

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 17th September 2014 held at 6.30 p.m.
in SAL Offices, Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh

Present: Ron Morrison, (Convener); Alex Jackson, (Secretary); Mark Pollard; Graham Sword; Marjory Cook; Lesley Roy; Tom Ferrington; Stuart Caithness; Alan Potts, Dave Cairns, Clare Barr; John Rodger and Margaret Daly.

Apologies: None advised

1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

- 1.1 Ron welcomed John Rodger to the meeting and advised his role in the Commission would be discussed later in the agenda.
- 1.2 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.

1.3 Congratulations

- a) The Commission extended its congratulations on meritorious performances to the following:- Andrew Butchart (Central AC) and Jennifer Emsley (Central AC) for their wins in the Men's and Women's National Road 10K Championships respectively at Stirling on 14/9/2014.
- b) Central AC for winning both the Men's and Women's National 10K Road Team Championships at Stirling on 14/9/2014.

2. Minutes of previous meeting of 13th August 2014

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th August were noted and approved subject to the following amendments:-
- a) The East District Cross Country Championships would take place in Dundee on 6th December 2014 and not as noted in the minute.
- b) The National Cross Country Championships at Falkirk would take place on Sunday 22nd February 2015 and not as noted in the minute.

3. Actions for the Commission

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

Actions Cleared

Action	Reason for Clearance
Action: RRCC2013-6: RM/AJ/MP – Competition Calendar and Yearbook*	Circulated with Agenda
Action: RRCC2014-5:AJ/RM – Masters events at 4K and mid-trail Championships	On Archive and medals ordered

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

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: RRCC2013-14: RM/AJ/MJ/MP – Effectiveness of race programme for elite athletes	Not done
Action: RRCC2013-29: MJ/MP/RM/AJ/TF – Format of YA XC Relays*	for strategy meeting
Action: RRCC2014-1: RM – Trophy Archive and photographs	to be placed on the Archive
Action: RRCC2014-2:AJ/SC – National XC Championships meeting with Falkirk Victoria H	

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Action: RRCC2014-3:MJ/MP – Invitation to North of England to run a senior team	
Action: RRCC2014-4:SC/AJ: Meeting with North Lanarkshire on XC Relay Championships	
Action: RRCC2014-6:AJ/MP – Fixture Calendar update	Presented at the meeting - cleared

4. Fixtures/Championships

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

a) National CC Relay Championships – Chip timing is being provided by the company that provides this service for the Great Edinburgh Cross Country event. Alex confirmed additional ties would be available in the event some are lost. A meeting is due to be held with North Lanarkshire Council on 30th September. The finish area may require to be realigned to accommodate the chip timing system. Declarations would be in a marquee at the course although all parking remains at the school. There will be a manual start but no manual finish recording.

RRCC2014-7:AJ

b) National 4k CC Championships – chip timing arrangements yet to be confirmed. No manual back up system planned. Format of events as those arranged in 2014 with the addition of enhanced Masters Medals being available.

RRCC2014-8:JAP,GS/SC

c) Young Athletes Road Races – venue confirmed as Battery Park, Greenock

5. Event Convenors

5.1 Alex advised that in 2013 his role involved convening all 7 National Championships, a practice he did not wish to repeat in 2014. He will convene the National CC Relays; National CC Championships; Inter District Cross Country Championships and the National 4/6 Stage Road Relays. The National 4k CC Championships will be convened by Alan Potts & Graham Sword; the Masters CC Championships by Clare Barr and the Young Athletes Road Races by Margaret Daly.

RRCC2014-9:AJ/AP/GS/CB/MD

6. Yearbook

6.1 Ron advised this had been completed and circulated. He summarized the content, highlighting key timescales and tasks for the Road Running & Cross Country Commission to consider and allocate. He also highlighted those issues which remain outstanding and for which the new Commission would have to resolve and update the yearbook accordingly. He suggested the Convenor should review this annually and confirmed that a copy would be placed in the RR&CC Archive for ease of access.

RRCC2014-10:AI/RM

7. Calendar

7.1 Mark summarized the competition calendar for endurance events for the coming season. This will be placed on the archive for ease of access.

RRCC2014-11:RM/MP

8. Replacing Commission Members

8.1 Ron introduced John Rodger and explained he had agreed to take on the role of Convenor of the Road Running & Cross Country Commission, subject to his being elected at the AGM scheduled for 20th September 2014.

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- 8.2 As outgoing Convenor, Ron confirmed he would continue to play a part in the work of the Commission in his capacity as Past Convenor and thanked the Commission members for the support over the years of his Convenership.
- 8.3 In turn, Alan proposed a vote of thanks to Ron for his sterling work as Convenor and also to Alex Jackson for the very efficient and effective way in which he had carried out the duties of Secretary to the Commission for many years.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- 9.1 Wednesday 22nd October, 2014 at 6.30 p.m. in Scottish Athletics' Offices, South Gyle, Edinburgh.

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.