

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 13th August 2014 held at 6.30 p.m.
in SAL Offices, Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh

Present: Ron Morrison, (Convener); Alex Jackson, (Secretary); Marjory Cook; Ian Beattie, Nigel Holl, Mike Johnston; Graham Sword; Ian Hislop; Alan Potts, Stuart Caithness; Dave Cairns, Sophie Dunnett (via Skype) and Margaret Daly.

Apologies: Clare Barr; Tom Ferrington; Julia Henderson; Mark Pollard and Lesley Roy

1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

- 1.1 Ron welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new season of road and cross country competition and extended a particular welcome to Ian Beattie, Chair of Scottish Athletics.
- 1.2 The Commission noted with sadness that John Hamilton, past president of the former Scottish Cross Country Union and Scottish Amateur Athletics Association had recently passed away.
- 1.3 Ron advised he would continue the practice of only discussing those agenda items which had been starred and invited Commission members to identify any additional items they wished discussed.

2. Minutes of previous meeting of 19th February 2014

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 19th February were noted and approved.

3. Congratulations

- 3.1 The Commission extended its congratulations on meritorious performances to the following:-
 - a) Callum Hawkins (Kilbarchan AAC) and Rhona Auckland (Edinburgh University H&H) for their wins in the Men's and Women's National Cross Country Championships respectively at Falkirk on 22/2/2014.
 - b) Central AC for winning both the Men's and Women's National Cross Country Team Championships respectively at Falkirk on 22/2/2014.
 - c) Central AC for winning both the Men's and Women's National 6 and 4 Road Relay Team Championships respectively at Livingston on 30/3/2014.
 - d) Robert Gilroy (Ronhill Cambuslang H) and Lisa Finlay (Dumfries RC) for their wins in the Men's and Women's National 10 miles Road Race Championships respectively at Carluke on 13/4/2014.
 - e) Shettleston Harriers for winning both the Men's and Women's 10 miles Road Race Team Championships respectively at Carluke on 13/4/2014.
 - f) Neil MacNicol (Beacon Runners) and Helen Lees (Giffnock North AAC) for their wins in the Men's and Women's Ultra Trail Championships respectively at Milngavie on 26/4/2014.
 - g) Ayr Seaforth AAC and Clydesdale Harriers for their wins in the Men's and Women's Ultra Trail Team Championships respectively at Milngavie on 26/4/2014.
 - h) Tewoldeberhan Mengisteab (Shettleston Harriers) and Morag McLarty (Central AC) for their wins in the Men's and Women's National 5 miles Road Race Championships respectively at Silverknowes on 7/5/2014.
 - i) Ronhill Cambuslang Harriers and Central AC for winning the Men's and Women's 5 miles Road Race Team Championships respectively at Silverknowes on 7/5/2014.
 - j) Andrew Douglas (Inverclyde AC) and Diane Lauder (Gala Harriers) for their wins in the Men's and Women's National Mid Trail Race Championships respectively at Falkland on 17/5/2014.
 - k) Ronhill Cambuslang Harriers and Hunters Bog Trotters for winning the Men's and Women's National Mid Trail Race Team Championships respectively at Falkland on 17/5/2014.

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4. Actions for the Commission

4.1 The Commission noted and confirmed the following actions had been cleared and actioned:-

Action	Reason for Clearance
Action: RRCC2013-28: MC/DC – Officials and Officials Training	Resolved on 19/2/2014
Action: RRCC2013-19: RM – Trail Running age championships	U20 at 10K, U17 at 5K – In fact U15 added instead of U20 race.
Action: RRCC2013-2: GS/AP – Trophy Archive and photographs	Completed
Action: RRCC2013-6: RM/AJ/MP – Competition Calendar and Yearbook*	Ongoing
Action: RRCC2013-13: RM/AJ – Identifying new Championship Venues	YARR and District venues.
Action: RRCC2013-29: MJ/MP/RM/AJ/TF – Format of YA XC Relays*	Not resolved but cleared keeping the status Quo
Action: RRCC2014-1: RM – Official Training Remit on Archive	Done

4.2 The Commission agreed the following actions still required to be actioned:-

Action	Status
Action: RRCC2012-31: RM/NH/AJ – Entries, Programmes and Results	In hand and being dealt with
Action: RRCC 2012-37: NH/MJ – International RR Budget	To do
Action: RRCC2013-14: RM/AJ/MJ/MP – Effectiveness of race programme for elite athletes	Not done
Action: RRCC2014-1: RM – Trophy Archive and photographs	to be placed on the Archive

5. Fixtures/Championships

5.1 Alex provided an update on arrangements with Championship events as follows:-

- a) National CC Championships – A revised route may be required to avoid the golf course. Continued support of Falkirk Council noted and welcomed. The system of recruiting marshals from participating clubs was not as successful as had been hoped. A meeting with Falkirk Victoria Harriers to be arranged. **RRCC2014-2:AJ/SC**
- b) Young Athletes Road Races – Herriot Watt University had not proven to be a successful venue as the start was too narrow. Alternative suggestions being considered included Battery Park, Greenock and Glasgow Green. It was noted that if Glasgow Green selected, the support of Glasgow Life may be possible. This venue would also require advance booking and the Commission noted costs now arose as a result of using the venue for race events.
- c) 4/6 Stage Relays – The continued support of West Lothian Council was noted and welcomed. It was noted that Sunday is the preferred option for the 2015 event.
- d) Mid-trail Championships – Participant numbers up by 10% in the second year of running shows this is a successful event. Venue option for 2015 to be considered by next RR&CC. Water provision may need to be considered for future events.
- e) Inter District Championships – A request from the North of England to take part in this event was agreed in principle for the senior events only. Participation would be on the basis of non-scoring teams. Nova information on the event to be forwarded to North of England officials.

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- f) National CC Relays – Glasgow 2014 has impacted on athlete numbers meaning changeovers are becoming increasingly difficult to manage. Suggested alternatives to team formats were considered but the Commission agreed to continue with the current format, with chip timing, with a view to the possibility of a working group to review matters during 2015 being established. A meeting with North Lanarkshire to be arranged, with participation from the course builder (Donald Pegrum) and the chip timing company. **RRCC2014-4:SC/AJ**

6. Road Running Competition Schedule

- 6.1 The Commission noted arrangements for the remaining events in the Road Running Competition Schedule, with the 100 km event having taken place in Gravesend on 22nd July:-
- a) Marathon, Inverness 28th September 2014
 - b) ½ Marathon, Glasgow 5th Oct 2014

7. Cross Country Calendar for 2014/2015 Season

- 7.1 The dates and venues for the forthcoming season were noted as follows:-

- a) District Cross Country Relays
 - North, Evanton 11/10/2014
 - West, Port Glasgow 11/10/2014
 - East, Peebles 12/10/2014
- b) National Cross Country Relays, Cumbernauld 25/10/2014
- c) National 4K Cross Country Championships
 - Bellahouston Park, Glasgow 9/11/2014
- d) District Cross Country Championships
 - North, Inverness 29/11/2014
 - West, Linwood 6/12/2014
 - East, Livingston 7/12/2014
- e) National Masters Cross Country Championships
 - Kilmarnock 31/1/2015
- f) National Cross Country Champs, Falkirk 21/2/2015
- g) National Young Athletes Road Championships, TBA 15/3/2015
- h) National 4/6 Stage Road Relays, Livingston 29/3/2015

8. Meeting with SVHC

- 8.1 Ron reported on the recent meeting with representatives of the Scottish Veteran Harriers Club regarding the age change for recognition of Masters in events organised by the Commission. Following extensive and productive discussion the following were agreed:-
- a) Individual Medals for males and females would be presented for the first, second and third athletes at the 40, 50 and 60 year age bands in the National 4K Cross Country Championships and the Mid-Trail Championships
 - b) No team medals for Masters would be presented at these age groups at these championships but Masters would count in senior teams. **RRCC2014-5:AJ/RM**

9. Calendar

- 9.1 This would be issued by Mark Pollard for consideration at the next meeting. **RRCC2014-6:AJ/MP**

10. Date of Next Meeting

- 10.1 Wednesday 17th September, 2014 at 6.30 p.m. in Scottish Athletics' Offices, South Gyle, Edinburgh.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.