

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 5 February 2024 at 1730 via Zoom

Present: Mike Johnston (Chair), Julia McAfee, Alex Jackson, John McKay, Ted Finch, Alasdhair Love, Sharon Taylor, Dave Cairns, Sandra Hardcare, John Newsom, Mark Pollard, Angela Mudge
Apologies: Alison Heggie

(1) Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Commission members to identify any additional items they wished to discuss.

The Chair noted the passing in December of Peter Carton, past President of Scottish Athletics, considered as one of the architects of its current structure. He also held many voluntary roles in the sport including finance officer of the commission. The Chair noted the passing of Colin Shields, a past president of SAAA, in December, who, amongst his many contributions, was heavily involved in the publication of the annual Scottish Rankings and is the author of "Runs will take place, whatever the Weather"

(2) Papers Circulated:

- (1) Minutes of previous meeting of 13th November 2023 (MJ)* *Agreed*
- (2) Yearbook Competition Dates 2024/5 and potential complications (MJ)* *(see action table)*
- (3) Scottish Disability Sport request for discussion re. races in which para medals are offered (AL)* *(see action table)*
- (4) Endurance Update (DC)
- (5) East District Minutes (SH)

(3) Actions agreed and continued:

Action		Allocated to
RRCC21/09	Development of Scottish Athletics races - proposals to the Commission.	AL to bring proposals to a future meeting in early 2024.
RRCC23/02	UK Athletics looking at a Rule Book change to World Athletics age group structure affecting season 24/25.	Age group changes agreed at SA Board and task group set up to look at implementation of the changes (AL on group). Option for Home Countries to trial a change but felt that the preference would be for one change. AL to update future meetings as the arrangements for age-group change become clear.
RRCC24/01	2024/25 Winter Fixtures (MJ paper)	West District Committee to consult with the clubs and report back on the favoured date for the West District Relays. Inter district - Venue and date. Feedback to be sought on UK Fixtures; and dates in January 2025 to be discussed at May 2024 Meeting.
RRCC24/02	SDS request for discussion re. races in which para medals are offered	AL to consider options, numbers/depths of field and categories and discuss with SDS. Consideration of championship events

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RRCC24/03	Falkirk Council (FC) carrying out works to Callendar Park	AL to meet with FC in March to discuss preservation of the National cross-country course
RRCC24/04	Inter-District Cross Country	Proposal for fixed venue for several years to be brought to May meeting (AL)

(4) Actions completed and removed:

RRCC23/09	World Athletics Race Registration	No longer relevant
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(5) Standing Items and items with no papers:

(1) Championship Events Applications (AL) (Standing item)* *District secretaries to ensure all aware of event dates.*

(2) Races complete and to come (ALL) (Standing item) **All events discussed and no major issues noted apart from criticism of flatness of Inter-District course at Renfrew. though it was deemed to be spectator friendly. Agreed that it would be desirable to have a venue fixed for several years. Proposal to be worked on for next meeting (see RRCC24/04).*

(7) Date of next meeting* - 12 August 2024