

**Scottish Athletics Limited**  
**Road Running and Cross Country Commission**

**Minute of Meeting of Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009 held at 6.30 p.m.**  
**in Strathclyde University Sports Centre, Glasgow**

**Present:**

Ron Morrison, Convener  
Alex Jackson, Secretary  
Margaret Daly, Assistant Secretary  
Marjory Cook  
Ian Hislop  
Jim Young  
Robin Thomas  
Mike Johnston, SAL Endurance Manager

**Apologies:**

Alan Potts, Stephen Murdoch, Graham Sword

**1. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Ron welcomed everyone to the meeting. He extended congratulations to the athletes involved in the District Teams at the Inter Counties in Nottingham in March. Their very successful efforts resulted in 3 winning teams at Senior Women (East); U20 women and U17 men (West) plus individual successes for Craig Wellcoat - 3<sup>rd</sup> U15 (West) and Callum Hawkins - 2<sup>nd</sup> U17 (West). In addition, the East U17 Women scooped the bronze team medals. All agreed this was a very successful event for Scottish athletes.

Marjorie also reported that the Officials Commission had extended congratulations to Alex Jackson at their recent meeting on his UK award. Noted.

Ron asked for items to be starred for discussion and these were agreed.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Noted and agreed.

**2.1 Actions Cleared**

The actions cleared from the previous meeting were noted as:-

Action RRCC2008-5: RM – Eligibility Rules  
Action RRCC2008-12: RM/AJ – Women's team race at National

**2.2 Actions Outstanding**

The actions outstanding from the previous meeting were noted as:-

Action RRCC2008-1: AJ – UK Risk Assessment  
Action RRCC2008-2: AJ /JY – Yearbook checklist  
Action RRCC2008-14: AP – Sponsorship and Course Building  
Action RRCC2008-15: RM/AJ – Championship Hosting by larger clubs  
Action RRCC2008-17: AJ – Race Referees not members of host club\*  
Action RRCC2009-1: JY – Payment for Course Building  
Action RRCC2009-3: JY/RM – UKA Cross Country Event Organisation Guide  
Action RRCC2009-4: RM - SAL 6 Year Plan\*  
Action RRCC2009-5: MC – Officials Commission

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Action RRCC2009-6: MJ – Commonwealth Games Ultra Challenge  
Action RRCC2009-7: All – Medalist Archive\*  
Action RRCC2009-9: MJ/AJ – SAL Marathon Championships\*  
Action RRCC2009-10: RM – Eligibility Rules  
Action RRCC2009-11: AJ/IH/MD – Women's team counters at National XC

Other agenda items starred for discussion were:

Annual Report\*  
Fixture List\*  
District Committees\*  
UKA Endurance Officials Pathway\*

### **2.3 Matters arising**

- Action RRCC2008-17: AJ (Cleared) – Race Referees not members of host club – Further correspondence has been received from G. Gaffney. Appropriate wording is to be included in permits. **Action: RRCC2009-12: AJ**
- Action RRCC2009-7: All (Cleared) – Medalist Archive – Ron advised this was almost ready to go live. Commission members will be given web access first to check and, where possible, complete details. There is a particular need to locate information for 1990/91. **Action: RRCC2009-13: All**
- Action RRCC2009-9: MJ/AJ (Cleared) – SAL Marathon Championships – MJ confirmed Edinburgh as venue for 2009. He requested that the venue for 2010 is placed on agenda for next meeting for discussion. **Action: RRCC2009-14: AJ/MJ**

### **3. District Committees**

No meetings of West or East Committees had taken place. The North District has advised that Stephen Murdoch has resigned. Charlie Forbes has emailed to confirm arrangements to ensure that road and cross country championships will operate effectively. The Commission noted with thanks the work of Stephen Murdoch in supporting the North District.

**Action: RRCC2009-15: AJ**

### **4. Annual Report**

Ron circulated a draft report for comment. This will be completed and forwarded to the SAL Office for inclusion in the SAL Annual Report.

**Action: RRCC2009-16: RM**

### **5. Athlete's Report**

Lindsay MacNeill has indicated she no longer wishes to continue as Athlete's representative. Replacement to be identified.

**Action: RRCC2009-17: AJ**

### **6. Home Countries Event – 28 March, Bangor**

The report by Neil Renton and Anne Marie Hughes noted. Mike also reported on discussions earlier that day in Birmingham. These discussions on future format for the event and relationship with SIAB were noted, including possible inclusion of a relay of 3 x 3k for women and 3 x 5k for men as a district/regional event. It was also noted that the Celtic International for 2009, due to take place in Southern Ireland, may move to Northern Ireland (3<sup>rd</sup> week in January 2010).

### **7. Fixture List**

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Jim circulated a draft list for the 2009/10 Cross Country Season. The North had offered Forres as venue for the National Masters CC Championships. Further discussions will take place on full fixture list at next meeting.

**Action: RRCC2009-18: AJ/JY**

#### **8. UKA Endurance Officials Pathway**

Margaret had raised this in writing with Geoff Wightman and spoke of concerns that where officials had no desire to progress beyond current levels, non-compliance could result in being removed from officials list. Clarification required on determining body for this (UK or SAL). Position on insurance also requires to be clarified. Agreed Marjorie to raise at next Officials Commission and if no satisfactory conclusion, a meeting between Ron, Marjorie and Vic Hockley to be arranged.

**Action: RRCC2009-19: MC**

#### **9. SAL 6 Year Plan – Age Groups (Action RRCC2009-4: RM) (Cleared)**

Ron reported on discussions with Peter Eager which clarified that AGM approval is not required to increase the number of counters in a national women's team from 3 to 4. Agreed that this would therefore be implemented as a Commission decision. Districts to follow suit.

**Action: RRCC2009-20: AJ/MD/CF**

#### **10. Management Committee Meeting**

Ron circulated a draft paper on eligibility rules for competition in Scotland which was proposed for inclusion in the next SAL Board agenda. Paper agreed subject to removal of one paragraph on North.

**Action: RRCC2009-21: RM**

#### **11. U13 Age Groups**

Ron advised of proposals to remove U13 races from National Cross Country Championships and invited views. The options were (1) remove; (2) remove and replace with a relay; or (3) move to IAAF age groups. After discussion the Commission agreed the matter should be referred to District Committees for discussion. Ron to prepare a paper for circulation.

**Action: RRCC2009-22: RM/AJ/MD/CF**

#### **12. World Half Marathon Championships, Birmingham 10/11 October 2009**

Alex advised that Graham Healey was seeking involvement of one official from Scotland. Agreed to be held for further discussion.

**Action: RRCC2009-23: AJ**

#### **13. Nominations for Honorary Life Membership**

This item to be placed on agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

#### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed by email. Venue: Scottish Athletics Offices, South Gyle, Edinburgh

| The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.