

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 21st October 2015 held at 6.30pm
at the Scottish Athletics Offices, Emirates Arena, Glasgow

Present:, Ron Morrison, Alex Jackson, Tom Ferrington, Mark Pollard, Marjory Cook, Alan Potts, Nigel Holl, Alasdhair Love, Julia Henderson, Dave Cairns, Margaret Daly and Sophie Dunnett (via Skype).

Apologies: John Rodger, Ian Hislop, Clare Barr, Graham Sword, Leslie Roy

1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

1.1 In JR's absence, Ron welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Commission members to identify any additional items they wished to discuss.

1.2 Congratulations

(a) The Commission extended congratulations for excellent athletic performances to:-

- ◆ *Callum Hawkins (Kilbarchan AAC) on winning the Scottish National Half Marathon title in a time of 62.42, placing him third on the all time list, and Elizabeth Potter (Victoria Park City of Glasgow) on winning the women's title in a time of 73.39. Shettleston were successful in both team events.*
- ◆ *Craig Ruddy (Inverclyde AC) on winning the Scottish National 10K title and Shona McIntosh (HBT) on winning the women's event. Central AC were the men's team winners and HBT won the women's event.*
- ◆ *Megan Crawford (Fife AC) and Patryk Gierjatowicz (Hunters Bog Trotters) winners of the Scottish Marathon Championships held at Loch Ness. Inverness H were the men's team winners and Carnegie H won the women's event.*

2. Commission Minute of 12th August 2015

2.1 The Commission minutes of 12th August 2015 were noted and approved.

3. Matters arising

3.1 A meeting has been held with Graeme Jessop and Shona Malcolm regarding hosting an Endurance Officials Training Course. This will be organised for 14th February 2016.

4. District Reports

4.1 No reports.

5. Fixtures/Championships

(a) **National Trail Championships**

200 participants in this event this year. Notably the younger age group participants increased although the number of adults taking part decreased. Following discussions, suggestion that the future structure is that of a team only event will be explored. View is the event can be grown and that issues on the course have been resolved. Potential for RR&CC and HRC to collaborate on event date to ensure maximum potential can be realized. **Action: MP to speak to Malcolm Paterson; JR to write to Hugh Buchanan**

(b) **National CC Relays**

Record number of female entries at both senior and young athlete level; men's entries static and boys were down. Chip company aware of requirements and data manager to be on site. Officials agreed for key roles plus signage in declarations area to indicate location of shower facilities. Advice has been prepared by AL regarding club tents and gazebos and is available on all cross country event pages on the website.

(c) **Nova CC Update**

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A meeting has taken place regarding future arrangements for this event. A request for a hill race at the venue has been declined. Televised races will be Senior Men; Senior Women and Relay involving GB, Europe and America. The Home Countries relay takes place earlier in the programme. Following discussion, it was agreed that JR & AJ to revisit discussions with Nova. **Action: JR/AJ**

(d) **Cross Country Grand Prix:**

MP advised paper previously circulated has been amended to include District Championships and this will be uploaded to the website following completion of the National Relays.

6. Road Race Championships 2016

6.1 RM summarized a paper from 2010 and referred to subsequent paper proposing events for 2016. Discussions on membership of SAL as requirement for events concluded that athletes would be permitted 7 days to renew lapsed membership but would not qualify if no previous membership in place. Discussion on the commitment of SAL in relation to delivery of 10 elements for championship events hosted within other fixtures and agreed these could prove attractive to road race promoters. Concern re long term aspirations for 10 mile championships and the inclusion of London Marathon were noted. Following extensive discussion, it was agreed the 10 mile championship would be dropped from 2017 onwards and that an approach to be made to Nick Patel regarding potential support from the London Marathon. It was also agreed to consider SAL organised 10k event for the 2017 programme and a working group will be established to put proposals forward on this. TF's group to review and revise championship programme if necessary with a view to implementation. **Action: AJ; TF**

7. AOCB

7.1 **Antrim International CC:** an invite to send teams of 3 men and 3 women to this event has been received. Noted.

7.2 **London Mini Marathon:** all entries now require to be submitted one month in advance with no changes thereafter. Implications for SAL on selection races.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.