

Scottish Athletics Limited Road Running & Cross Country Commission

Minutes of Meeting - Monday 30th August 2021 (zoom 5.30pm)

Present: John Rodger (Chair), Alex Jackson, Dave Cairns, Sandra Hardacre, John MacKay, Dawn Armitt, Ted Finch, Alasdair Love, Colin Hutchison, Ron Morrison, Mark Pollard, Michael Wright

Apologies: Julia McAfee, Ross Cairns

1/2 The Chair welcomed everyone to meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting 28 June 2021, approved DC & TF

3 World Athletics Shoe Regulations – Ongoing. No further update from UK athletics who have advised will review post Tokyo.

No additions/comments re Honorary Life Memberships

Convenors – see later notes following decision on Championship locations

Officials Availability Form – to be reviewed by DC/AL with a view to issuing around 10/9/21.

4.1 CH update. Clarified that only change since last published SA update (9/8/21) was to maximum numbers allowed at events. This is 5000 (outdoors) and 2000 (indoors) for Spectators. If an event is likely to exceed these numbers then organiser to seek permission from relevant local authority. There is no advisory limit regarding Participant numbers but advised to agree numbers with relevant local authority.

DC advised that at recent ED meeting a query had been raised regarding likelihood of Covid testing being introduced pre event. CH advised unlikely.

4.2 No Championship event applications received.

4.3 Stirling 10k . JR attending with medals. Comment made re poor entry numbers (currently 300 – max is 500) MW thought partly due to late opening of entries. RM commented that whilst Park Run has been well attended since start back, general trend of poor attendance in other events . JMCK advised that one of his club members had complained about cost of event which may be part reason for poor uptake. MW advised that cost had gone up but based on current max numbers the event would be running at a loss. MP said would contact P Jardine with a view to advertising event further and hopefully increasing uptake.

MP asked how we check memberships to confirm medal eligibility at Event. AL advised checks made post race against SA database with athlete granted short time to renew application or otherwise return medal.

National Relays , planned to take place Scone Palace. AL to chase booking confirmation

Short Course – Lanark Racecourse, AL to chase booking confirmation

4.4 Race Officials Report

DC and Margaret-Ann MacLachlan re-training on revised Endurance Officials course at Birmingham , October.

DC attending World Shoe Regulations meeting 14/9/21

Peer Group currently just DC and M-Ann. Any further nominations welcome.

Google Availability Form for Officials – set to complete within next fortnight. To review with AL

Officials training Course booked at Emirates 25/9/21. TF advised would be useful to develop an online course to allow people from more remote areas to gain training. DC liaising with UK athletics to review feasibility of adapting course for this purpose. CH commented that this would be way forward with SA already having a number of online coaching course available.

DC to send email to Officials to ask who would be willing to put name on Referees List

Starter Procedures to circulate in advance of winter season. AL advised ultimate decision with Event Organiser(Convenor). SA can provide hooter for non-gun starts.

JR raised query what happens if false start in non-gun event. Nothing in current procedures

5 District Reports

No minutes WD . WD Relays at Alexander Park. J Mck organising and going to plan. JMck asked how Event Organisers record who is at an Event (Covid compliance). Is this Club or Organiser responsibility? AL advised that no expectation to record in areas which are open to public. A reasonableness check will suffice. Agreed that so long as we have Team Manager contact details for each Club attending, we can assume it is their responsibility for keeping athlete details.

JMck also asking that people leave venue as soon as possible after their event. Asked that when reviewing the event timetable, a break is considered between Young athletes and Senior races to control numbers between am and pm sessions. It was agreed sensible step,

DA advised WD xc Champs still on track to take place Maryhill Park. To follow up with Sharon Taylor.

ED Reports

Recent meeting, members asked to what extent events might need to put testing in place. No plans for this.

ED reports cont

Concerns raised about young athletes travelling from more remote locations and having to wait long periods with no facilities in place.

AJ advised Still to agree venue for first meet of EDL

Sandra Hardacre took over Minutes from this point –

15/1/22 - Inter District XC Championships – Irvine to be contacted – further discussion to take place at next meeting after we know a bit more on how the winter is going and if there will be any extra races at this event.

12/2/22 – Masters XC Championships – bookings have been submitted.

26/2/22 - National XC Championships – bookings have been submitted – further contact to be made with the school in October.

Was noted that there is a Scottish Game Fair on at Scone on 24th – 26th September – this may flatten the grass for the National XC Relays in October (or churn it up more!).

John Rodger thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Colin Hutchison stated that this was John's last meeting as Chair as he would be standing down after the AGM on 18th September and on behalf of Scottish Athletics John was thanked for his work and contribution over the past years.

Date of next meeting – TBC

Meeting closed at 18.30.