

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minute of Meeting of Wednesday 30th September 2009 held at 6.30 p.m.
in Strathclyde University Sports Centre, Glasgow

Present:

Ron Morrison, Convener
Robin Thomas, Vice-Convener
Alex Jackson, Secretary
Margaret Daly, Assistant Secretary
Marjory Cook
Ian Hislop
Jim Young

Apologies:

Graham Sword; Alan Potts, President, SAL
Mike Johnston, SAL Endurance Manager

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

Ron welcomed everyone to the meeting, commenting that with seven people present, it might be useful to consider whether meetings were required as frequently. He also suggested discussion on the role of the Commission was required and that this would be dealt with later in the meeting.

Items on the agenda which people wished to discuss were then starred.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

On the minutes from 8 July, a query was raised on Under 16 policy and whether this would only include 15 year olds in relation to the Celtic event selection. This was clarified and noted. (Relates to Action RRCC2009-22). In relation to action RRCC2009-5, it was noted that if officials chose not to upgrade then this was acceptable and they would not be removed from the list of active officials. Issues may arise, however for officials who choose not to be registered or graded in the first place. Discussion took place on the return of record cards for officials and it was felt that the list of officials for Championships could be absorbed into active lists. These should be sent to Marjory after meetings.

The minutes were otherwise noted.

2.3 Actions Cleared

Actions cleared from the previous meeting were noted as:-

Action RRCC2008-1: AJ – UK Risk Assessment
Action RRCC2008-14: AP – Sponsorship and Course Building
Action RRCC2008-15: RM/AJ – Championship Hosting by larger clubs
Action: RRCC2009-1: JY – Payment for Course Building
Action: RRCC2009-6: MJ – Commonwealth Games Ultra Challenge
Action: RRCC2009-10: RM – Eligibility Rules
Action: RRCC2009-11: AJ/IH/MD – Women's team counters at National XC
Action: RRCC2009-15: AJ – North District Committee
Action: RRCC2009-16: RM – Annual report
Action: RRCC2009-17: AJ - Athlete's representative
Action: RRCC2009-18: AJ/JY – Fixture list
Action: RRCC2009-21: RM – U13 Age groups
Action: RRCC2009-23: AJ – World Half Marathon Championships

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In addition, the meeting agreed that the undernoted items could be cleared following discussion at this evening's meeting:-

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: RRCC2009-25: MJ: - U15 Selection Policy
Action: RRCC2009-26: MJ: - Commonwealth Games and London Marathon

2.3 Actions Outstanding

Actions remaining to be dealt with were noted as:-

Action RRCC2009-22: RM – Under 13 Age Groups
Action: RRCC2009-24: AJ – Winter Fixture List
Action: RRCC2009-27: MD/IH: - Structure of RR&CC Commission
Action: RRCC2009-28: RM: - Role/function of RR&CC Commission

3. Business

3.1 Masters Age Groups

A recent ruling of the IAAF determined that age groups for non-stadia masters events would revert to 40, with this age applying to both males and females. The IAAF would apply this from 1 November 2009. Proposal is that Scottish Athletics maintain the status quo for the current winter season and apply the new age groups from Cross Country Season 2010/11.

Action: RRCC2009-29: AJ

3.2 Fixtures and Championships

The winter fixture list was noted. Arrangements were in place for all District CC relays. Alex reported that clashes with swimming events at the 4/6 stage relays may be resolved. The event would also potentially include a Jogscotland event. Alex to speak to Alastair Currie.

Action: RRCC2009-30: AJ

A request had been received from the Dunfermline Half Marathon organisers to host the Scottish 1/2 Marathon Championships in 2010. Following discussion on the structure of road running championships as opposed to the natural progression that occurred in cross country, it was agreed Alex and Ron would discuss this further with Mike Johnston.

Action: RRCC2009-31: RM/AJ/MJ

Following the recent exchange of emails amongst Commission members, it was noted that inclusion of a Northern Ireland team as guests in the National CC Relays had been agreed. Jim reported that course drainage had been installed at Cumbernauld which would improve conditions in wet weather and that interest had been received from clubs to assist with course building.

Jim asked that booking arrangements for the 4k were checked to avoid the difficulties from last year's event regarding delayed entry to the declarations area. It was suggested that Bellahouston Road Runners could be asked to help with course building.

Action: RRCC2009-32: AJ

Some confusion had arisen over the venue for the Young Athletes Road Races for 2010 in that Giffnock North had offered to host these at Rouken Glen, whilst the fixture list indicated they would return to East Kilbride. Alex agreed to check to see whether the switch to

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Rouken Glen could be accommodated on the basis that EK could be asked to host the West District CC Relay Championships instead.

Action: RRCC2009-33: AJ

3.3 Presentation to SAL Board

Ron outlined the structure and approach taken to preparing the presentation for the SAL Board which had followed the AGM. It was noted that the Commission had committed to retaining the under 13 championships for the season 2009/10 but would apply a strict 2 year age group. This is to give time to consider a replacement event from season 2010-11. Following discussion on the presentation content, the following actions were agreed:-

Consider how to incorporate a race for athletes with a disability into road and cross country events.

Action: RRCC2009-34: All

Set up group comprising Convener, Secretary, District Conveners and National Coach to review workings of the Commission and Districts.

Action: RRCC2009-35: RM

3.4 Medals at Age Group Level

Following discussion, it was agreed that the question of medals for juniors, seniors, masters competing in district and national championships should be considered at the next meeting. Currently it was felt different practices were operating in the districts and at national level on whether athletes could be awarded more than one medal in any event. It was agreed Margaret would co-ordinate information emailed from East and North districts.

Action: RRCC2009-36: MD/AJ

3.5 Commonwealth Ultra, Keswick

It was noted that Lucy Colquhoun had achieved an individual medal and the team had also medaled in this event.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 27th January 2009 at South Gyle, Edinburgh. 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. start.