

# ARMADA ATHLETICS FORUM

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 09 MARCH 2009

**Present:** P Ross (EVH); R Warne (PH); J Crockford (PC); C Carpenter (PAC); A Erith, P Parritt (ECH); L Wilkinson/P Rowe (CC); C Bunting/B Phillips (TT), S Underwood (Widewell Striders), B King (PM), A Herdman (Tav) L Chatfield (ADSP)

**Apologies:** D Hatch, S Rose, D Dane, K Reed

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Agreed.

**Actions from previous meeting:**

Obtain Domain Name and update web site. AH apologised and was hoping to move it forward soon. New Armada Athletics Forum logo to be put on site – **Actions AH. PR to supply logo.**

**Brickfields:**

Announcers hut now totally vandalised. - Portacabin being purchased by PAC for use alongside the track - planning permission in hand. Need in place nad connected by end of March. Meeting with Louise Oates and Kevin Thomas held. Full Track and field season of events for Brickfields this year. Bob Ivory to inspect facility

**KR to supply T&F dates**

**PSF meeting dates to be circulated – Action PR**

19 May

29 September also AGM

24 November

Affiliation also due - £35 – agreed to pay.

**Web site:** Still awaiting update from AH

**Actions: Low maintenance info to be sent to AH – ALL**

**Finance:** £6,903 - 10 in bank. £3 - 68 Cash. Majority of Hoe 10 invoices paid with one still outstanding. Profit from Hoe 10 circa £2800

**BATS still to pay annual affiliation fee.**

**Clock:**

Requests for use of clock received from:

Carbeille Cruisers – OK –arrangements to be made to collect

Launceston Half Marathon - £50 – PR to contact Race Organiser.

Cancer Research Charity 24 Hour Relay – clock does not run for 24 hours – PR to contact organiser.

**Sportshall League:** Plymstock won the league with EVH second amnd these two were well clear of the rest of the teams.

**Composite team – Armada Forum** – SW T&F League fees to be paid.

**PR:** Ivybridge 10K 9 May entry forms available on EVH club website.

**AE:** 5 Tors Race – 22 March

**BP:** Entry forms for Saltash Half Marathon 3 May – clock required.

**SR (in his absence):** PRR Annual Schools XC – final event now held and well supported. Oreston School were winners once again.

**LW:** Carbeille Cruisers Challenge event 29 March – Lots going on at event and receiving lots of publicity and media support. Good entry to date.

**AH:** Tavy track progressing well. Opening event being planned for June/July. Club has recruited and trained 13 new Level 1 Coaches. A new club has been formed at Okehampton.

**CC:** Spring Warm Up Meeting Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be the first delivery event as an Athletic network. Key that we get a good turnout of athletes from the local clubs – we would expect some media coverage. Minimum age for athletes is confirmed as 8 years old. Need to also try and link into schools. Prospectus for day to be circulated asap.

**PR:**

**Any photos to enhance Armada Promotional leaflet would be welcomed Action ALL .**

**Hoe 10 2009** – Thanks to all who supported. Issues with marshalls who failed to show on the day and members of Forum Clubs who were watching event rather than helping. Some issues with cars on course – police had taken some registrations to report. Less police support than what we were promised. There were issues around the finish area with spectators and athletes wandering across the track. Also p[roblems on Barbican with flower beds at entrance to pavement behind Glassworks and no key available for gate on Quay Road.

**Future Meetings:** Windsor House booked for remaining meetings in 2009 with an 1830 start as building has to be vacated by 2000.

**Athletics Networks:** Chris Carpenter and Paul Ross had very positive meeting with PCC who are willing to support the Network and act as employer for the Club and Coach Coordinator. Job description put together but had to be revised to satisfy EA. This is now completed and has been submitted along with all of our delivery plan. Heard today that this has been accepted and a Partnership agreement of Understanding was received late this afternoon. Agreed that this should be circulated to the Armada Network Exec for comments. Any items requiring clarification to be resolved before agreement is signed. Club and Coach Coordinator post still being evaluated so proposed salary still unknown. To be advertised nationally and locally once sorted with local interviews. Member clubs will be circulated with details once sorted.

Network Exec agreed as;

Paul Ross, Chris Carpenter, John Smith, Dave Dane, Keith Reed, John Crockford.  
Louise Oates would also attend meetings as Manager of Club and Coach co ordinator.  
PR thanked CC for his input to date.

McCain are not planning to bring their Road show to Plymouth yet.

Additional funding is required to deliver all that we have in our plan. PR requested names, contact details of any company authority etc that may be able to support.

**Actions: Names/Contacts details of any potential Commercial Companies, LA's, Sports Associations, Partners who may be willing to support to PR – ACTION – ALL**

**Podiatry Survey:** Information circulated to attendees.

**Give to Sport:** Marjons initiative – information circulated to attendees.

**Runners World Top Road Running Cities:** Plymouth listed at Number 16 – Steve Rose was interviewed by RW and did a good job selling Armada Forum.

**Westward XC League:** Current organisers have stood down. Were the Forum interested in organising results and finances? No one came forward only proposal was that Clubs pay entry fees up front and get rebate for over payment at end of season.

**Devon County Road Running Meeting:** All welcome to attend. **Note – date of meeting at Exeter Harrier Harriers Clubhouse is on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> and not April 27<sup>th</sup> 7-30pm – 9pm**

**Plymouth Half Marathon:** Half Marathon and Fun Run both full. Marshall help required on the day – pleaser ask at your clubs – any names to Paul Ross. Full briefing given.

**Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday 11 May 2009 – 6-30pm – Windsor House – Note meeting start time.**