

ARMADA ATHLETICS NETWORK MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14th May 2018



Present: Paul Ross (EVH & Chairman; John Smith (Treasurer and Tamar Trotters); Keith Reed (EVH & Secretary); Dave Hatch and Jason Hulcoop (Moorhaven); Richard Warne and Penny Hadfield-Bennett (Plymouth Harriers); Martin Head (BATS); Fred Jenkins (IS); Martin Exley-Deane (Tavistock AC); Graham Edmonds (COPAC) Kris Jones (Plymouth Musketeers); Katie Parsons and Codie Wyett (Storm);

Apologies); Steve Leonard (PRR)

Paul welcomed the new attendees to the meeting

<u>Minutes of Previous meeting</u>: Agreed as true record. There was a small amendment under Autumn Trail – should have read Helen Roper not Ralph.

Club reports

Tamar Trotters Members have been running everywhere including ultra races. Steve Baker represented England in the recent Masters international. The Saltash Half went well on a hot day. Water stations were a slight issue. A cut off will be put in place next year and the event may be reduced to a 10 miler. Mag 7 filling up. Well done to the graduates from the Couch to 5K programme who competed the Ivybridge 10K.

<u>Plymouth Musketeers</u> Kris Jones who is the new Chair gave the report. The club held a successful AGM and awards evening. Now up to 167 members. Club did well in Mad March Hare reorganised event taking 4 age group prizes. New Couch to 5K groups running at both venues.

Graduates from recent groups completed the Ivybridge 10K. Muskies Madness race organisation in hand.

BATS Entries going well for Bere Pen 10K on 26th May. Club had two runners in London and four in Ivybridge.

Plymstock Road Runners No report

Instinctive Sport. Fred thanked EVH for the Ivybridge 10K where they had ten runners (9 of them were female). One member did an ultra-race in Wales, plus athletes in London and Hamburg marathons as well as the Plym Trail races.

Moorhaven RC Club helped at Trevornick 10K and will also be at the Imerys Races this weekend.

<u>Plymouth Harriers</u> This was Penny's last meeting as she is attending down at forthcoming AGM. She passed on her thanks to EVH for the Ivybridge 10K and also for the support she has been given by the group. Penny advised us that Jane Allison is no longer a member of the Harriers. The group wished Penny all the best and thanked her for all her hard work.

Tavistock AC. Athletes did well in the Devon and Cornwall Track and Field champs. Athletes at most local races including Bideford and Ivybridge 10K races. Adam Holland continues to do well including a 69.05 half in Gatwick. Tavi13 went off well. Thanks to all. Now looking forward to relays on July19th. Tavi 7 entries coming in. Tavi 5K this weekend.

EVH. Keith passed on his thanks for the support of the member clubs of the Ivybridge 10K which went very well. Club had some good results in the Devon Track and Field Champs. Club has been awarded a grant from EA for volunteer recruitment of 14 - 25 year olds. Relays being held on July 6th – entries are now open. Club is going well at the moment.

COPAC. Graham sent his belated apologies for non -attendance at the AGM. The fencing around the clubhouse is now done. Club had two athletes in Commonwealth games and James Arnott won a silver medal. There have been meetings held with Albion and Plymouth University over possible asset transfer of the Brickfields. A bid is to be put in to the council. City College are also interested. Working with Marjon to get student placements to help with coaching etc.

STORM The club enjoyed the Ivybridge 10K where they had 160 taking part. Another large contingent entering Bere Pen 10K. 12 athletes in London and some in the Race the Tide. Club has been shortlisted for the Club of the Year award from Active Devon. Club's race planning going well.

Coaching Co-ordinator Report No report.

<u>Autumn Trail Run</u>. Online entries open and entry forms need to be distributed. Can clubs please promote wherever they go. Medals have been sorted. Martin gave notice that a new race director will be required in 2019.

Track Facilities. A meeting was due to held at Tavistock to discuss asset transfer but was cancelled at late notice. This has now been rearranged.. The club are applying to have CASC status.

<u>**Clocks**</u> The missing connector was sorted but there is a now a problem with an eye bolt. The other one will be used at the Exeter Marathon who have hired it.

Coaching and Officials Courses KR gave an update on course which are also on the EA website.

<u>Finances</u> JS gave a copy to all clubs of the annual accounts which will be submitted. Shows a small loss but we have spent quite a bit on equipment this year.

<u>5K Series</u>. The first 5K races of the summer have gone well Numbers a little down on last year. We now have a key to the gates and toilets to use for the season.

<u>Chip Timing System</u> We ordered 2000 more credits. Agreed pricing structure from now for our own member clubs. The system ran well at Tavi and Ivybridge and will be used at the Exeter Marathon this weekend. BATS will also use it for the Bere Pen 10K

Grand Prix 2018 Now up and running

<u>AOB</u> New storage unit was delivered on Wed 18th April. Thanks to those volunteers who helped to sort the more equipment that morning. An inventory will be done and insurance sorted.

Paul contacted Launceston RR about joining the Armada GP but has not heard anything. It was suggested we should approach Team H about getting involved.

Date of next meeting – Monday 11th June 2018 – Windsor House 6.30pm.GF3