



ARMADA ATHLETICS NETWORK
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON
26th April 2021



Present: Paul Ross (EVH & Chairman); Steve Blackford (COPAC); Darren Williams & Sharon Dunridge (Plymouth Musketeers); Fred Jenkins (IS); Leigh Robinson & Richard Warne (Plymouth Harriers); Keith Reed (EVH); Jacky Faulkner (Plymstock RR); Colin Bunting (Tamar Trotters)

Apologies: Martin Head (BATS); Martin Exley-Deane (Tavistock); John Smith (Treasurer)

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. It has obviously been a difficult time for all of us during the past year with lockdowns. It is hoped we are now beginning to return to some normality.

Club reports

COPAC

Steve Blackford said the club had now returned to normal and have some good turnouts at training using the improved facilities at Brickfields. Steve said that there is a busy summer ahead but a lot of events are much more local this season. Devon Open is on 9th May (entries closed)

Tamar Trotters

Colin Bunting was standing in for Steve Baker as the club had a committee meeting. They have been unable to use the Rugby Club until recently (but at least they have not been charged. They are meeting outside but have returned to group training. Junior section has not taken place since the start of the first lockdown but hopefully can return in September. The Saltash Half or the Mag 7 will not be held this year.

Plymouth Musketeers

Sharon Dunridge gave a report. The club cannot use the Community Centre at the moment but are having group runs. The Muskies Madness will not take place this year.

BATS - No report.

Plymstock Road Runners

Jacky Faulkner is the new Chair of the club. They have been meeting in various locations including using the track at Coombe Dean. They have launched a new couch to 5K group and also an improver group. Recruited 2 new LIRF's. There has been a loss of members but things are picking up again Muddy Duck will not be held in July but possibly later in the year.

Instinctive Sport.

Fred Jenkins said things are going well with the club They meet at the Plympton Hall which has been fully refurbished. They stay in groups of 6..

Moorhaven RC

No report

Plymouth Harriers

Club have been unable to meet at St Boniface's due to COVID so have meet in various locations led by coaches. They have also started booking the track at Brickfields for sessions on a Tuesday and Saturday morning. It has been difficult for the club bit hopefully things will improve. No Tory Brook Trail race this year.

Tavistock AC

No one on the call but their training is going well. 5K races to start in July and Tavi 7 on 31 Oct. Spring warm up on 28th April.

Plymouth Tri Club - No report.

Launceston Road Runners

Treggy 7 on 5th September

STORM- No report.

EVH

Club back training at Ivybridge Rugby Club (but outside) and juniors at Ivybridge College. Numbers of juniors have fallen off but now picking up. More seniors attending each week. Ivybridge 10K was cancelled for 2021 but the Relays are on this year (July 2nd)

Clocks –Booking for Treggy 7,

Coaching and Officials Courses

These are now online at <https://www.athleticshub.co.uk>
There is a CIRF course in Plymouth on 27/5/2021

Finances

We are in desperate need of a Treasurer as John Smith has moved to North Devon. Please can all clubs try and identify a suitable person in their club.

We have still yet to spend any of the 4500 Grant awardee in 2020. It was agreed that KR could start submitting invoices for work done.

3K & 5K Series

Keith has been in contact with Saltram but unfortunately they are willing to allow us to put on 5k events. We can put on a 5K in Contrail Park using the Hub (cost £15ph).

It was agreed we should aim to start this in June. KR to sort course and apply for Run Britain license. Entry fee to be increased to £3 to allow for disposable numbers etc.

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. Any willing volunteers please get in touch

Grand Prix 2021

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

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AOB

- Leigh suggested we could put on a Track event in Plymouth on an evening. KR said there was some funding in the Grant for this. We need to determine the priorities from the application.
- EA Club Conference being held virtually on May 15th
Details here
<https://www.englandathletics.org/clubs-and-facilities/our-programmes/club-conference/>.

.Date of next meeting via Zoom on Monday 17th May