

**Scottish Athletics Limited**  
**Road Running and Cross Country Commission**

**Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 18 February 2015 held at 6.30pm**  
**at the Scottish Athletics offices, South Gyle, Edinburgh**

**Present:** John Rodger, Mark Pollard, Julia Henderson, Dave Cairns, Ian Hislop, Clare Barr, Ron Morrison, Graham Sword, Marjory Cook, Alan Potts, Lesley Roy, Alex Jackson, Ian Beattie, Stewart Caithness

**Apologies:** Margaret Daly, Sophie Dunnett, Nigel Holl, Tom Ferrington

**1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks**

1.1 JR welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised he would continue the past practice of only discussing those agenda items which had been starred(\*), and invited Commission members to identify any additional items they wished to discuss.

**1.2 Papers previously Circulated**

Commission Minute 03/12/2014

**1.3 Papers Circulated with the Agenda**

(1) East District Minute 11/02/15

(2) East Clubs Women in Cross Country, Distance and Counters

**1.4 Opening Remarks**

**1.5 Congratulations**

On behalf of the Commission, JR congratulated:-

Rhona Auckland (1<sup>st</sup> U23 Women), Calum Hawkins (5<sup>th</sup> U23 Men), Steph Twell (7<sup>th</sup> Senior Women), Andrew Butchart (35<sup>th</sup> Senior Men) and Jonny Glen (46<sup>th</sup> U20 Men) while representing Great Britain at the European Cross Country Championships in Samokov, Bulgaria on 06/12/2014.

Keith Hood (Corstorphine AAC) and Lesley Chisholm (Garscube H)) for their wins in the Men's and Women's Masters SAL Cross Country Championships respectively at Kilmarnock on 31/01/2015.

2. Ronhill Cambuslang H and Gala H for their wins in the Men's and Women's Masters SAL Cross Country Team Championships respectively at Kilmarnock on 31/01/2015.

3. The minutes of previous meeting 3 December 2014 were approved by AP, seconded by MC.

The Commission noted the following actions had been cleared:

<b>Action</b>	<b>Reason for Clearance</b>
Action: RRCC2014-2:AJ/SC – National XC Championships meeting with Falkirk Victoria Harriers	Had been held

4. The Commission considered the following outstanding actions and heard a progress report where available:-

<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
Action: RRCC2012-31: RM/NH/AJ – Entries, Programmes and Results	Ongoing. Hoping to have online entry system delivered by end of March 2015 in time for T&F season (SC).
Action: RRCC 2012-37: NH/MJ – International RR Budget	Done, with finer points to be clarified (MP)
Action: RRCC2013-14: RM/AJ/MJ/MP – Effectiveness of race programme for elite athletes	Not done
Action: RRCC2014-1: RM – Trophy Archive and photographs	Done; can be cleared

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Action: RRCC2014-12: IH/CB/SD Officials Commission	Done, can be cleared. MC will retain list.
Action: RRCC2014-13: JR/AJ Under 20 Men in District Championships	Review at strategy meeting in August 2015
Action: RRCC2014-17:RM/TF Road Grand Prix	MP ready to announce races shortly. Aim of encouraging increased participation.
Action: RRCC2014-20: SD/IH/CB Distances in Cross Country for Senior Females	Review at strategy meeting in August 2015

**5. Finance \***

GS reported there is currently a healthy balance which will be used in the fourth quarter. There was a discussion on costs of chip-timing and feasibility of contracting out vs in-house.

**6. District Reports \***

EAST – Mid-Trail race was discussed. Keen for event to continue, possibly with change of date/entry structure. Sub-committee of AJ, JR and SC will work on details. RM to discuss with current host club.

WEST – District Cross Country Championships held at Linwood 6 December 2014 were a success despite atrocious weather.

**7. Event Conveners Report\***

Nothing to report

**8. Recent Events \***

**Masters** – successful: good entry numbers and a good, challenging course. Kilmarnock H excellent host club and it was noted they are doing more than their fair share of hosting.

**Inter District** – there was discussion regarding future negotiations with Nova; more tentage/facilities for District athletes and Officials would be an improvement (terrible weather during Women’s race highlighted shortcomings of current facilities), plus different course for Senior athletes. Noted that Inter-District races are a big draw for Junior athletes, although early start times are difficult if travelling in.

**9. Upcoming Events**

**National CC** – SC advised school not available this year so large marquee in park instead for Declarations etc. Parking will be in business park and surrounding Callendar Park. Specific parking arrangements for Officials. Entry numbers are up. Changes to race route from previous years.

AJ advised that Falkirk Victoria H are on board again, and new course is better for spectators. Just about enough volunteers from clubs – chip-timing means less officials required to de-chip or act as timekeepers. No funnel, camera will be operating at finish.

General discussion re potential issues; weather forecast is poor so danger of junior athletes getting cold if having to wait for bus home – no school to go into for shelter. New course route means less room for club tents – potential issue of spectators on course at new loop – requirement for good marshalling here. Danger of strong winds damaging club gazebos.

Peter Jardine will be asked to put info on website/social media re athletes dressing appropriately for weather conditions.

**Young Athlete Road Races** – MP/CB advised all arrangements in place or in progress

**6/4 Stage Road Relays** – AJ advised entries will go live shortly. Will need clubs to provide course marshals.

**Short Course CC** – Date clash with Bellahouston H 10k and Glasgow Uni race. Preferable to hold CC on Saturday. Palace of Art is good venue for Declarations etc.

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**2016 Celtic Home Countries International** – JR advised possibility of combining with Young Athlete Road Races and has a potential venue in mind; will pursue.

**10. Road Race Certification/Course Measurement \***

Run Britain issues certificates on basis that course has been officially measured. Difficulty in getting enough certified measurers.

**11. Grand Prix\***

See Action: RRCC2014-17:RM/TF

**12. Archive \***

<http://www.salroadrunningandcrosscountrymedalists.co.uk/index.html>

All up to date. District Convenors to provide RM with course maps and lists of Officials.

**13. Any Other Business**

IB raised issue of athletes swapping race numbers.

**14. Next Meeting Date**

Will be 6.30pm Monday 18 May 2015 at the Scottish Athletics Office within the Emirates, Glasgow.

**15. Meeting closed at 8pm.**