

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

**Minute of Meeting of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009 held at 6.30 p.m.**  
**in Scottish Athletics Office, South Gyle, Edinburgh**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Graham Sword

**1. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Ron welcomed everyone to the meeting. He extended congratulations to the new Scottish Half Marathon Champions; Tsegezeab Woldemichael (Shettleston Harriers) and Toni McIntosh (Ayr Seaforth AAC), 50K Champions; Andy McNeil (Long Eaton RC) and Isobel Knox (Hunter Bog Trotters), Marathon Champions; Martin Williams (RH Cambuslang Harriers) and Toni McIntosh (Ayr Seaforth AAC), and 10K Champions; Tsegezeab Woldemichael (Shettleston Harriers) and Toni McIntosh (Ayr Seaforth AAC).

Ron suggested it may be useful to discuss eligibility for Championship titles as there appeared to be inconsistency between the road and cross country events. It was re-confirmed that the Road Racing championships were closed competitions. Ron asked for items to be starred for discussion and these were agreed.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Noted.

**2.1 Actions Cleared**

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

Action RRCC2008-1: AJ – UK Risk Assessment (merged with 2009-3)	} included in discussion on Commission structure
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: RRCC2009-7: All – Medalist Archive	
Action: RRCC2009-4: RM: – SAL 6-year plan	
Action: RRCC2009-6: MJ – Commonwealth Games Ultra Challenge	
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	
Action: RRCC2009-14 MJ - SAL Marathon Championship venue 2010	
Action: RRCC2009-15: AJ – North District Committee	
Action: RRCC2009-16: RM – Annual report	

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Action: RRCC2009-17: AJ - Athlete's representative (included in discussion on the Commission structure)

Action: RRCC2009-18: AJ/JY – Fixture list

Action: RRCC2009-20: AJ/MD/CF – Woman's team in National and Districts

Action: RRCC2009-21: RM – Eligibility Rules

Action: RRCC2009-23: AJ – World Half Marathon Championships

## **2.2 Actions Outstanding**

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

Action RRCC2008-2: AJ /JY – Yearbook checklist

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 Level 2 feedback

Action RRCC2009-22: RM – Under 13 Age Groups

Other agenda items starred for discussion were:

North District U13 Comments

Edinburgh Marathon Official Complaint

Provisional Winter Fixture List

## **2.3 Matters arising**

Action RRCC2009-13: RM – Medalist Archive - check for SWCCU results / books to be made at SAL Office.

Action RRCC2009-1: AJ – UK Risk Assessment - to deal with outstanding action on risk assessment by obtaining course material from Margaret-Ann McLachlan and incorporate with Guide.

Comments were noted regarding course-building in that potential crisis looming in setting out courses, in particular for Cumbernauld – National CC Relays. This is incorporated within the action on Commission structure.

Action RRCC2009-6: MJ - Commonwealth Games Ultra Challenge - advised that an announcement later this month would clarify support to be made available to overseas countries. Home countries information would also be confirmed. Event runs from 16<sup>th</sup> September – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2009. 14 teams are due to participate with Scottish selection by MJ. The Ultra team is nearing completion but the Hill team has yet to be confirmed. It was confirmed budgets are available for this event.

Action: RRCC2009-10: Eligibility Rules – AJ to send courtesy copy to Jim McInnes.

Action: RRCC2009-18: Fixture list – AJ highlighted the draft winter fixture list and noted Belfast would be hosting the Celtic Nations cross Country out of rotation. This resulted in proposals to move the 4K a week later to 30/31 January. East Kilbride AC had offered to host the Young Athletes' Road Races and this was agreed. The 4/6 Stage relays had been moved as the usual date falls on the Easter weekend. A possibility of including Jogscotland events in this to create a Festival of Running is being proposed. The option of extending an invite to English teams to participate was dismissed as the date clashed with their own relay events. It was agreed that once the first three teams have completed the 6 stage event, all remaining runners waiting to take over would be released to run their leg. **Action:**

**RRCC2009-24: AJ**

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It was noted that the Scottish & English National Cross Country Championships were now 1 week apart.

Action RRCC2009-22: Under 13 Age Groups – The responses from all 3 district committees were noted. It was agreed the issue would be taken forward via a sub-group (as for eligibility) and that it would bring forward proposals that provide a solution to the perceptions of very young age group championships. The selection policy will acknowledge that under 16s would only include 15 year olds. **Action: RRCC2009-25: MJ**

### **3. SAL Marathon Championships, Edinburgh**

Complaints regarding the event were noted. The Commission noted that 2 runners had been banned for exchanging numbers and that this had been applied by the Edinburgh Marathon Organisers in agreement with the SAL Chief Executive.

Discussion on the 2010 Championships included reference to a need to identify an event suitable for the Commonwealth Games qualifying criteria. Qualifying times were noted as 2.19 for men and 2.38 for women. After discussion, it was agreed that the London Marathon would be designated as they qualifying race for Scottish athletes and the Scottish Championship. **Action: RRCC2009-26: MJ**

### **4. Structure of RR&CC Commission**

MD raised concerns about the low participation levels in the West District Commission and to what extent continuing the meetings met the information needs of clubs. The role of the District Commissions was to organise District Championships. MD indicated that a query about the value of the meetings at the most recent West Commission suggested that clubs view District Commissions as their 'voice' into the national Commission and SAL Board. The extent to which the website now met these information needs was noted. A query was raised on whether RR&CC Commission minutes should appear on the SAL website. It was agreed that Ian and Margaret should liaise on proposals for improving District Commission arrangements, potentially emailing clubs for comments. **Action: RRCC2009-27: MD/IH**

It was also agreed that how the Commission itself operates and its role / function should be on the next meeting agenda. **Action: RRCC2009-28: RM**

### **5. SAL AGM**

This will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September in the offices of Sportscotland, South Gyle, Edinburgh.

### **6. Disclosure for Officials**

It was confirmed this needs to be renewed every three years.

### **7. Date of Next Meeting**

To be advised and confirmed by email.