



ARMADA ATHLETICS NETWORK

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11th JANUARY 2010

Present: Paul Ross (EVH & Chairman) Keith Reed (EVH and Network Co-ordinator); Richard Warne (Plymouth Harriers); Amanda Erith/Pat Parritt (ECH); John Crockford (Plymouth Coasters); Bill Phillips (Tamar Trotters); Allan Herdman (Tavistock AC), Dave Dane (Plymstock RR); Bryan King and AN Other (Plymouth Muskateers); Gary Sansom (PAC); Charlotte Lawson (Run in England)

Apologies: Chris Carpenter (PAC) Russell Quew Louise Wilkinson (Carbielle C); Steve Rose (Plymstock RR); Sonya Ellis (England Athletics), Dave Hatch (Moorhaven RC)

The meeting was expecting the attendance of Chris Mallender EA SW Region Manager.

Minutes of Previous meeting: Agreed as true record

Brickfields – The inspection took place on Thursday 12th with Bob Ivory (UKA) and Kevin Thomas (PCC) and Louisa Duggan (Brickfields). KR was in attendance. There were some cosmetic issues which need attention plus the problems with Pole Vault and High Jump. It is also hoped to seek funding for the long jump work to be done before the new season starts. Track certification will be maintained.

Website – Continues to be maintained thanks to Allan Herdman. Any further updates to be sent to Allan

Clock – Both clocks are now held in Babcock store.

Composite Team – the Armada team for the SW league has been renewed for next year. AGM was held on Saturday. EGM to be held on Jan 24th to decide on structure. The composite team application for the National Junior League (U17/U20) has been accepted. A shared training day was cancelled last weekend due to the weather.

Courses

KR reminded everyone about the coaching courses coming up. The new revamped coaching structure was explained and a document has been issued. The level 2 Endurance officials pilot course was run on November 29th in Ivybridge. This was well attended and feedback given to UKA on the content by Paul Ross.

Westward League – The next event will take place this Sunday at Bideford (has now been cancelled)

Finances JC gave an update on the current financial position. All clubs should note that the £10 affiliation fee is due.

3K Winter events: This month's event to be cancelled due to weather forecast. KR to advise as many people as possible. The summer events will be 5K and possibly alternate between Central Park and Saltram. This will depend on finding a suitable course in Central Park.

Hoe 10 Update

The meeting was briefed on the situation by PR

Entries – 300 to date

Forms being distributed – promote event – direct to website – **Action ALL**

Volunteers to support/marshall etc required from all member clubs – names to Amanda Erith or PR – **Action ALL**

Need good Car Park Marshalling given change of course

Towel design now sorted

Course – has been redesigned – some issues with Highways. JC to remeasure.

Police OK

Albion OK – Vouchers for refreshments to be given to helpers

St John OK (£350)
Sutton Harbour Company – awaiting reply to letter.
PAC trackside hut to be used.
Water – PR sourcing
Fun run – may need more medals.
Race is due to be scrutineered by BARR – no contact to date
Race officials – TBC

Run in England Update

An update was given by Charlotte Lawson on the Run in England initiative and how it links in with the Network and also the Plymouth Half Marathon. There was a general support of the integration and a further meeting is planned for Tues 19th at Windsor House 6.30pm to discuss.

Network Progress report (KR)

A full report was issued (copy attached). Main highlights as follows:

- Armada Sportshall went well – won by EVH
- Cross county events being held at Plymstock, Ivybridge and East Cornwall
- Sport Unlimited course starts this week at Lipson
- Several major events in the City this Spring and Summer with the chance to promote the network and the clubs.
- Working on Clubmark with Tamar T and Tavistock
- Setting up coaching groups.
- Schools challenge underway.

New initiatives for 2010

A major new project has been launched which involves purchasing 2 portakabins to house weight and gym equipment which can be used by Network clubs. The equipment was donated by Babcock and this has now been put into the Portakabins at Brickfields. The Portakabins have been refurbished by members of PAC (especially Ron Blank/Matt Bradley/Chris Carpenter/Alan Haworth) and are now nearly ready to be used. KR has applied for grant aid from Sport England to cover the costs. The idea is to open this facility up to the other clubs subject to having the relevant coaching supervision. A meeting will be held of all interested coaches to look at what is available.

KR introduced a new initiative to encourage club and schools participation in low key track and field events. Plan is to start with an event in March. (copy attached)

Allan Herdman also was looking at a Schools Challenge type of event to link in with the Tavi 13 in April,

Work ongoing with 3:2:1 scheme to mark specific courses in Central park and Saltram. Further discussions to be held.

Athletics 365 initiative is about to be launched. **KR to keep clubs updated with progress**

PR mentioned the Active Sainsbury Vouchers scheme which is now available to clubmark accredited clubs. The scheme is being launched at the end of this month.

AOB

Action PR still to follow contacts from Mc Cain's roadshow with Alex Copeland – Still outstanding

Tavi 7. Feedback was received by race scruteneer. Date could be moved to late Sept this year.

KR had looked at digital recording device for races – One purchased and has been tried successfully.

BK – Plymouth Muskateers to take on Jeremiah's journey in September. May clash with Tavi
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PR gave update on Plymouth Half. 3000 entries to date. Schools Challenge and Fun run on Saturday. Reminder that the challenge is open to all schools. **KR to send details.**

Post Meeting Note – Chris Mallender has apologised for non attendance but he was confused and didn't think we held a meeting in January.

Affiliation fees for Armada Forum are now due for 2010 - £10 per club.

**Next Meeting is on Monday 8th February – Venue and Time to be confirmed.
This will be an important meeting please make every attempt to attend or send a club representative. Chris Mallender from EA will be in attendance this time !!**