

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission
Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 18th September 2013 held at 6.30 p.m.
in SAL Offices, Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh

Present: Ron Morrison, (Convener); Alex Jackson, (Secretary); Marjory Cook; Mike Johnston; Graham Sword; Ian Hislop; Mark Pollard; Tom Ferrington; Dave Cairns and Margaret Daly.

Apologies: Alan Potts; Clare Barr; Leslie Roy; Julia Henderson; Nigel Holl; Sophie Dunnett (due to technical problems)

1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

- 1.1 Ron welcomed everyone to a new season of road and cross country competition and extended a particular welcome to Dave Cairns who was attending his first meeting of the Commission.
- 1.2 Ron noted the challenges ahead for the season arising from the recent departure from Scottish Athletics of Ross Cunningham and the imminent departure of John MacDonald, both of whom contributed greatly to the smooth running of road and cross country events.
- 1.3 Ron confirmed that the meeting would continue the practice of only discussing those agenda items which had been starred and invited any additional items to be starred that had been identified by Commission members.

2. Minutes of previous meeting of 22nd May and 14th August 2013

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May were noted and approved.
- 2.2 Subject to an amendment to item 3.7 of the minute of 14th August which should read 'National Cross Country Relays and Road Relays', the minutes were noted and approved.

3. Congratulations

- 3.1 Congratulations were noted to the following:
 - Dermot Cummings (Corstorphine AAC) and Nicola Duncan (Portobello RC) for their wins in the Men's and Women's half-marathon Road Race Team Championships respectively on 1/9/2013.
 - Ben Hukins (Ronhill Cambuslang H) and Jennifer McLean (Edinburgh AC) for their wins in the Men's and Women's Masters half-marathon Road Race Team Championships respectively on 1/9/2013.
 - Edinburgh AC and Fife AC for their wins in the Men's and Women's half-marathon Road Race Team Championships respectively on 1/9/2013.
 - Josh Lilly (Ronhill Cambuslang H) and Fiona Thompson (Central AC) for their wins in the Men's and Women's 10K Road Race Championships respectively on 15/9/2013.
 - Kerry-Liam Wilson (Ronhill Cambuslang H) and Lesley Chisholm (Garscube H) for their wins in the Men's and Women's Masters 10K Road Race Championships respectively on 15/9/2013.
 - Ronhill Cambuslang H and Central AC for their wins in the Men's and Women's 10K Road Race Team Championships respectively on 1/9/2013.

4. Actions cleared

Action	Reason for Clearance
Action: RRCC2012-43: RM – Officials Training with RRCC2012-1 Action: RRCC2012-6: LR/RM – Endurance Officials and the Officials Commission	Marjory Cook and David Cairns to set up Endurance Officials Training and availability
Action: RRCC2013-1: CB – West District Commission Member	Julia Henderson

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Action: RRCC2013-3: AJ – National Championship and Marshals (Strategy Meeting)	Resolved
Action: RRCC2013-4: RM – Performance and Participation Targets	On Archive
Action: RRCC2013-6: RM/AJ/MP – Competition Calendar and Yearbook	Progressed; Yearbook being updated incrementally
Action: RRCC2013-7: TF/MP – 2013 Road Grand Prix Results Publicity	Done
Action: RRCC2013-8: RM/MJ/MP – Performance and Participation Targets	Agreed at 18/8/2013 meeting and on Archive
Action: RRCC2013-10: AJ – Championship Medals	Resolved with a new ordering procedure
Action: RRCC2013-11: RM – Annual Report	Agreed at 18/8/2013 meeting and incorporated into the SAL Annual Report
Action: RRCC2013-12: CB – District U20 XC request from East Kilbride AAC	Rejected. Agreed to continue with revised U20 format
Action: RRCC2013-15: MD/RM/AJ – Master’s starting age group	Following consultation with member clubs, 40/40 agreed
Action: RRCC2013-16: MP/AJ – 4K Championships with 2K for U15 and 3K for U17	Agreed at 18/8/2013 meeting and to be implemented
Action: RRCC2013-18: NH/AJ – O50 medals at National XC and Road Relays medals 1,2,3	Agreed at 18/8/2013 meeting and to be implemented
Action: RRCC2013-22: AJ – Add David Cairns to the Commission	Done
Action: RRCC2013-24: AJ – Women’s team numbers in the National	Agreed maintain status quo

4.1 Actions outstanding

Action	Status
Action: RRCC2012-31: RM/NH/AJ – Entries, Programmes and Results	Ongoing with improvements
Action: RRCC 2012-37: NH/MJ – International RR Budget	To do
Action: RRCC2012-48: RM/NH – Foreign Athletes living in Scotland	Near resolution
Action: RRCC2013-2: GS/AP – Trophy Archive and photographs*	Nearing completion
Action: RRCC2013-5: AJ/RC – All venues to be confirmed and booked by next meeting*	In Progress
Action: RRCC2013-6: RM/AJ/MP – Competition Calendar and Yearbook*	Ongoing
Action: RRCC2013-13: RM/AJ – Identifying new Championship Venues	Ongoing
Action: RRCC2013-14: RM/AJ/MJ/MP – Effectiveness of race programme for elite athletes	Not done
Action: RRCC2013-15: MD/RM/AJ – Master’s starting age group*	Email referendum sent out by AJ some return are in
Action: RRCC2013-17: MP – 2014-5 Winter Programme Details	Ongoing
Action: RRCC2013-21: RM/AJ/MP/MJ – RR Grand Prix structure	Ongoing

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Action: RRCC2013-23: All – Comments were invited on the paper produced on the endurance programme	Not received
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5. Masters Age Groups

- 5.1 Alex reported on the outcome of the email consultation with member clubs on the options for Masters age groups. Following overwhelming support for the implementation of 40 for both male and female Masters athletes, the Commission agreed to implement this with effect from the current season, i.e. 1st October 2013. **Action: RRCC2013-25: AJ/GS**

6. Women's team numbers in National Cross Country Championships

- 6.1 An analysis of the impact of changing the number of women to count in teams from 4 to 6 had been conducted and circulated to Commission members. It was noted that the numbers of women competitors had substantially grown over recent years and that potential to increase team counters may exist in the future but that the status quo should be maintained for the present time.

7. Finance

- 7.1 Graham reported on the budget performance for the season 2012/13 and advised that arrangements were in hand for the completion of the budget for season 2013/2014. **Action: RRCC2013-26: MJ/GS**

8. Championships

- 8.1 Alex provided an update on arrangements with Championship events as follows:-
- a) 4K Championships – Bellahouston Sports Centre has been booked. Team medals would be awarded for U15 (2k); U17 (3k) and Seniors/U20s (4k). U15 and U17 require 3 team counters and 4 to count for seniors. Chipping to be arranged.
 - b) National CC Relays – Course building at Cumbernauld will be undertaken by members of Cumbernauld AAC
 - c) National CC Championships – Course building at Falkirk may require to be reviewed
 - d) West District CC Relays – noted arrangements for event at Hamilton Racecourse

9. Officials and Officials Training

- 9.1 The support available for endurance officials was discussed in the context of current arrangements in place. As these were largely relevant for track and field competition, it was agreed a small sub-committee consisting of Marjory and Dave would consider how this could be improved with a view to proposals being brought to the next Commission meeting. **Action: RRCC2013-27: MC/DC**

10. Date of Next Meeting

- 10.1 Wednesday 14th December 2013 at 6.30 p.m. in Scottish Athletics' Offices, South Gyle, Edinburgh.

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.