



ARMADA ATHLETICS NETWORK
MINUTES OF MEETING AT COPAC NEW CLUBHOUSE
on 15th JANUARY 2024



Present: Richard Warne (Plymouth Harriers (Chair); Fred Jenkins (IS)); Keith Reed (EVH); Steve Blackford (COPAC), Maggie Bunting & Diana Nicholson (Tamar Trotters); Sarah Sinclair (Plymouth Musketeers), Graham Bale (Plymstock)

Apologies: Ruth McCalley; Karen Eccles (Plymouth H); Dave Hatch (Moorhaven); Dave McCarthy (Storm); Jim Medhurst (BATS)

Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting. Richard passed on his thanks to Keith and Jayne for the Christmas Relays and the Grand Prix as well as the summer 5K races. Also well done to all the winners and runners up in the EA Regional awards and those who did well in the South West Cross Country Championships.

Club reports

COPAC

Steve Blackford said the club continues to have a winter season. The Sportshall team did well at the second fixture and also the Westward league. Athletes have competing in both those events and also Indoor meetings at Cardiff. The developments at the track are ongoing with legal agreements still being sorted. Recent concerns have been shared with PAFC. Poppy Tank did well in a GB vest at the European Cross Country. There will be no SAL team this year but hopefully we can have a couple of open meetings aimed at seniors.

Tamar Trotters

The Couch to 5K course was completed before Christmas and other one has been launched, 13 new members have joined. Grand Prix launched. Saltash Half 5th May and Mag 7 on 7th July. Triathlon coaching going well at Mount Kelly.

Plymouth Musketeers

New members joining regularly. Not holding a Couch to 5K at the moment. Good turnout at January Jaunt. Muskie's Madness 18th May – entries opened. Race series launched.

BATS

Bere Alston Trekkers (BATs) Report for Armada Meeting
Bere Pen 10 will not be returning in 2024. Looking to appoint a Race Director ahead of 2025. Event participation still low, particularly for road events. Some interest in longer trail events, with signups for the Giants Head Marathon and Hope. Club fortunately managed to secure a London Marathon place, despite the change in membership criteria. Club AGM in February.

Plymstock Road Runners

Club going well although they do not currently have a Chair. AGM next month. Club is hosting Primary Schools XC in Feb/Mar at Plymouth Oaks RFC. Still holding breakfast runs. Club had one London Marathon place. Muddy Duck 20th July.

Instinctive Sport.

Fred Jenkins said the club is going well. They have made some changes to GP rules to make more competitive. It will be the best 20 results from 25.

Moorhaven RC

Dave Hatch sent his apologies.

Plymouth Harriers

Richard Warne gave a brief report in Karen's absence. Current membership – 156
Club are starting a new Couch to 5K. Good turn out at Cross Countries. Had 1st V60 at January Jaunt.

Tavistock AC – No report

Tavi 13 not being held in 2024 due to impending work on the track

Erme Valley Harriers.

Club going well. 10K set for 11th May entries will open very soon Relays and 3 Tops planned. Good turnout at Sportshall and Westward League from seniors. Good results at races.

Plymouth Tri Club

No report

STORM

Dave McCarthy sent apologies and the report below

Good bunch of new starters since the turn of the year. Been good numbers at club runs and fantastic turnout at yesterday's January Jaunt. Great to see the running community thriving and back out racing! Albeit a little bit chilly!!

Race plans continue - we have race route nailed. Risk assessment and documents in development due to be complete this week. Teaser post on social media to go out this week regarding the date and race. To be fully confirmed next month hopefully. May be tapping into everyone's knowledge next month for hints and tips re:race!!

Club are looking forward to attacking the armada Grand Prix yet again this year and attending everyone's races.

All things looking bright for 2024.

FINANCES

Ruth McCalley sent her apologies. The final accounts produced by the accountants were shared. We did make a significant loss last year but this was partly down to funding a Traffic Management course and the lack of external income for chip timing services. Need to look at charging for relays and subs increase. Review at next meeting

Clocks/Equipment

All clocks are back in the store. There is a fault with the new clock and we are currently talking to the supplier. May need to pay for repair.

Coaching and Officials Courses

All future courses are online here <https://www.athleticshub.co.uk>.

The official's course will be held in Exeter on March.23rd

Armada 5K Series

We have been in touch with Saltram about the 5K. KR to chase

Chip Timing System

Thanks to Darren for all his hard work with the system during 2024. Could clubs confirm the use for 2024 races please? Quote requested for January Jaunt 2025.

Grand Prix 2023

The final Grand Prix standings are on to the website.

The awards were given out at Christmas Relays on 17th December.

We will need to rethink the races for 2024 as the Tavi 13 is not taking place. Agreed to add Saltash Half and possibly Cornowwd.KR to look in the format. Sarah asked about consistent age categories across our races. This is up to host clubs.

Christmas Relays

Race went well in dry weather we did struggle to get marshals from the clubs (but OK on the day). Suggest we charge Armada clubs next year

AOB

KR asked about marshals for the Westward League in Central Park on Feb 11th.

We do need the help of all our clubs.

We will have to look at moving our container to just inside the track when developments begin. This will be done by PAFC but we will have to empty it.

We may look at having just one.

Richard attended the latest Green Community meeting about Central Park.

Date of next meeting Monday 11th March- venue and time TBC

**Keith Reed
January 2024**