



**ARMADA ATHLETICS NETWORK**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING AT COPAC NEW CLUBHOUSE**  
on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022



**Present:** Richard Warne (Plymouth Harriers (Chair); Fred Jenkins (IS)); Keith Reed (EVH); Karen Eccles (Plymouth H); Ian Lamerton (Plymouth Tri Club; Steve Blackford (COPAC); Dave Hatch (Moorhaven); Bryan King (Plymouth Musketeers)

**Apologies:** Jon Roberts (Launceston RR); Murray Turner (BATS); Ruth McCalley, Sharon Dunridge (Plymouth Musketeers), Graham Bale (PRR)

Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting in his first meeting as elected Chair.

**Club reports**

**COPAC**

Steve Blackford said the Track and Field was going well although numbers for the SAL fixtures are low. There are good numbers at training sessions and lots of success from the club members. The new clubhouse is working well but there are potential new developments at the track with PAFC. Meetings to be held.

**Tamar Trotters**

Steve Baker gave the report via email:

We had 253 entries and 226 finishers in Mag 7. Jacob won the first individual race and Emma Stepto was First Lady. Only 30 unattached and places mainly taken by Cornish club runners. Colin is keen to offer a fun run next year - we are looking at a similar date.

Quite a few of our runners have recently done iron man or half iron man events. We finished 3rd team at Sticker and 5th in the Turkey Trot, and have completed our 8 scoring events for the Cornish GP. Probably finish 5th out of 13 which summarises where we currently are with the men, but struggling to get the same interest in racing from ladies. Membership stable at 180.

**Plymouth Musketeers**

Bryan King gave the report. Club runners have been very busy in races including the Hope 24 and Plymouth Half races where 50% of the members took part. . Muskies Madness now postponed to a date in 2023. Running a new group to take people from 5k to 10K.

**BATS**

Murray Turner was due to attend but has not been in contact

**Plymstock Road Runners**

Graham Bale had to miss the meeting at the last minute due to the need to cover coaching at the club.

He gave the following report by email.

In terms of news, the Muddy Duck 10k race last Saturday went well; there was a slight issue with the junior 3k run where I understand some runners were miss-directed missing out a small loop! We had one casualty where a runner fell and was treated with minor cuts and abrasion, but nothing serious. It was a good memorial event for the late Dave Dane and several of his family members were present. I understand the winner of the 10k was a member of Dave's family which was a nice result.

We appear to be suffering from a small attendance in general to our main Thursday sessions but having said that, last week was better.

Regarding the working towards the EA club standards, things are progressing well and although still much to sort, good progress is being made.

**Instinctive Sport.**

Fred Jenkins There have been two new members joined recently and the club Grand Prix format is still proving popular and is increasing race participation. Time trail a success. The club are providing the marshals for the Armada 5K

### **Moorhaven RC**

Dave Hatch said the club are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary next month with a meal. The entry numbers for races in Cornwall are down on pre Covid levels.

### **Plymouth Harriers**

Karen Eccles has taken over as Chair with Jane Allison as Vice Chair. Club numbers are up and a vibrant atmosphere is being created. at club training sessions The club will have teams in the forthcoming relays at Tavi and Ivybridge. The Tory Brook races will not be happening this year due to time issues to get things sorted. Karen asked about possible kit suppliers and club experiences with them.

### **Tavistock AC**

No report.

### **Plymouth Tri Club**

Ian Lamerton gave the report. Club going well with lots of members (both junior and senior) taking part in events.. Plymouth Tri is confirmed as the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> August. It is open to non BTA athletes including juniors.

### **EVH**

The club relays will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> July and the Fell race will be on August 11<sup>th</sup> as part of series. Details of both events on club website. Some more good results of late but not a good turnout in Track and Field. Numbers at training have been a little quiet.

### **Launceston Road Runners (no report)**

**STORM**- Still no report but they have agreed to look after the marshals for the August 5K.

### **Finances**

Ruth McCalley our new treasurer sent her apologies but she has taken on the new role. We have bought the new clock and also the power pack which will power the clock and the chip system. RW and KR to meet up with Ruth to sort bank details.

**Clocks/Equipment** – Tavistock have now returned the new clock which is now back in the store. The new one will be used at the Armada 5K on Wednesday. Could clubs please advise on where they are required for future races.

### **Coaching and Officials Courses**

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

The Athletics Coaching Course that was due to happen on on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May.in Plymouth is now rearranged for October.

Please can you make assistant coaches within your club aware of this?

For further information, please contact Caroline Morrow [cmorrow@englandathletics.org](mailto:cmorrow@englandathletics.org).

We now have the certificates from the Traffic Management course held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at Brickfields. Clubs need to pay for their attendees certificates (£36 per person) to the Network.

### **Armada 5K Series and 3K**

Series has been going well with the allocation of marshals to a club going well. Numbers have been OK but still not up to 2019 levels. Suspect that Parkruns have an influence.

We need clubs to consult their members about the winter 3K races. Overall it was not felt it was financially viable. Possible relay event on Sunday in December in Central Park which could also be a Grand Prix presentation.

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**Chip Timing System**

System to be used at Tavi Relays. We have been asked to do the Drogo 10. Need to check out details. Thanks to Darren Williams for all his hard work.

**Grand Prix 2022**

First races have been done and results posted. We will need to refine numbers to qualify as we have lost a few races. Hope to rebuild in 2023

**AOB**

None raised

**Date of next meeting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September (6.30pm). This is one week earlier than usual to give us time to decide on 3K races.**

**Keith Reed  
July 2022**