



ARMADA ATHLETICS NETWORK  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
9th April 2018 includes AGM



**Present:** Paul Ross (EVH & Chairman; John Smith (Treasurer and Tamar Trotters); Steve Leonard (PRR); Keith Reed (EVH & Secretary); Dave Hatch and Jason Hulcoop (Moorhaven); Richard Warne and Leigh Robinson (Plymouth Harriers); Martin Head (BATS); Fred Jenkins (IS); Martin Exley-Deane (Tavistock AC); Sharon Adams (Plymouth Musketeers); Caroline Easton and Scott Allen (Storm);

**Apologies;** Graham Edmonds (COPAC); Penny Hadfield-Bennett (Plymouth Harriers)

### **AGM**

Paul welcomed everyone to the AGM and gave a brief report. The group had been going for 21 years and was formed following potential developments at Home Park. It is interesting to see that things are only just happening in that area.

Over the years things have gone well with clubs coming and going. The name was changed to Armada and we had funding from EA for three years which helped establish us as an Athletic Network.

There have been a number of negatives and positives this past year.

#### Negatives:

Facilities, coaches not engaging with track sessions, loss of East Cornwall, Lack of numbers for Autumn Trail, loss of Plym Valley Challenge

#### Positives

Addition of Plymouth Storm, Autumn Trail, 3K/5K series, Coach development, Increase in numbers, Grand Prix, Chip timing and Clock Hire, New PCG group,

Overall it had been a good year. Paul thanked everyone for making the group run so well and in particular the volunteers who work at our events.

Paul thanked all the officers of the club especially John in his role as Treasurer.

### **Election of Officers**

Martin Exley Deane took the Chair and Paul Ross was voted back as the Chair

Richard Warne was voted back in as Vice Chair

John Smith was voted back as Treasurer

Keith Reed will continue as Secretary

**Finances – See main meeting minutes** The main meeting then continued.

**Minutes of Previous meeting:** Agreed as true record.

### **Club reports**

**Tamar Trotters** Bex Ezra has been selected to compete for Cornwall in the Celtic Challenge and Steve Baker has been selected by England Athletics in a Masters International 10K race in Birmingham on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Juniors are doing well. The Armada 5K has been included in the club Grand Prix. The couch to 5K groups have been extended to 10K.

**Plymouth Musketeers** Runners at most events including Taunton, Manchester, Granite Way and the Grizzly. There have been more graduates from the Couch to 5K group.

**BATS** Club going well. Some members have not renewed but they have also had some new ones. Couch to 5K group ends next week. Some good performances at events. Bere Pen 10K on 26th May. Now live and taking entries.

**Plymstock Road Runners** Club in its 30<sup>th</sup> year, Duckponds entry forms distributed. Cost just £5. Runners in Guernsey. and other races. New recruit Jack Southwood is doing well. Membership now at 50 members.

**Instinctive Sport.** Fred explained why the Plym Valley Challenge will not be held this year but it is hoped to be back in 2019. Runners in various events like Yeovil and Manchester.

**Moorhaven RC** The new recruit we have been supporting is currently injured but will be back soon. Club going well.

**Plymouth Harriers** New beginners group are doing the Armada 5K. Athletes at various races and Alex Peyton-Jones did well in the Exmoor Ultra Marathon. Membership renewals coming in slowly.

**Tavistock AC.** 12 athletes were selected for the Inter Counties and ESAA Cross Country races to represent their county teams. The Tavi 13 was cancelled due to the snow but has now been rearranged for this coming Sunday. Entries are actually up from the original date. Thanks for all the clubs for their support. Adam Holland won the Granite Way 20 miles. The last 5K was held to raise money for Sport Relief. Couch to 5K (and 10K) groups going well on a Saturday morning. The track season has begun well with some good performances. Runners at various events and the club have a team in the British Masters relay.

**EVH.** Ivybridge 10K expected to close imminently (now closed). Club presentation evening this Friday. Club won the Devon Sportshall league for the first time. Track season has begun well. Road runners did well at Granite Way and Taunton. In the 117 mile Coast to Coast race we had 2<sup>nd</sup> man and 1<sup>st</sup> lady. The club has been awarded an EA grant for young volunteer recruitment. Relays have been launched – July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**COPAC.** No report.

**STORM** The club were affected by the cancellation of the Weston Super Mare Half. They are still waiting for the entry fees paid on block to be returned. The club had a successful trip to Taunton and are off to Vienna for the Marathon on the same day as London. They also enjoyed a successful bowling evening. The club have also reached their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

**Coaching Co-ordinator Report** No report.

**Autumn Trail Run.** Helen Ralph has agreed to act as chief marshal. Need now to sort medals. Entry forms to be distributed.

**Track Facilities.** Still no news on the Trackmark inspection at Brickfields. New throws cage has been installed and was used at Spring Warm up.

**Clocks** One back in the store but has missing connector. Other one with Tavistock.

**Composite Team** Composite club registration renewed for 2018. Fixtures and details have been circulated.

**Coaching and Officials Courses** As listed previously and on website.

**Finances** Finances looking healthy. AGM finance report will be down next month after year end (30<sup>th</sup> April). It would be best to have the AGM in May for future years. Exeter City have now paid for both events where Chip timing was supplied. Need to source more funding for disability athletics.

**3K.5K Series.** The last 3K of the winter was held. First 5K of the summer is on Wednesday in Saltram. Car parking charges will not apply. We have the use of the toilets in the car park. Help needed as always

**Chip Timing System** System used successfully at the rearranged he Granite Way on 25<sup>th</sup> March. And will be used at the Tavi 13, Ivybridge 10K and Bere Pen 10K. We will have to order more credits.

**Grand Prix 2018** Following the demise of the Plym Valley Challenge we agreed to leave the number of Qualifying as 7 races. KR to be given membership numbers by end of April

**AOB** – New storage unit has been bought and will be delivered on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> April. Volunteers need to help more equipment that morning  
Tamar Trotters providing Pacers for Plymouth Half.  
Contact received from Launceston RR about joining the Armada GP. Paul is going to contact them and invite them to the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting – Monday 14th May 2018 – Windsor House 6.30pm. GF3**