



ARMADA ATHLETICS NETWORK
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
13th June 2011

Present: Paul Ross (Chair and EVH); Keith Reed (Network Co-ordinator and EVH); Eric Turner and Andy Stephens (Widewell Striders); Alan Williams and Helen Roper (Tamar Trotters); Chris Menlove-Platt and Kevin Williams (Plymouth Musketeers); Richard Warne, John McGhee, Karen Eccles and Pete Tabenor (Plymouth Harriers); Dave Hatch (Moorhaven RC); Dave Dane (Plymstock RR); Amanda Erith (ECH); Sheila Houghton (Tavistock AC)

Apologies: John Smith (Tamar Trotters); Steve Rose (Plymstock RR); Chris Carpenter (COPAC); Bryan King (Plymouth Muskeeters); Charlotte Lawson

Minutes of Previous meeting: Agreed as true record except Paul Paskins should have been Paul Penrose.

Introduction

It has now been formally confirmed that we will be awarded our year 3 funding. There were some amendments as suggested namely related to work. In addition we have been awarded an additional £7K for work with Run England. The targets will be demanding and we must devise a plan to access this funding. The final details of the bid are being supplied to all clubs and it will be discussed in full next month.

The network have also been successful in gaining £7.2K to deliver Disability athletics in the Plymouth area with the emphasis on working with wheelchair athletes.

Chris M-P reminded the meeting that we need to formulate a business plan for year 4.

Brickfields – KR gave an update on the work at the track. The work has been completed and the track was used for the Devon Open on June 5th. Unfortunately the Pole Vault bed and cover has been destroyed in an arson attack. This will be replaced once insurance is sorted. The stand will be out of use for the foreseeable future.

Website – The website has become corrupted and is not working. KR has spoken to Allan Herdman and he has promised to sort. This is becoming a real issue.

Clock – The clocks have been well used of late and there is a very busy time coming up. Paul has devised a plan which will need to be followed whilst he is away.

Composite Team – The Armada SW league team took part in the second fixture again at Exeter. Again the competition was tough and the team was affected by both the Plymouth Half and the clash with the NJL meeting on the same day. We need to get a good team out at the next fixture on July 3rd. All clubs please note.

Coaching Courses

The Coaching assistant course on the 18th/19th June at Brickfields has around 10 booked on., There will be a Coaching in Running Fitness (CIRF) course on 24th/25th July again at Brickfields and finally an Athletics Coach course in Tavistock on 10th/11th September. It is most important that clubs find people to attend these courses otherwise they will be cancelled.

The Endurance Officials course in Ivybridge on May 21st including a Risk assessment course. was reasonably well attended. There will be a Track judging course in Carn Brae on Saturday July 16th.

Finances - No report due to the absence of the treasurer. We will need to produce a statement for EA to be sent back with the signed bid document.

Summer 5K events:

The 5K have gone well with excellent turn outs. The next one is on Wednesday July 13th July. Dave Dane stated that Steve Rose had started looking into the course for the 10K in September. This will have to be agreed with the Saltram warden

Hoe 10

PR has attended the Event Safety Advisory Group (ESAG) to discuss the event. All went well even though it was a daunting experience.

Network Progress report (KR)

KR gave an update of the progress in the past month. It has been a very busy time in the schools with both track meetings and coaching sessions. Copy attached.

There will be a further Volunteer Co-ordinators meeting in August. Hopefully the clubs who did not attend the first one will be there this time. The meeting will run from 7pm – 9pm and it is hoped to invite a regional volunteer person from Plymouth..

Run England Update

As stated above we need to develop our strategy for delivery of support to leaders and also encourage new members to join the new Run England scheme. It still has to be clarified exactly who could register.

Update on Weight/Gym facility and new initiatives

Still no agreement on access for Moorhaven RC. PR to speak to COPAC.

Run Britain Update

There is little change in this area. Paul Ross reminded everyone that the CLO role to cease the end of 2011

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- Karen Eccles is now the new Chair of Plymouth Harriers.
- Kevin Williams stated that the Muskeeters now have a membership of 71. They are having problems with their training venue and it is hoped that this can be resolved. If not they will need to seek an alternative venue. Kevin also apologises from any shorts for said the Adam Tofield has suggested a trip to the Diamond League at Crystal Palace in August. Could all clubs give some feedback
- CMP has had a good response to his coach database request but could still do with more.
- Alan Williams from Tamar Trotters requested help with marshalling the Mag 7 on July 17th.
- Dave Hatch attended a meeting of SW Road running reps with Ian Humphries. Ian has suggested a possible GP event in each county. PR has some misgivings on the popularity of such events but welcomes initiative.
- Widewell striders now have 30 members
- Paul Ross asked for feedback on Plymouth Half marathon. Wash up meeting due June 20th. Some problems with crowd control.
- Pete Tabenor gave details of national vest 10K at Exmouth on Oct 2nd - Armada members are encouraged to enter
- Duckponds race July 9th
- EVH relays July 1st
- PA system being repaired after damage at Hoe 10.
- KR to look into possible First Aid courses.

Next Meeting is on Monday 11th July at 6.30pm until 8.00pm – Windsor House