



ARMADA ATHLETICS NETWORK
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON
17th May 2021



Present: Paul Ross (EVH & Chairman); Steve Blackford (COPAC); Sharon Dunridge (Plymouth Musketeers); Fred Jenkins (IS); Leigh Robinson & Richard Warne (Plymouth Harriers); Keith Reed (EVH); Linda Worsfield (Plymstock RR); Steve Baker (Tamar Trotters); Martin Head (BATS); Alistair Peers (Tavistock); John Smith (Treasurer); Jon Roberts (Launceston RR)

Apologies: None Received

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance once again.

Club reports
COPAC

Steve Blackford said the club had now returned to normal and continued to have good turnouts at training using the improved facilities at Brickfields. Steve said that there is a busy summer ahead with league events which are much more local this season. Devon Open held on 9th May went very well.

Tamar Trotters

Steve Baker gave the report. Club back training on a Tuesday and Thursday with around 40 at each session. Some members ran the Saltash half course, plan is to put it on in 2022. The club is planning a handicap event as part of its 25th Anniversary celebrations.

Plymouth Musketeers

Sharon Dunridge gave a report. The club still cannot use the Community Centre at the moment but are having group runs. The Monday group at Plympton is no longer meeting because of venue issues. AGM to be held at end of September.

BATS – Martin Head reported. The club have been running in groups of 6 but will now increase group sizes. They have had two new members but have lost a few. AGM has been delayed.

Plymstock Road Runners

Linda Worsfield attended the meeting this time. Linda reported that the situation is very similar to last times report. They held their AGM over Zoom.

Instinctive Sport.

Fred Jenkins said continue to go well with the club. They have been able to meet at the Plympton Hall which has been fully refurbished. They stay in groups of 6 using circular routes. They have made very good use of What's App groups.

Moorhaven RC

No report

Plymouth Harriers

Club still have been unable to meet at St Boniface's due to COVID so have started to meet outside the Life Centre as a group. They have also started booking the track at Brickfields for sessions on a Tuesday and Saturday morning. They have one mile time trials this week. Membership at 101. Leigh Robinson and Jane Allison are booked on the CIRF course in Plymouth. Jane has agreed to help rekindle the Armada track sessions as coach co-ordinator. In return we agreed to support her course (up to 25%)

Tavistock AC

Alistair Peers attended. The club are using the track 6 days a week. Junior groups have been very busy with an extra 40 athletes. Senior groups returning. The first evening open went well and they are planning another on June 16th. Good attendance at Devon Open and other events.

Plymouth Tri Club – The meeting was attended by Ian Lamerton. The club are only just returning to training at the Life Centre and the track. It has been difficult because of the tight restriction placed on the club by BTA especially relating to coach ratios. Their membership season is about to resume. The club are hosting the Plymouth Triathlon event on July 11th.

Launceston Road Runners

The meeting was attended by Jon Roberts. The club have been training but they have lost 80 or so members since the pandemic. They are not having a forma AGM. The Treggy 7 is on 5th September but the date does have a lot of clashes.

STORM- No report but club are active.

EVH

Club training sessions at Ivybridge Rugby Club (but outside) and juniors at Ivybridge College have been going well. Numbers of juniors are now picking up wel. More seniors attending each week.

The EVH are definitely happening this year but on a new date of July 23rd. Entries will be online and launched this week.

Clocks – Booking for Treggy 7,

Coaching and Officials Courses

These are now online at <https://www.athleticshub.co.uk>

There are still some places left on the CIRF course in Plymouth on 27/5/2021

Finances

John Smith was in attendance. He reported we are very healthy financially. The Sport England Grant is in a different account. The accounts have been sent to the accountant for submission to Companies house. This will be reported at our AGM.

3K & 5K Series

We have now booked the Hub (cost £15ph).for our first race on June 9th.The course is now sorted and will be shared with all. KR to apply for Run Britain license once we have final permission from PCC. Entry fee to be increased to £3 to allow for disposable numbers etc.

We will need to provide First Aid Cover so can all clubs recruit from their members and also we need 8 marshals.

Chip Timing System

We have been booked for Exeter Half on 27 June plus Granite Way and Exeter Marathon. Darren Williams to run the system on 27 June but he needs help. Richard Warne has volunteered to help but if there are any other willing volunteers please get in touch

Grand Prix 2021

It is hoped to start in June with the first 5K

AOB

- KR reported the situation with the track at Brickfields following the Devon open. There was no support from the Parks Department on the day so everything was done by the centre and the officials. There are issues with the hurdles, Pole Vault and long jump boards. This has been reported and is being actioned. We have a SWAL match there on 6th June.
- We need to consider how we spend the Sport England Grant over the next few months. Possibly set up a sub-committee.

**Date of next meeting via Zoom on Monday 14th June which will be the AGM.
Paperwork to be circulated.**