



ARMADA ATHLETICS NETWORK
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
12th September 2011

Present: Paul Ross (Chair and EVH); Keith Reed (Network Co-ordinator and EVH); Andy Stephens (Widewell Striders); John Smith (Treasurer and Tamar Trotters); Chris Menlove-Platt (Plymouth Musketeers); Richard Warne, Karen Eccles (Plymouth Harriers); Dave Dane and Steve Rose (Plymstock RR); Amanda Erith (ECH); Barry Hopper (Inst. Sport); Chris Carpenter (COPAC); Dave Hatch and Jason Hulcoop (Moorhaven RC); Kevin Stiff (Tamar Trotters); Bridget Macdonald and Samantha Marshall (BATS)

Apologies: Bryan King (Plymouth Musketeers); Charlotte Lawson; Sheila Houghton (Tavistock); Eric Turner (Widewell Striders); Sonya Ellis; John McGhee (Plymouth Harriers)

Minutes of Previous meeting: Agreed as true record

Year 3 Funding

Following meetings of a sub-committee a paper was submitted to all clubs about the option for year 4. Some clubs had discussed it and some were either not represented or had not yet discussed. A brief discussion ensued with feedback coming from Plymouth AC and Plymstock. Plymouth AC stated that their preferred option would be for the Co-ordinators post to continue to be hosted by Plymouth City Council. There were some concerns as to the capability of raising enough meeting to fund the post. In general there was a consensus to carry on investigating the options but it was agreed that we would try and get the views of the other clubs.

Action – All clubs need to consider the option and e-mail feedback to Keith Reed by end 7th October latest. This will enable discussions to be held at our next meeting.

The funding of £7.2K to deliver Disability athletics in the Plymouth area has now yet been received and spending will commence immediately. Press coverage was good.

Brickfields – The Pole vault cover and bed has been delivered but cannot be used until surface is modified. The track will be relined week beginning October 10th, disruptions to use will have to happen but times will be confirmed.

The facility was passed over to SLM in September. Some communication has gone to COPAC.

Website – It was agreed to look at alternative website hosts but it must be easily updated by Co-ordinator as well as Webmaster. C Menlove – Platt to action.

Clocks – There had been an issue with the return of the clock after the Ruby Run. It was eventually found at the Leisure centre in Tavistock. We need to have a better system of controlling who is responsible for the clock and who is returning it.

It was agreed to loan out clocks to St Lukes Hospice for two events coming up and Autumn Trail as well as our own commitments.

Composite Team – The Armada team were relegated following a poor turnout in the last fixture at Yeovil. The future of the team needs to be decided and if we go ahead there needs to be better support than there is at the moment. Agreed to carry on planning for next season. NJL team did not have the best season either but it is planned to go ahead.

Coaching Courses

The Athletics Coach course went ahead in Tavistock on 10th/11th September. Had 9 attendees and feedback was excellent from the attendees from Plymstock. There are a number of LIRF courses planned and also a new Children's Coach course planned in November at Tavistock. There are still bursaries available from Active Devon plus funding from Plymouth City Council to cover the costs. Contact Keith for details

Finances - Balance is healthy. Money received from Sport England for Wheelchairs.

Summer 5K and Winter 3K events

The final 5K took place in August with another good turn out. The 10K in September has also happened and although numbers were lower than we hoped, it was a good event. Thanks to Plymstock Road Runners for all their hard work in organising the event.

The Winter 3K dates have been issued and all should be in hand for the first one on October 12th in Central park. **Action – all clubs to promote**

Hoe 10

PR has been in contact with the Highways Dept and we have agreed a provisional plan to run the event in 2012. We will need to produce a detailed Traffic Management plan and also have trained personnel working on the event. It was agreed that we would use the same course with slight modifications and the date would be 19th February 2012. We will need a Course director and Chief Marshall as Amanda Erith is stepping down after several years of sterling work. John Smith has agreed to become Chief Marshall. Entry fee and race limit to stay the same. More detailed planning will commence after the next meeting.

Network Progress report (KR)

KR gave an update of the progress in the past month. It has been a quieter time as the schools have been on holiday.

The second Volunteer Co-ordinators meeting in August went well with a host of new ideas and tools. A lot of excellent work has been carried out by the Dorset Network and they have kindly passed the information on to us. All clubs need to go away and implement new ideas.

Run England Update

We have now started encouraging members to register with Run England. KR has a further meeting with Charlotte Fisher this Friday. Nyrene Dudley from PCC has circulated an e-mail to all clubs and leaders to co-ordinate our approach and support. **Action – all clubs to encourage members to sign up to Run England**

Update on Weight/Gym facility and new initiatives

Still no agreement on access for Moorhaven RC and others. **Action CC to sort out access as soon as possible.**

Run Britain Update

PR reminded everyone about the changes to the system and the demise of the CLO. Paul has organised a road running seminar on October 24th in Exeter. He has invited Nigel Rowe to attend. A traffic management course has been organised in Exeter on November 26th and it is key that we get some people to qualify. The course has been subsidised by EA.

First Aid Courses

Cost is likely to be £350 per day plus venue hire. Need to ensure we have enough take up from clubs before confirming booking.

AOB

- SR confirmed that Dartmoor Rescue are available to offer First Aid cover at events
- KE reminded everyone about the 6 moor mile race next Sunday and also gave details of a Remedial injury clinic for all.
- Plymouth Harriers to set up new beginners group
- Jason Hulcoop mentioned some concerns about future costs.
- AE gave details of the Cornish marathon
- BH gave more details on the St Lukes Torch relay proposed for April 2012
- CMP gave information on the charity donation from DOM's dash
- Need to circulate constitution before AGM for possible changes

Next Meeting is on Monday 10th October at 6.30pm until 8.30pm – Windsor House (includes AGM)