

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minute of Meeting of Wednesday 2 December 2009 held at 6.30 p.m.
in Scottish Athletics offices, South Gyle, Edinburgh

Present: Ron Morrison, (Convener); Alex Jackson, (Secretary); Graham Sword; Margaret Daly, Ian Hislop; Marjory Cook; Jim Young

In attendance: Alan Potts, President, SAL; Mike Johnston, SAL Endurance Manager

Apologies: Robin Thomas, Vice-Convener

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

Ron outlined the purpose of this special meeting which was to focus on the role of the Commission and District Commissions. However it was agreed to deal with two other matters first.

2. Correspondence with Greenock Glenpark Harriers

The issues raised regarding rule breaches at the National CC Relay Championships were discussed. It was agreed to write to Greenock Glenpark Harriers advising that their response was noted and their athletes would be scrutinised in future events to ensure no further breaches occurred. It was also agreed that an article should be posted on the SAL website reminding clubs and athletes of the rules of competition and that any further rule breaches would be subject to disciplinary action. **Action: RRCC2009-37: RM/AJ**

3. Referee's Report for the National CC Relays

The possibility of cover being provided for finish line officials in inclement weather was discussed. No action to be taken.

It was agreed that a third official was required to assist in the control of athletes at the start / change-over pen. It was also agreed to look at increasing the size of the holding pen and using a loudspeaker to raise awareness of incoming athletes. **Noted for future reference**

Runners completing two legs in relay championships: emphasise on entry forms/publicity that this is unacceptable practice and teams engaging in this practice will be disqualified, as will any team found running an unentered athlete under another athlete's name.

Action: RRCC2009-38: AJ

The possibility of a chip and unique number being issued to each athlete at the start of the season was discussed. It was agreed this would be discussed with other commissions.

Action: RRCC2009-39: RM

There was a need for information on the running order of teams to be provided to the announcer after declaration and prior to race start.

Action: RRCC2009-40: AJ

4. Terms of Reference

Ron had drafted a Terms of Reference document for discussion. Suggested amendments were made and noted on the document directly. It was agreed that District Convenors would identify the geographical areas within their respective districts.

Action: RRCC2009-41: IH/MD/SD

The President was asked to clarify the areas within Regions

Action: RRCC2009-42: AP

5. Grand Prix

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Cross Country consisted of 4 events – District Championships; International at Holyrood; 4K and National Championships. The scoring system was on the website. MJ to email list of races included in Road Race Grand Prix.

Action: RRCC2009-43: MJ