

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minute of Meeting of Wednesday 23rd February 2011 held at 6.30 p.m.
in Scottish Athletics offices, South Gyle, Edinburgh

Present: Ron Morrison, (Convener); Alex Jackson, (Secretary); Graham Sword, Marjory Cook; Tom Ferrington; Ian Hislop; Mike Johnston; Mark Pollard; Nigel Holl; Ross Cunningham and Margaret Daly

Apologies: Alan Potts.

1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

- 1.1 Ron welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked that the meeting note with sadness the recent death of Alex Naylor of Shettleston Harriers.
- 1.2 Ron outlined proposed topics for discussion at the meeting and asked for any items on the agenda not already started to be highlighted.

2. Papers previously circulated

- 2.1 Commission Minute 12/1/11

3. Papers Circulated with the Agenda

- 3.1
 - a) UK Endurance Fixture List 2011 Onwards
 - b) SAL Winter Fixture List 2010-11
 - c) East District Minute 9/2/11
 - d) Referees Report National CC Championships, Falkirk, 23/2/11

4. Congratulations

- 4.1 Congratulations were extended to the following:-
 - a) Central AC and Kilbarchan AAC for their respective wins in the Men's & Women's 4K CC Team Championships;
 - b) Dan Mulhare (Inverclyde AC) and Elspeth Curran (Kilbarchan AAC) for their respective wins in the Men's & Women's 4K CC Individual Championships
 - c) Ronhill Cambuslang for winning the Men's Masters CC Team Championships & M50+ Masters CC Team Championships and also to Edinburgh AC, winners of the Women's Masters CC Team Championships
 - d) Winners of the Men's & Women's Individual CC Masters Championships, Robert Quinn (Kilbarchan AAC) and Angela Mudge (Carnethy HRC) respectively.
 - e) Central AC and Edinburgh AC for their wins in the Men's and Women's CC Team Championships respectively.
 - f) Derek Hawkins (Kilbarchan AAC) and Freya Murray (Edinburgh AC) for their wins in the Men's and Women's CC Individual Championships respectively.

5. Minutes of previous meeting of 12th January 2011

- 5.1 Noted subject to the amendment that reference to the race at Inverness should be Marathon and not Half Marathon.

5.2 Actions Cleared

The following actions were noted as cleared:
Action: RRCC2010-02: AJ – Disability Races
Action: RRCC2010-06: RM/AJ – Ultra Trail Events
Action: RRCC2010-17: RC/RM – Web site documents
Action: RRCC2010-18: AJ – Masters Championships
Action: RRCC2011-3: TF/AJ – Stewart's RR Grand Prix Format
Action: RRCC2011-5: AJ – Medals at Masters Championships
Action: RRCC2011-6: All – RR&CC Web pages

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Action: RRCC2011-7: AJ - Young Athletes' Road Races: Rouken Glen
Action: RRCC2011-8: MD/GS - Athlete representative for the Commission

5.3 Actions Outstanding

Action: RRCC2010-21: NH – Non-SAL athletes in Championships
Action: RRCC2010-29: TF – Scottish Athletics Road Running 2010 Plus
Action: RRCC2011-1: AJ/RM/MJ/RC/AS - World 24 hour event 2013
Action: RRCC2011-2: MJ/AS/AJ - Scottish Athletics Ultra Trail Championship event

6. Matters arising

6.1 The Commission noted concerns being raised regarding officials' gradings and the course attendance requirements that were being placed on them. The new grading structure has a limit at 3. **Noted**

6.2 Ron reported that the entries officials were experiencing some difficulty in introducing the eligibility rule on students that we adopted at the start of this season. In consultation with AJ and MJ they proposed the following changing to the Scottish Eligibility rule.

"Students in full-time education in Scotland may compete as 1st claim for both their educational establishment and another Scottish club but not in the same competition. This is provided that the educational establishment Club is confined to students of that establishment. Thus a student may be entered for two clubs but has to choose one at declaration."

This was agreed. Alex to organise a mail shot regarding this.

Action: RRCC2011-9: AJ

6.3 The Grand Prix races have now been agreed and will be publicised. Tom requested that when the information is placed on the news page, that it is retained for a sustained period rather than superseded by other news. Information on the series will also be included in the next edition of PB. Discussions to resolve the clash between the Glenrothes and Dunfermline Half Marathons to be held in next few days.

Action: RRCC2011-10: AJ/RM/JMacD/TF

6.4 5K Road Race (part of Grand Prix Series) should be promoted for senior/junior men and women. Medals ordered for both 5K and 10 miles on basis of male, female, masters, first 3 teams in each. Noted concern re lack of clarity regarding 10 mile championships being within Tom Scott race. **Action: RRCC2011-11: AJ**

6.5 Ultra Trail Championships arrangements are in hand. The staggered start at the Highland Fling was causing some issues but this has now been resolved. **Noted**

7. National CC Championships, Falkirk – Referee's Report

7.1 Report noted. Actions related to improvement on pre-race publicity being better informed if freelances used; suggestion for local profile raising through clubs and SAL can assist with this. **Action: RRCC2011-12: NH**

7.2 Entries for the U13/U15 events had dropped, potentially due to the mid-term break or possibly loss of T&F U13 Championships. Agreed to note meantime and address as part of strategy development and review. Increases in U17/U20/Sen Women participation levels noted. **Noted**

7.3 Medical cover was discussed and Alex's comments relating to English Championships where weather conditions and numbers combined to cause serious issues. **Noted**

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8. Strategic Thinking

8.1 Refreshing the Commission Membership – Alex to respond relating to athlete representation.
Action: RRCC2011-13: AJ

8.2 Competition: the impact of weather on events in 2010/11 was discussed and the question of a 'fallow' weekend raised. The structure of the cross country season was also discussed alongside the possible impact of UK fixtures on any proposed changes. It was agreed to establish a sub-group to look at this.
Action: RRCC2011-14: RM/MJ/MP/TF/RC

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 25th May 2011 at 6.30 p.m. in Scottish Athletics Offices, Edinburgh.