

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 21st September 2011 held at 6.30 p.m.
in Strathclyde University Sports Centre, John Street, Glasgow

Present: Ron Morrison, (Convener); Alex Jackson, (Secretary); Marjory Cook; Alan Potts; Tom Ferrington; Mike Johnston; Mark Pollard; Ross Cunningham; Nigel Holl; Leslie Roy and Margaret Daly

Apologies: Graham Sword, Sophie Dunnett, Ian Hislop;

1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

- 1.1 Ron welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that we were fast approaching the cross country season. He extended a particularly warm welcome to Leslie Roy, recently appointed President of Scottish Athletics to her first meeting of the Road & Cross Commission;
- 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 of 25th May 2011

3. Papers Circulated with the Agenda

- a) RR&CC Competition Calendar
SAL Annual Report
Scottish Athletics Cross Country Team Challenge (Short Course)
Annual Awards
East District Minutes of 7th September 2011
West District Minutes of 6th June 2011

4. Congratulations

- 4.1 Congratulations were extended to the following:-
- a) Teweldeberhan Mengisteab (Shettleston Harriers) and Susan Partridge (VP Glasgow AC) for their wins in the Men's and Women's Scottish half-marathon Road Championships
- b) Shettleston Harriers and Fife AC for their wins in the Men's and Women's Scottish Half-Marathon Road Team Championships
- c) Craig Stewart (Forfar RR), Lucy Colquhoun (Carnethy HRC) and Kate Jenkins (Hunters Bog T) for their selection for the UK team at the IAU World Trail Championships held in Connemarra on 10th July 2011
- d) The Scottish team of Susan Partridge (VP Glasgow AC), Melissa Whyte (Inverness Harriers), Martin Williams (Ronhill Cambuslang Harriers) and Andrew Douglas (Central AC) for winning the Home Countries International Half-Marathon for the first time ever.
- e) Joasia Zakrzewski (Dumfries Running Club) for her selection and subsequent second place finish in the Aviva Great Britain and Northern Ireland Team for the IAU 100k World and European Championships on 10th September 2011 in Winschoten, Netherlands and Ellie Greenwood (UA), Craig Stewart (Forfar RR) and Grant Jeans (UA) for their selection for the same event.
- f) Ross Houston (Central AC) and Hester Dix (Fife AC) for their wins in the Scottish National 10k Road Championships along with Shettleston Harriers and Fife AC for their team wins in the same event.
- g) Alex Jackson on being awarded Honorary Life Membership of Scottish Athletics at the recent Annual General Meeting.

5. Minutes of previous meeting of 25th May 2011

- 5.1 Noted

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5.2 Actions Cleared

The following actions were noted as cleared:

- Action: RRCC2010-29: TF – Scottish Athletics Road Running 2010 Plus
- Action: RRCC2011-2: MJ/AS/AJ - Scottish Athletics Ultra Trail Championship event
- Action: RRCC2011-4: TF – 5K Race
- Action: RRCC2011-9: AJ: Mail shot on Student Rules of eligibility
- Action: RRCC2011-10: Agreed noted
- Action: RRCC2011-11: Rules and medals for 5K Championships
- Action: RRCC2011-14: RM/MJ/MP/TF/RC: Competition season
- Action: RRCC2011-15: AJ: London Mini Marathon Selection
- Action: RRCC2011-16: RC: National XC Relays Cumbernauld
- Action: RRCC2011-17: AJ: National XC Relays Cumbernauld - satellite map
- Action: RRCC2011-18: RC: National Championships – Falkirk
- Action: RRCC2011-19: AJ: Great Edinburgh Run Inter-Districts/Celtic Nations
- Action: RRCC2011-20: AJ/RC: Young Athletes RR Rouken Glen
- Action: RRCC2011-21: MD: Masters XC – West
- Action: RRCC2011-24: AJ: Competition season dates 2011-12
- Action: RRCC2011-25: AJ: venue for next meeting – 21/9/2011

5.3 Actions Outstanding

- Action: RRCC2010-21: NH – Non-SAL athletes in Championships
- Action: RRCC2011-1: AJ/RM/MJ/RC/AS - World 24 hour event 2013
- Action: RRCC2011-12: NH: Publicity at National events
- Action: RRCC2011-13: AJ: Refreshing the Commission Membership
- Action: RRCC2011-22: MJ/MP/RM/AJ: Home Countries International
- Action: RRCC2011-23: MD/AJ: District Championship venues
- Action: RRCC2011-24: AJ: Competition season ongoing

6. Fixtures / Championships

- 6.1 National Cross Country Relays, Cumbernauld (22/10/11) – AJ confirmed entry forms are out. AJ & RC met with North Lanarkshire Trust. All matters covered. Diversion information to school to be included in entry packs. **Action: RRCC2011-26: AJ**
- 6.2 National 4K Cross Country Championships, Glasgow (5/11/11) – No clash with University Road Race which has moved to 3rd December 2011. John Rodger setting course; Graham Sword taking entries. All officials invited. RC to arrange to meeting with Gavin Jackson and involve John Rodger. Issue re Greenkeeper noted. **Action: RRCC2011-27: RC**
- 6.3 Inter District Cross Country Championships, Edinburgh (7/1/12) – Again incorporated into GECC event in Holyrood Park. AJ/MP met with P Riley of NOVA and agreed now up to 15 in each age group to be selected. Format of senior races similar to 2011 and will incorporate GB&I; Celtic Nations; European teams. MJ requested agreement for specific medals for Celtics in line with those provided by other Celtic nations – agreed. Acceptances received from N & S Ireland. Wales yet to confirm. Accommodation arranged at Premier Inn. Volunteers required for airport/athlete liaison. Packed lunches will be required on course for Celtic Nations athletes. **Action: RRCC2011-28: AJ/MJ**
- 6.4 Masters Cross Country Championships, Kilmarnock (4/2/12) – AJ emailed all West Clubs and Kilmarnock Harriers offered to host. Good course identified with school nearby being booked also. Catering to be confirmed. **Action: RRCC2011-29: AJ**
- 6.5 National Cross Country Championships, Falkirk (18/2/12) – Falkirk Trust in process of being set up. NH met with Trust Chief Executive who confirmed they are keen to host but this has

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not yet been confirmed in writing. RC & NH to confirm details week concluding 24th September. **Action: RRCC2011-30: NH/RC**

- 6.6 Young Athletes Road Races (18/3/12) – Giffnock North have agreed to host once again in Rouken Glen Park. AJ to check booking is in place. **Action: RRCC2011-31: AJ**
- 6.7 4/6 Stage Road Relays (31/3/12) – School has been booked.
- 6.8 Home Countries – MJ has contacted Dave Lothian re clash with schools. Timetabling to be considered. To be resolved **Action: RRCC2011-22: MJ/MP/RM/AJ**
- 7. Officials Commission**
- 7.1 MC advised of a training day on 5th November and enquired if Dave Cairns could confirm if he is running an endurance level 2 course. **Action: RRCC2011-32: AJ**
- 7.2 LR enquired whether the Officials List previously available could be updated and re-circulated as appropriate. NH to raise with J Goldie **Action: RRCC2011-33: NH**
- 7.3 Official's conference will be arranged for March 2012.
- 7.4 Issue re athlete assistance at a CC event in Sacramento where Pat Hockley had been asked to referee noted. Advised this related to rule 21. **Action: RRCC2011-34: MC**
- 8. Strategic Thinking**
- 8.1 In relation to attracting new members of the Commission, RM proposed that AP be appointed as a member of the Commission with his role to be confirmed at the next meeting. Agreed. **Action: RRCC2011-35: RM**
- 8.2 Disability Sports Scotland – no response/uptake. Discussions concluded at present but matter to be left open. **Action: RRCC2011-36: RM/AJ**
- 9. Cross Country Team Challenge**
- 9.1 MP explained thinking behind this proposal. Discussion followed and strong support for a seniors event noted. Query on young athletes involvement as it would result in duplication of the national cc relays event. Event to be trialled for seniors/U20 athletes in 2011/12 with further development to be considered as part of the trial review. Suggestion that clubs are targeted regarding entries to the 4k championships, currently individual entries, agreed. Prizes to be considered. **Action: RRCC2011-37: MP/NH/AJ**
- 10. Awards Dinner and nominations**
- 10.1 LR explained the Commission's and the Selection Committee's respective roles in determining awards. Athletes of the Year nominations in various categories noted for the Road & Cross Commission as follows:-
- a) Under 18: Grant Sheldon and Emma Dunnett
 - b) Under 20: Ross Mathieson
 - c) U23: Derek Hawkins
 - d) Masters: Fiona Mathieson
 - e) Athlete of the Year: Ellie Greenwood and Susan Partridge
- 10.2 RM to email AP who in turn will circulate to relevant members. **Action: RRCC2011-38: RM**
- 11. Eligibility for Championship Medals**
- 11.1 MD raised a query on eligibility for District Championship medals following an issue that had arisen at the West District Half Marathon Championships. For further discussion.

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Action: RRCC2011-39: RM/AJ

12. Masters Age Groups

- 12.1 AJ referred to a recent ruling by the IAAF that 35 is the eligible Masters age for non-stadia events. Commission agreed to implement with effect from start of Road Running season on 1st April 2012.

Action: RRCC2011-40: AJ

The meeting closed at 8 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 7th December 2011 in Edinburgh (**NB subsequently changed by email to 14th December 2011**).