



**ARMADA ATHLETICS NETWORK**  
**MINUTES OF AGM & MEETING**  
**AT CENTRAL PARK HUB on 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024 (6.30pm)**



**Present:** Richard Warne (Plymouth Harriers (Chair)); Keith Reed (EVH); Paul Crutchley & (COPAC), Colin & Maggie Bunting (Tamar Trotters); Sarah Sinclair (Plymouth Musketeers), Sean Duggan (Plymstock); Karen Eccles (Plymouth H); Dave Hatch & Jason Hulcoop (Moorhaven); Simon Barrett (IS)

**Apologies:** Ruth McCalley); Jim Medhurst (BATS); David McCarthy (Storm); Mark West (Tavistock)

Richard welcomed everyone to the AGM

### **Chair report**

Richard gave a brief report thanking everyone for their efforts and especially Keith & Jayne Reed for the 5K races and the Grand Prix.

Also thanks to Ruth our treasurer for all her hard work.

The positive points have been the turnout at the 5K races but the negatives are the decline in external use of our chip system and the low turnout at track sessions. Overall a good year.

### **Finances and set subs for 2024/25**

Ruth was unable to attend but will send a up to date set of accounts to all

Subs were agreed to remain at £40 but clubs will need to pay an entry fee for the Armada relays this year.

It was agreed we would support COPAC with the creation of a clubhouse at Brickfields.

This could be taken from grant money in the second account.

### **Election of officers**

Chair (Richard Warne), Treasurer (Ruth McCalley) and Secretary (Keith Reed) were proposed by Sarah Sinclair and seconded by Karen Eccles, All three were voted in unanimously.

The AGM closed at 18.55

### **Club reports**

#### **COPAC**

Paul Crutchley gave an update on developments at the track PAFC are keen to get an agreement by June but there are still a number of issues to be resolved.

The club have relinquished the use of the back straight room in the Albion stand and have nowhere to meet at present. PAFC have suggested a low cost clubhouse next to the track. This would be acceptable depending on cost (see above).

The club is doing well with 300 members and has started the Track and Field season well with national selections and club records. The junior section is doing well led by Jaimie Ingleby.

The club are hosting the Devon Open on 26<sup>th</sup> May and also tow Senior opens on 14<sup>th</sup> July nd 11<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **Tamar Trotters**

The Saltash Half on 5<sup>th</sup> May went well despite issues with the new EA entry system.

200 in main race and 100 in 5K

Entries open for Mag 7 on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Clubs are encouraged to support

Good success from Bex Ezra, Ollie Oldfield and Jacob Landers in recent races.

The clubs still have no Chair or club captains appointed.

#### **Plymouth Musketeers**

The club recently held a successful awards evening and AGM. Sarah is back as Chair.

Still looking at finding a Race Director for the 2025 Muskies Madness.

Club continue to do well at local events.

**BATS (no report)**

**Plymstock Road Runners**

Club going well although they still do not currently have a Chair following AGM.  
Also struggling for coaches. Some new LIRF's to be trained.  
Club are using SPOND for managing sessions.  
Club holding breakfast runs.. Muddy Duck on 20<sup>th</sup> July. Entries are now open.

**Instinctive Sport**

Simon Barret attended this time. Club has just 35 members but continue to do well.  
It will be their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this years and events are planned.  
Good turnout at local races and parkruns.

**Moorhaven RC**

Dave Hatch said the club have just 8 embers but will continue to exist.  
The cost of EA affiliation is high and it would be good if this could be lower for small clubs  
Dave asked again if any coaches could help them with sessions as they are struggling.  
Could clubs please contact Dave directly?

**Plymouth Harriers**

Karen' gave the report. Club doing well and it is good to see more young people at training sessions improving the overall atmosphere.  
The Couch to 5K went well and following their graduation at the Armada 5K the club have got 22 new members as a result. Now setting up groups to help transition from 5K to 10K  
Plans well underway for the race in October, issues with PCC taking a while to approve.  
Club AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**Tavistock AC**

Mark West was hoping to attend but had to send last minute apologies. The good news is that the track is done and will reopen with the 5K on 18<sup>th</sup> May.

**Erme Valley Harriers.**

The 10K went well and thanks to all the clubs who supported the race. The next race is the EVH relays on June 28<sup>th</sup> and entries are also open for the 3 Tops Fell races on 7<sup>th</sup> August.  
Club held a successful junior awards evening. Good results in local races from the senior club members but junior participation is still an issue.

**Plymouth Tri Club**

No report.

**STORM (by email)**

Membership looking stronger than last year. Great buzz at events lately with Plymouth seeing us have over a hundred take part and Ivybridge where we had plenty of involvement. We also took a team of 30 up to Milton Keynes to take part in the half and full marathon and all stayed away and made a weekend of it which was great.  
Work still being done to confirm Storm the Fort 10k. It's pencilled in but the council have been painfully slow in giving us permission. Lots of hard work gone in so hopefully it's not for nothing. Other than that our club nights have been lower than usual with all the events having an effect this past month but starting to get back to normal again. Great evenings been had at the armada 5K's and plenty still obsessing over the park runs.  
Hope to see all of the clubs through the summer at everyone's events. Apologies again for not making this evening.

**Clocks/Equipment**

Thanks to all who helped tidy the Armada container. No firm date yet for moving the container to just inside the track We have now donated the small container to the Foodbank although current COPAC kit is stored in it.  
All clocks in the store.

**Coaching and Officials Courses**

All future courses are online here <https://www.athleticshub.co.uk>.  
They have been posted on Social Media by EA.

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We need to see what courses our clubs want and contact EA to arrange.  
This could include Cornwall clubs  
Well done to those from Armada who attended the official's course held in Exeter on  
March.23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Armada 5K Series**

5Kk series started well at Saltram. With both the April race marshalled by Plymouth Harriers.  
The May race was done by Plymouth Musketeers.  
Sarah asked if a marshal map could be issued. Also it was confirmed that the club who is  
marshalling should provide a First Aid person and a Tail walker.

The other races in the series will be covered as follows

June 12<sup>th</sup> – Plymstock  
July 17<sup>th</sup> – IS (note date change)  
Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – Storm  
Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Tamar Trotters

### **Chip Timing System**

System worked well at Ivybridge  
No external bookings. Clubs to confirm if they require it.

### **Grand Prix 2024**

The up to date standing will be sorted and website to be amended.

### **Christmas Relays**

Agree to change £10 for all clubs.

### **AOB**

None raised.

**Date of next meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July in Central Park Hub 6.45pm**

**Keith Reed  
May 2024**