy Tank and Victoria Weir are both at home and have been to training. Emily Bee goes from strength to strength and is having an impressive season. Hopefully she will shine at the ESAA Combined events in September. She and Sammy Harris are two of our youngsters in the ESAA T&F finals. We are beginning to have a modicum of success in recruiting possible coaches, particularly for the U13s (Panthers and Minors). We have an agreement with Marjon for three 100hr placements, one of whom is interested in coaching training. Sorry not to be with you

STORM (by email) Club enjoyed the Muskies Madness. 113 runners in Torbay Half. Club won two awards at recent Devon Sports awards event hosted by Active Devon. Now focussing on the new club race in November

Coaching Co-ordinator Report No report but Neil has been trying to recruit new coaches to covert track sessions on a Saturday. Regional coaching workshops on August 19th at Plymouth

Autumn Trail Run. Online entries open but still slow. Please can all clubs really promote the event. We need a lot more entries.

Track Facilities. Plymouth

Various meetings have been held concerning the potential developments at Brickfields involving Plymouth Albion, Plymouth Raiders, Plymouth University and COPAC plus ourselves and PCC. The desire is to create a sports hub on site with a new track and an indoor arena plus new pitches. Graham has e-mailed the Uni, Albion and Raiders to ask that the 'Letter of Interest' be forwarded to PCC as soon as possible so that formal discussions might start ASAP.

The Track was inspected by Jonathon Lee last week. He is writing to PCC to state that the home straight needs relaying urgently and the rest of the track can survive with a respray. This is not good news at the peak of the T&F season. Training will have to be on the 330m of what is left. The throwing cage needs realignment as well.

Tavistock

A meeting was held with the College now part of a Multi Academy Trust about a potential Community Asset Transfer. It was supported by England Athletics personnel. It was a very positive meeting and the next thing is for the track to be surveyed. The club are becoming a CASC. Jonathan Lee has since visited the track and given an initial assessment of the condition. It is hoped the issue can be sorted quite quickly

Clocks Both are in store

Coaching and Officials Courses

KR gave an update on courses which are also on the EA website. An endurance official's course will be held at Exeter on Sunday 30th September.

Finances

JS gave an update on the accounts. A discussion was held on pricing for external use of clocks and chip timing.

5K Series.

After discussions it was agreed to cancel the July 5K due to the World Cup semi-final clash. It was felt moving the event by a week would cause too much pressure on runners because of the number of events on in the next week.

Chip Timing System

Quote requested from Age UK for their 10K and also Exeter races. New recruits needed to operate system. It was agreed to offer a £25 technical payment as an incentive from 2019

Grand Prix 2018

Now up and running. Scores listed on website

AOB

Devon Open cancelled this Sunday at Tavistock due to the World Cup.

Date of next meeting – Monday 13th August 2018 – Windsor House 6.30pm.GF3