

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

**Minute of Meeting of Wednesday 27th January 2010 held at 6.30 p.m.
in Scottish Athletics offices, South Gyle, Edinburgh**

Present: Ron Morrison, (Convener); Alex Jackson, (Secretary); Graham Sword; Margaret Daly, Marjory Cook; Robin Thomas and Jim Young

Apologies: Ian Hislop; Alan Potts, President, SAL and Mike Johnston, SAL Endurance Manager

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

1.1 Meeting Conduct

Ron thanked everyone for their attendance and invited nomination of items for discussion and these were starred accordingly.

1.2 Papers previously Circulated

Commission Minute 30/9/09

Commission Meeting 2/12/09

1.3 Papers Circulated with the Agenda

Terms of Reference update

Scottish Athletics Road Running 2010 and Beyond

Management Board RR&CC Updates – Jan 2010

RR&CC Budget 2009/2010

1.4 Opening Remarks

At our last meeting we revised the Terms of Reference of the Commission with the purpose of taking this to the AGM for approval. At this meeting I would like to spend a little more time on this item to identify the roles that we need to run the Commission and ultimately the sport.

Since our last meeting there has been much discussion about the Stewart Grand Prix Road Running Series. Previously this had been handled outside the Commission. With the resignation of Geoff Wightman I assumed responsibility for this hoping to integrate it with the developments worked on by Mike Johnston and thereby constitute an integrated road running season. The old GP members of Geoff Wightman, Gary Condie, Fiona Curr, Ross Cunningham, John McDonald and Tom Ferrington were invited. GW and GC did not reply and RC turned down the invitation. Michael Johnston, Ron Morrison and Alex Jackson attended from the Commission. The results is the paper "Scottish Athletics Road Running 2010 and Beyond" that I would like discussed tonight.

One other item that I would like to discuss is finance as it includes some changes to contributions made by athletes to representative races.

The first release of the RR&CC Commission of the Medalists Archive can be found at <http://www-ppg.cs.st-andrews.ac.uk/RMPages/index.html>. Comments and contributions are very welcome. We have to decide when and how to release it.

1.4 Congratulations

Congratulations to all 7 Scots who were selected for the UK teams at the European Cross Country Championships in Dublin on 13th December. Freya Murray and Laura Kenney finished 9th and 29th respectively in the Senior Women's race, Andrew Lemoncello 29th in the Senior Man's, Matthew Gillespie and Callum Hawkins 14th and 19th respectively in the U20 race, Beth Potter 25th in the Women's U20 race and Stephenie Twell 11th in the Women's U23 race. All won medal in the team races.

2. Minutes of previous meeting of 30th September and special meeting of 2nd December 2009
As no correspondence had taken place since their publication, these were agreed as a true record.

3. Actions Cleared

The following actions were cleared:

Action RRCC2009-22: RM – Under 13 Age Groups

Action: RRCC2009-24: AJ – Winter Fixture List

Action: RRCC2009-27: MD/IH – Structure of RR&CC Commission

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- Action: RRCC2009-28: RM – Role/function of RR&CC Commission
- Action: RRCC2009-29: AJ – Master's age groups (by e-mail)
- Action: RRCC2009-33: AJ – Young Athletes Road Races for 2010*
- Action: RRCC2009-37: RM/AJ – Greenock Glenpark Harriers
- Action: RRCC2009-38: AJ – Announcement on unentered athletes on website etc.
- Action: RRCC2009-42: AP – Region definitions
- Action: RRCC2009-43: MJ – Stewarts Cross Country Grand Prix
- Action: RRCC2009-41: IH/MD/SD – District geography

4. Actions Outstanding

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- Action: RRCC2009-30: AJ – 6/4 stage relays*©
- Action: RRCC2009-31: RM/AJ/MJ – Road Championships*©
- Action: RRCC2009-32: AJ – Course build at 4K Championships*©
- Action: RRCC2009-34: All – Disability Races*
- Action: RRCC2009-36: MD/AJ – Medals at age group levels*
- Action: RRCC2009-39: RM – Chip system for races with other Commissions
- Action: RRCC2009-40: AJ – Running order of teams to announcers in relays

The first 5 of these were dealt with as follows:-

- a) RRCC2009-30: AJ – 6/4 stage relays: A meeting had taken place today between RM, AJ, Ross Cunningham, Martin Hyman and Alex McEwan. The event will run over the course used previously with the same start and finish. Lothian Road Runners are on board to assist. Everything on track. Note: this is the first event with the Masters age group reverting to 40, for both males and females.
- b) RRCC2009-31: RM/AJ/MJ – Road Championships: It was agreed that Tom Ferrington would be co-opted onto the Commission to drive the road racing plan for 2010 and beyond.
Action: RRCC2010-01: RM/AJ
- c) RRCC2009-32: AJ – Course build at 4K Championships: The course building team is in place. AJ to check with RC on booking for Bellahouston Sports Centre and café arrangements.
Action: RRCC2009-32: AJ
- d) RRCC2009-34: All – Disability Races: Discussions have taken place with Shona Malcolm on what Disability Sport would like to see in place. Agreed this would remain on the agenda for further discussion.
Action: RRCC2010-02: AJ
- e) RRCC2009-36: MD/AJ – Medals at age group levels: Some confusion over this item but confirmed this related to the issue of medals at District Championships and whether athletes received more than one medal. Agreed to have a discussion paper prepared for consideration.
Action: RRCC2010-03: MD in consultation with IH/AJ/GS

5. Finance

Budget figures provided for 2009/10 and noted. The budget for 2010/11 will be discussed by RM/GS/AJ/MJ. Discussion on athletes' contribution to representative events with charge of £30 proposed. Agreed this would be applied to athletes for the Inter Counties at Birmingham.

Action: RRCC2010-04: RM/GS/AJ/MJ

6. Championships

- a) National Championships

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Officials are to be emailed details and requested to confirm availability. The programme for the event would be on the same timetable as previously over the same course. AJ met with Falkirk Council on site and all matters agreed. School and facilities have been booked. FVH will set the course for the same fee as 2009 with the start/finish area being built by Jim's team. AJ is awaiting a map from Andy Ronald who has specified 18 marshals although FVH cannot provide all. The inflatable gantry will be used and no officials to be in the vicinity when this is being erected/dismantled. RT requested to organise and erect signage.

Action: RRCC2010-05: AJ/RT/JY

b) Masters Championships

Everything in place for this event at Forres. As expected with the venue being in the North, entries were down a little.

c) Ultra Trail Championships

Adrian Stott had produced a paper for discussion which was noted. RM/AJ to meet with Adrian to discuss.

Action: RRCC2010-6: RM/AJ

7. Terms of Reference

The amended draft Terms of Reference was discussed. Comments on any further amendments to be forwarded to RM. It was noted that the post of Vice-Convenor had been deleted. RT to give consideration to what his role / function could be within the Commission. The membership list was extended to include a Summer Road Running Convenor. Finally, it was agreed that thought be given to better ways of organising the District Commissions that capitalised on the use of email contact / consultation and reduced the need for meetings in view of these being poorly attended.

Action: RRCC2010-7: All

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th May 2010 Strathclyde University, Glasgow. 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. start.