

ARMADA ATHLETICS FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2009

Present: P Ross/K Reed (EVH); R Warne (PH); J Crockford (PC); C Carpenter (PAC); A Erith (ECH); P Underwood (Widewell Striders), S Rose/D Dane (PRR), D Hatch (Moorhaven), S Ellis (EA)

Apologies: C Bunting, B Phillips, L Wilkinson, A Herdman, L Chatfield, P Parrit.

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. AH has agreed to sort by end of May.**

Brickfields:

Portacabin purchased by PAC for use alongside the track and is a great improvement. Little support received from PCC but Devon AA are to financially support. It is unknown whether the track has had its annual inspection/check. Staff at Brickfields do not know. There are known issues with triple jump and long jump.

KR to supply T&F dates

PSF meeting dates to be circulated – Action PR

19 May – Chris Carpenter may be able to attend but requires minutes of previous. **PR to obtain.**

29 September also AGM

24 November

Affiliation also due - £35 – agreed to pay. **JC to pay.**

Web site: Still awaiting update from AH

Actions: Low maintenance info to be sent to AH – ALL See above.

Finance: First stage payment received from EA

A statement of accounts was circulated to all attendees.

BATS still to pay annual affiliation fee.

Clock:

Requests for use of clock received from:

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. No feedback received from event organiser.

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

First meeting held at Exeter with very good support from athletes. Armada Forum team won match. Next meeting 24 May at Millfield – coach to be supplied.

KR: Ivybridge 10K Many thanks for support, record number of finishers.

AE: 5 Tors Race – Thanks for support, good write up on event in Runners World Magazine. Clubmark application now with EA.

AH: Tavy track progressing well. Opening event being planned for June – no update.

CC: Spring Warm Up Meeting Sunday April 5th. Good turnout and some new clubs in attendance **CC to supply report**

PR: Any photos to enhance Armada Promotional leaflet would be welcomed Action ALL . LC is the only one to supply any to date.

SE: Dan Nash (ECH) did well in London Mini Marathon.

Funding available from “Skills Active” for leadership & management, coach mentoring incl flying coaches. Form to circulate (SE) can't apply for Coach Education Courses. **Sonya to distribute info.**

Who is representing Athletics on discussions on Central Park and Lifecentre. The group has not been invited to have any input.

Grow your Club workshop was well received looking at putting on others – possibly one in Plymouth.

KR: EVH have agreed to take over organisation of Westward XC League. Any help offered from member clubs would be welcomed. Information will be distributed shortly. Issues with finances/payments of fees to be sorted. Further meeting to be held with Exmouth Harriers. Brooks and Ironbridge Runner to continue supporting. Review of league structure to be undertaken. Look to host a meeting by the Forum in the Plymouth area – Staddiscombe proposed. Further proposal to support with funding from Forum – for further discussion at next meeting. Thanks extended to EVH for undertaking.

Level 2 Officials Course held – 17 attendees – representation from COPAC, Plymstock RR, Tamar Trotters and ECH.

Lookat holding Level 1 Course in Plymouth.

Athletics Networks:

First phase of funding now received

PR provided a list of deliverables to date against our development plan.

He requested that all member clubs inform him of any new initiatives within their clubs, links with schools and other groups and any courses members had attended. Need to use whatever we can (including Power of Ten) to track athlete, coach and officials development.

McCain are bringing their Road show to Plymouth for the Half Marathon. We will be supplying coaches to support and would like to have representatives from member clubs in attendance. Names to PR.

McCain are supplying flyers to promote athletics and the Armada Network. It was agreed that we print our own flyers to enhance the supply on the day and for future use – 5000 to be obtained – Photos required. It was also agreed that Polo shirts with Armada Log on and AN logo would be purchased for use by club reps and coaches at the event.

Press release to be assembled and distributed.

DRCP look as if they will be supporting the Network financially and we still await outcome of another bid for financial support that has been submitted. Job advert for Club and Coach Coordinator is in public domain and arousing interest – all applications are through PCC. Closing Date 24/5 – Short listing 27/5 – Interviews 17/6 – Panel members to be decided when shortlist applicants names are known.

QuadKids: Delivered at Devon Open Meeting in Plymouth

Events planned in Ivybridge (linked with EVH) and Tavistock (but Tavistock AC not aware). Need to look at possibility of hosting others in Plymouth, Plymstock, Liskeard, Saltash and Tavistock.

COPAC are looking at holding a minors event prior to Mens League at Brickfields on 6 June.

Agreed to offer free taster sessions on first Saturday of each month at Brickfields and link into PCC's Active Sports initiative.

Park Series events: Time trial events

First to be linked into Plymouth Coasters 5K at Saltram then July 22nd and August 19th at 7pm over the same course (these two as time trials with low entry fees to cover costs) and the final trial within the Saltram 5K 5th September. **JC to produce flyer.**

Agreed to look at holding a 3K series in Central Park during the winter months

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8 June 2009 – 6-30pm – Windsor House – Note meeting start time.