

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minutes of Meeting on 8 August 2016 held at 6.30pm at Emirates Arena, London Road, Glasgow

Present: John Rodger (Chair), Ron Morrison, Alex Jackson, Marjory Cook, Alasdhair Love, Dave Cairns, Leslie Roy, Clare Barr, Ian Hislop, Mark Munro, Sophie Dunnett (via SKYPE)

Apologies: Stuart Gibson, John MacKay, Julia Henderson, Tom Ferrington

1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Commission members to identify any additional items they wished to discuss. The Chair also welcomed Mark Munro Interim Chief Executive Officer of scottishathletics to the meeting. Additional items were Report from DC regarding Officials Education and Winter Championships Convenors.

1.2 **Commission Minutes of 16th May 2016**

Approved with the amendment that JMCK was not in attendance.

Action: RRCC2015 – 12/1 change to AL to write to Hamish Cameron not AJ.

1.3 **Papers circulated with the agenda**

(2) 2016/17 Entry Fees - Fee increases agreed as 50p per individual and 50p per team. Senior Women National Cross Country Relay charge to increase to £22.50 as this is now 4 members per team.

(3) Scottish Athletics Medals – Agreed that U20 10,000m Track Championships will be further discussed at Track & Field Commission. Inconsistencies in Rad Races are acceptable and any District differences should be reviewed and implemented by the District Reps.

(4) Minutes of East District League AGM (last item only) – Concern about the implementation of the new rules book and athletes eligibility to compete as long as they are a registered member of their National Governing Body. In the past the East District League have not been concerned by this due to fees being under the £2 minimum and U11 athletes not being covered by UKA Rules.

MM has subsequently advised that all athletes aged U13 and above must be registered with scottishathletics for Cross Country League competitions. However, one week's grace from the athletes participation will be permitted.

(6) Championships Host Document – JR took feedback on the circulated document and will revise and redistribute in due course. It is hoped to integrate this into the forthcoming scottishathletics website development.

1.4 **Congratulations noted as follows:**

2016 Rio Paralympics – Congratulations to Ron Morrison (Coach) and Derek Rae (Fife AC T46) on selection for the Marathon at the Paralympic Games.

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2.1 Actions Cleared

The Commission notes the following actions from previous meetings have been cleared:

Action	Reason for Clearance
Action: RRCC2015 – 12/3 Response to Giffnock North re. Cross Challenge event.	JR has responded to Giffnock North confirming reasons behind a Scottish event being unfeasible.
Action: RRCC2015 – 12/2 Investigation of tarmac covering	CB has submitted various options to AL which are on file. As Bellahouston no longer a Championship venue action can be closed.

2.2 Actions Outstanding

The Commission considered the followed actions and heard a progress report where available:

Action	Status
Action: RRCC2012-31: RM/NH/AJ – Entries, Programmes and Results	AL working to develop online systems with GB Sport, however no timescales as yet available.
Action: RRCC2013-14: RM/AJ/MJ/MP – Effectiveness of race programme for elite athletes	Not done
Action: RRCC2015 Great Run XC	JR & AJ to revisit discussions with Great Run in Autumn
Action: RRCC2015 Consider SAL organised 10km event for the 2017 RR Championship programme	JR to form Working Group
Action: RRCC2015-12/4 Review Championship host docs and produce guidelines and criteria for event bids	JR producing a process document for clubs and organizations to bid to run championships – Under Development
Action: RRCC2015 – 12/1 Invite North District League to consider Associate membership of scottishathletics	AL to write to Hamish Cameron – document drafted RM to proof read.

3. 2016 and Beyond – Short Course Cross Country Venue

Site visits have been conducted at KG5, Renfrew and Linwood. KG5 is a good possibility. Further visits arranged for Meadowmill and Kirkcaldy.

AL Suggested a rotation of suitable courses on the assumption that Meadowmill and Kirkcaldy are suitable. 2016 KG5 – 2017 Meadowmill – 2018 Kirkcaldy

Decision to alternate between East and West venues, with West for 2016 and East venue to be confirmed for 2017. Visited sites can be utilised for other West events if required.

Some concerns surrounding the suitability of Meadowmill as a course with lots of twists and potential parking issues.

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Championship Venues and Convenors were also discussed under this item.

National XC Relays, Cumbernauld – Alex Jackson * AL to arrange meeting with NL Leisure

Short Course XC, Renfrew – John Rodger

Inter District, Edinburgh – AJ / Great Run Co.

Masters, Dundee – AJ / Dundee HH

National Champs, Falkirk – AJ

YA Road Races, Greenock – Clare Barr / Gerry Gaffney

4/6 Stage Road Relays, Livingston – AJ / Ted Finch

Agreed that Club Hosting fees for Championships will increase to £300 per event.

MM was pleased to confirm that Lindsays have agreed to extend their sponsorship for a further 4 years. Final details still to be agreed.

4. Scottish Veterans Harriers Meeting Feedback

Discussion around M35 Age Group and although recognised by the commission championship events are not provided. The previous decision not to include this age group is confirmed. Confirmation 10,000m Track Champs will be held within the SVHC Championships in October. Female 3000m track race will be replaced with a 5000m track race likely to be held within the GAA miler meets.

5. Police Scotland support for Road Races

MM outlined that discussions are in place with various partners and Police Scotland and Event Scotland to get a clearer picture of the current landscape of charges and support nationally.

A Google survey has been sent to all club secretaries as well as Race Organisers with a closing date of 19th August.

Meetings are scheduled for 16th August.

To date (10th August) there have been 30 Responses.

6. AOB

Ron Morrison and AJ have been working to update the Archive website with Inter District Results and have so far sourced these back to December 1993.

7. Date of Next Meeting Monday 17th October 2016 at 1830 at scottishathletics Offices, Caledonia House, Edinburgh.