

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minute of Meeting of Wednesday 12th May 2010 held at 6.30 p.m.
in Scottish Athletics offices, South Gyle, Edinburgh

Present: Ron Morrison, (Convener); Alex Jackson, (Secretary); Graham Sword; Margaret Daly, Marjory Cook; Robin Thomas, Ian Hislop, Alan Potts, Nigel Holl, Mike Johnston and Tom Ferrington.

Apologies: Jim Young

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

1.1 Meeting Conduct

Ron thanked everyone for their attendance and invited nomination of items for discussion and these were starred accordingly.

1.2 Papers previously circulated

Commission Minute 27/1/10
2010 National Championships – Referee's Report

1.3 Papers Circulated with the Agenda

Terms of Reference update
Scottish Athletics Road Running 2010 and Beyond update
Age Group Medals
Masters Championships – medals and race distances
East District Commission Minute of 10th February 2010

1.4 Extra Paper

IAAF Age Groups

1.5 Opening Remarks

Ron welcomed Nigel Holl, recently appointed Chief Executive of SAL and Tom Ferrington, recently appointed summer road running co-ordinator, to their first meeting of the Road Running & Cross Country Commission.

1.6 Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to the following athletes and clubs for excellent performances:-

- Freya Murray (Edinburgh AC) and Alastair Hay (Central AC) on their wins in the National Cross Country Championships.
- Hunters Bog T (Women) and Inverclyde AAC (Men) for their wins in the National Cross Country team races.
- Kilbarchan AAC (Women) and Shettleston H (Men) for their wins in the National 4/6 stage Road Relay.
- Rosie Smith (Hunter Bog T) and Daniel Mulhare (Inverclyde AC) for their wins in the Stewart's Cross Country Grand Prix Series.
- Freya Murray (Edinburgh AC), Steph Twell (Aldershot Farnham and District), Sarah Inglis (Lothian RC), Beth Potter (VP City Glasgow AC) and Callum Hawkins (Kilbarchan AAC) on their selection for the UK team for the World Cross Country Championships.
- Individual winners Bruce Raeside (Notts AC) and Matthew Gillespie (Shettleston H), bronze medallists Tom Russell (Bristol & West) and the senior and U20 Women's teams at the Home Countries International in Mansfield.
- Medallists Freya Murray (Edinburgh AC – 1st SW), Steph Twell (Aldershot Farnham and District – 2nd SW), Callum Hawkins (Kilbarchan AAC – 3rd U20), Ross Matheson (Lasswade – 1st U17M), Finlay Rae (Ayr Seaforth AAC – 2nd U15M), Scotland West (2nd U15M).

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- Pauline Walker (Carnegie H) and Steve Mason (Dundee Hawkhill H) on their selection to the eight strong UKA team for the International Association of Ultra Runners' [IAU] 24 Hour World and European Championships 13-14th May in Brive-la-Gaillarde, France.
- Shettleston Harriers on their 3rd place in the ERRA 12-stage Relay Road Championships.
- Andrew Lemoncello on his 8th place (1st UK athlete) in the London Marathon with a debt time of 2:13:40.

2. Minutes of previous meeting of 27th January 2010

Noted.

2.1 Actions Cleared

The following actions were noted as cleared:

Action: RRCC2009-30: AJ – 6/4 stage relays

Action: RRCC2009-31: RM/AJ/MJ – Road Championships

Action: RRCC2009-32: AJ – Course build at 4K Championships

Action: RRCC2009-34: All – Disability Races© → RRCC2010-02: AJ

Action: RRCC2009-36: MD/AJ–Medals at age group levels©→Action: RRCC2010-03

Action: RRCC2009-40: AJ – Running order of teams to announcers in relays©

Action: RRCC2010-01: RM/AJ – Tom Ferrington

Action: RRCC2010-04: RM/GS/AJ/MJ – Budget meeting

Action: RRCC2010-05: AJ/RT/JY – National Championships, Falkirk

2.2 Actions Outstanding

The following actions remain outstanding:-

Action: RRCC2009-39: RM – Chip system for races with other Commissions

Action: RRCC2010-02: AJ – Disability Races

Action: RRCC2010-03: MD with IH/AJ/GS - Medals at age group levels

Action: RRCC2010-6: RM/AJ – Ultra Trail Events

2.3 Ultra Trail Events

It was noted that whilst trail events' participation was increasing substantially, lap events were not being well supported. Jim Taylor is stepping back from organisation although Adrian Stott remains heavily involved. It was noted that some trail events are unlicensed and that quality varies across events. It was agreed this remains as an ongoing action.

Action: RRCC2010-6: RM/AJ

3. Championships

3.1 Locations need to be determined for the 2010/11 winter season. These were discussed as follows:-

- (a) National CC Relays: Cumbernauld, North Lanarkshire. Support in place for 2010/11. Application year on year will be required with effect from 2011/12 season.

Action: RRCC2010-8: RC

- (b) 4k Championships: Bellahouston Park, Glasgow. Year on year agreement with Glasgow. Contact to be made with Brian Donaldson regarding 2010/11 event. A suggestion made at the East District Commission that this event move to earlier in the season is shelved meantime. There may be an opportunity to revisit this should the Nova event cease to take place in Edinburgh.

Action: RRCC2010-9: RC

- (c) National CC Championships: Irvine, North Ayrshire or Callendar Park, Falkirk. Jim Young has provisionally booked the Magnum Centre for 19/20th February 2011 and advised that Irvine Bay Company may be interested in sponsorship. Discussions also ongoing with Falkirk Council. Matters to be progressed to a conclusion with one or other.

Action: RRCC2010-10: NH

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- (d) 4/6 Stage Relays: Livingston, West Lothian. Alex advised Council likely to come on board for 2011/12. **Action: RRCC2010-11: AJ/RC**
- (e) Masters CC Championships: possibly Cupar. To be progressed. **Action: RRCC2010-12: AJ**
- (f) Young Athletes' Road Races: request to be made to Dudley Walker, Giffnock North AAC, regarding event being hosted again at Rouken Glen Park in 2011. Note need for additional portals on site if this venue agreed. **Action: RRCC2010-13: AJ**

3.2 International/UK Calendar

It was noted the Scottish and English CC Championships were scheduled for the same weekend; that the Inter Counties CC Championships and Schools Championships would not clash in 2011 and that the date for the Celtic Nations had yet to be confirmed.

4. Terms of Reference

4.1 These were discussed and amendments noted as follows:-

- Addition of minute secretary
- District Co-ordinators to be elected by the Clubs in the District
- Role of District Co-ordinators to include 'arrange and select' representative teams

These amendments would be made and the final document circulated for agreement to enable the Terms of Reference to be submitted to the AGM on 11th September for approval

Action: RRCC2010-7: RM/All

5. SAL Road Running 2010 and beyond

5.1 Tom outlined the approach which should see road running competition structured more effectively in line with the arrangements for cross country.

5.2 Stewart's Grand Prix series: clarification was sought on the agreement in place with event promoters which covered branding and medal presentations. The Commission felt that it was the role of SAL professional staff to ensure this was agreed and adhered to.

Action: RRCC2010-14: NH

5.3 Further discussion on the Grand Prix Series to take place at next meeting.

Action: RRCC2010-15: AJ

6. IAAF Age Groups

6.1 The SAL Six Year Plan had indicated deletion of the under 13 championships and this had led to the Commission considering the merits of moving to the IAAF age groups. Ron summarised the document circulated to Commission members. Nigel reported that a meeting was due to take place this weekend with Frank Dick and Leslie Roy on age groups and also that this was the subject of discussions in the wider athletics network. In the current age group structure, it was noted that in January – March each year, athletes can be in 5 different age groups for indoor, outdoor, hill, schools and world events. There are three age group structures applying – IAAF; British and British Schools. It was noted that the IAAF age groups could prove complex to implement in the current cross country structure. Nigel agreed to feed back on the various discussions he was due to be involved in on age groups.

Action: RRCC2010-16: NH

7. RR&CC Discussion Documents

7.1 Ron advised that all Commission discussion documents from the past year would be put on a separate part of the website that Ross would identify for this purpose.

Action: RRCC2010-17: RC/RM

8. Masters Championships

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- 8.1 The paper produced by Alex Jackson was discussed. It was agreed to continue consideration to the next meeting to allow for analysis of past results to be carried out.
Action: RRCC2010-18: AJ

9. Annual Report

- 9.1 Ron to circulate the statement for the SAL annual report for comment by Commission members.
Action: RRCC2010-19: RM 10.

10. National Championships

- 10.1 Eligibility rules – The following changes were agreed.
(b) Have continuous residence in Scotland for at least 3 months immediately prior to the competition, or
(e) Have previously competed for a Scottish club in team competition. In which case the athlete may only compete for the most recent such club.

Action: RRCC2010-20: RM/AJ

- 10.2 Non-SAL athletes – issues of membership renewal noted. Nigel advised that funding has been approved to provide an updated database. Potential for online entry where clubs can check their athletes are current members to be explored.
Action: RRCC2010-21: NH

- 10.3 Inverness Half Marathon organisers have submitted a request to be considered for the 2011 Championship however it was noted this clashed with the Round the Houses 10k which formed part of the Grand Prix series. Tom to consider as part of the road running schedule.
Action: RRCC2010-22: TF

- 10.4 Hunters Bog Trotters won the 2009 London Marathon Championships and have received their medals but not the prize money. Nigel to pursue this and HBT advised accordingly.
Action: RRCC2010-23: NH/RT/AJ

11. Honorary Life Membership

- 11.1 Nominations for HLM from the Road Running and Cross Country Commission put forward are Marjory Cook and Brian McAusland.
Action: RRCC2010-24: RM/AJ

12. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 22nd September 2010, Edinburgh. 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. start. Agenda items to include:-

- Championship entry flexibility
- Attracting Commission members
- Strategic Plan
- Disability Cross Country
- Road Running Season Review.

Action: RRCC2010-25: AJ