



ARMADA ATHLETICS NETWORK

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th FEBRUARY 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); Julia McNaught (Widewell Striders); Louise Wilkinson (Carbeile Cruisers); Fred Jenkins/Barry Hopper (Inst. Sports); Dave Hatch/K Khurana/J Hulcoop (Moorhaven) Chris Carpenter (COPAC); James Payne/Stephen Romanski (Roman Gladiators) Chris Mallender (EA)

Apologies; Russell Quew; Steve Rose (Plymstock RR); Charlotte Lawson (Run in England)

Minutes of Previous meeting: Agreed as true record

Brickfields –Track certification now received. Limitations on Pole Vault and Triple Jump as before. It is planned for the remedial work to be done before the new season starts.

Please would all users of the track note that during training - Lane 1 should not be used to prevent excessive wear.

Website –Continues to be maintained thanks to Allan Herdman. Some new updates to be added by Allan

Clock –Both clocks are now held in Babcock store. One to be used for Hoe 10 and the other will be hired by Sport Relief at favourable rate from us following agreement from meeting.

Composite Team – the Armada team for the SW league has been renewed for next year. The EGM was not held on Jan 24th because the league had resolved the issues. We now have the fixtures and venues. The composite team application for the National Junior League (U17/U20) has been accepted. A further shared training day has been organised for Sat 20th Feb in Par. Malcolm Fenton (National Coach for Hammer) will be in attendance.

Courses

We have had a good turnout from Armada clubs on both level 1 and level 2 coaching courses. A further level 1 is being organised in Exeter (date TBC).

The new courses from the revamped coaching structure will begin in April. A further level 2 Endurance officials course will be held in the area soon.

Westward League – The next event will take place this Sunday at Bovey Tracey

Finances JC gave an update on the current financial position. Most clubs have now paid the £10 affiliation fee.

3K Winter events: Next one due wed Feb 10th. We will begin the summer events with a 5K in Central Park. JC has found a suitable course in Central Park but it does go outside the park.

Hoe 10 Update

The meeting was briefed on the situation by PR

Entries – 600 to date (will be full this week)

Towels have been received

Course – has been redesigned – some issues with Highways.

Will require extra marshalling and car park control. (Names to Amanda or Paul please)

Race finish and start will be different.

Runners will need to be briefed on the day.

Police OK

Albion OK – Vouchers for refreshments to be given to helpers

PAC trackside hut to be used.

Water –being delivered

Fun run – Route as previous. Entries on the day.

Race officials – Now sorted.

England Athletics Update

Chris Mallender from the EA (Team leader MSW) was in attendance.

Chris provided an outline of the progress with Athletics network in England and the way they are supported. Currently there are 53 with a further 6 expected to be added by the summer.

The key issues that any network should concentrate on are as follows

- Club development
- Coach development
- Participation and partnership with Run in England
- Sustainability

Whilst it was accepted that we had made progress in many areas, we still need to consider these facets in our plans for year 2. It was agreed we would submit our year 2 plan by end May.

A copy of Chris's presentation will be sent out.

Network Progress report (KR)

KR gave an update of progress since the end of last year. (copy attached).

There has been particular success in Sportshall events Cross country events involving schools have been run in Plymstock and East Cornwall.

Endurance workshops planned

Sports unlimited session at Lipson

Talent ID day held for disability athletes (P2P)

Meetings with Marjon and Corporate games.

Plans for Y2

PR had done a lot of work in formulating a plan but this will now be reconsidered in light of CM's comments and feedback.

There are several new initiatives including Training groups linked with the Half Marathon and Also plans for Come and try sessions targeted at Track and Field,

Run in England Update

The further meeting was held on Tues 19th to discuss. A plan was formulated and circulated to clubs. We were going to launch on Feb 7th but due to a lack of a venue it has been delayed to the Hoe 10 day. A stand will be set up with details of the available club and group sessions and a website link will be added to the Half marathon website.

Update on Weight/Gym facility and new initiatives

The facility is now up and running and can be accessed by other clubs through KR or PAC. There will be some training provided. It is hoped to run sessions for coaches over the next few months. **CC to update everyone on situation**

The for grant aid from Sport England to cover the costs has not been successful but is being reviewed by Alex Copeland.

Tavistock have organised 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. KR attended launch in Exeter. Others to be considered

AOB

Ivybridge 10K has on line entry now open..

No news on Jeremiah's journey in September. Tavi 7 is almost certainly to be on same weekend

PR gave further update on Plymouth Half. 4000 entries to date. Schools Challenge and Fun run on Saturday. Closing date for schools challenge has gone. KR to find out who have entered.

BH asked about taking on Dartmoor Discovery as this may be final year.

East Cornwall and Plymstock are being externally verified for Clubmark. Tavistock AC have people on Active Devon course.

Spring Warm up track event – Sunday 4th April will include trophies for Richard Rowe and Frank Coles plus other perpetual trophies.

Congratulations to Anne Luke, Simon Anderson, Richard Drage and Katherine Endacott for appearing well up in National rankings and recording some superb performances.

A new club Roman Gladiators are being formed and wish to affiliate. 2 reps were at the meeting. PR offered our help in setting up as a club.

Next Meeting is on Monday 8th March at 6.30pm – Windsor House