

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

**Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 19th September 2012 held at 6.30 p.m.
in SAL Offices, Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh**

Present: Ron Morrison, (Convener); Alex Jackson, (Secretary); Marjory Cook; Graham Sword; Alan Potts; Tom Ferrington; Leslie Roy; Nigel Holl; Stephen Maguire; Mike Johnston; Mark Pollard; Margaret Daly and Sophie Dunnett (via Skype).

Also attending: Clare Barr

Apologies: Ian Hislop

1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

- 1.1 Ron welcomed everyone to the meeting including Stephen Maguire, SAL's new Director of Coaching to his first meeting of the Commission and invited him to introduce himself.
- 1.2 Stephen outlined his background to coaching which included periods in Florida and Ireland, as well as time spent as personal coach to Jason Smith, recently successful in the Paralympics.
- 1.3 Ron also extended a welcome to Clare Barr who may be joining the Commission in the near future.
- 1.4 For the benefit of those attending their first meeting, Ron outlined the process and format adopted by the Commission which ensured meetings were focused and structured. He advised that a revised agenda for tonight's meeting had been prepared, then invited any additional agenda items to be starred.

2. Congratulations

Congratulations were noted to the following:

- Ross Houston (Central AC) and Hayley Haining (Kilbarchan AAC) for their wins in the Men's and Women's half-marathon Road Race Individual Championships respectively on 2/8/2012.
- Kerry-Liam Wilson (Ronhill Cambuslang H) and Hayley Haining (Kilbarchan AAC) for their wins in the Men's and Women's Masters half-marathon Road Race Individual Championships respectively on 2/8/2012.
- Shettleston Harriers winning both the Men's and Women's half-marathon Road Race Team Championships on 2/8/2012.
- Freya Murray (Edinburgh AC) for her selection to represent Great Britain in the Marathon at the London 2012 Olympics and her subsequent 42nd place in the race (1st Briton).
- Debbie Martin-Consani (Garscube H) and Sharon Law (Gateshead H) for their selection to represent Great Britain in the IAU 24H World Championships in Katowice, Poland on September 8th & 9th and their subsequent Team bronze medals. Debbie Martin-Consani (Garscube H) also created a new Scottish record of 217 180.80Km.
- Wegene Tafese (Ronhill Cambuslang H) and Sarah McCormack (Moorfoot R) for their wins in the Men's and Women's 10K Road Race Individual Championships respectively on 16/9/2012.
- Kerry-Liam Wilson (Ronhill Cambuslang H) and Joasia Zakrzewski (Dumfries RC) for their wins in the Men's and Women's Masters 10K Road Race Individual Championships respectively on 16/9/2012.
- Shettleston Harriers and Fife AC for their wins in the Men's and Women's 10K Road Race Team Championships on 16/9/2012.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 22nd August 2012

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3.1 It was noted that two items in the previous minute carried the same action number (RRCC2012-18) and it was agreed the one relating to Officials Training would be renumbered RRCC2012-43. The minutes were otherwise noted.

3.2 **Actions cleared:**

Number	Action	Reason for clearance
RRCC2010-21: NH	Non-SAL athletes in Championships GGH on entry procedures for Championships	Superseded by RRCC2012-19: NH/RM – Automated Entry/result System
RRCC2011-45: AJ/RM		
RRCC2012-2: MJ/MP	European Team Competition	Action from 23/5/2012 meeting implemented
RRCC2012-3: AJ	Championship Entry Fees (inc Action: RRCC2011-45)	Action from 23/5/2012 meeting implemented
RRCC2012-5: AJ	Officials Training & Lists	November 4 th
RRCC2012-43: AJ		
RRCC2012-8: RM/AJ	Masters Awards at District Championships	Reviewed with no action
RRCC2012-9: SD	The positioning of the North District Championships	Saturday 24 th November Evanton
RRCC2012-10: RM	District Cross Country Championship Medals	Agree and put on the Archive
RRCC2012-11: MP	Road Running Grand Prix Programme	Implemented
RRCC2012-12: MP	Stirling 10K as International Race	Accepted by Central AC but no other teams took up the invitation
RRCC2012-13: RM	Selection Procedures	Adopted and put on the Archive
RRCC2012-16: RM	Eligibility at Masters National CC Championships	Adopted and put on the Archive
RRCC2012-19: NH/RM	Entries, Programmes and Results	To be implemented this year 2012-3. Superseded by Action: RRCC2012-31
RRCC2012-20: RM	East District Relay Results	Implemented
RRCC2012-21: AJ	Write to EAC and Central AC	EAC and Central AC made aware of the European Team Trial Selection criteria
RRCC2012-22: AJ	Championship Entry Fees	Will be implemented
RRCC2012-23: GS/AJ	GP and Team Challenge budget consolidation	Implemented
RRCC2012-24: AJ/RM/MD/GS/SD	Inter-District & District Championship changes	Implemented. Further action on Action: RRCC2012-7
RRCC2012-25: RM/AJ	Selection Procedure	Now on the Archive
RRCC2012-26: MP	Stirling 10K International	Did not take place – invited teams called off
RRCC2012-27: AJ	Eligibility at Masters National Championships	Adopted and put on the Archive. This is an update of Action: 2012-16
RRCC2012-28: NH	Lumley Trophy	No resolution possible at the moment
RRCC2012-30: AJ/JMacD	Championship Medals	Will be ordered in good time
RRCC2012-33: AJ/RC	U20 Men at District Championships	Implemented in 2012
RRCC2012-34: AJ	Super Vet teams in National XC Relays and 4/6 stage Relays	Will be implemented
RRCC2012-41: AJ	4K Championship	Sunday 11 th November, 2012
RRCC2012-42: RM/AJ	Annual Strategic meeting	First one took place on 10/9/2012 and will be held annually

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3.3 Actions Outstanding:

- Action: RRCC2011-1: AJ/RM/MJ/RC/AS – World 24 hour event 2013
- Action: RRCC2012-1: MD/GS – Refreshing the Commission Membership
- Action: RRCC2012-6: LR/RM – Endurance Officials and the Officials Commission
- Action: RRCC2012-7: RM/AJ→MJ/MP: Inter-District Championships and Nova
- Action: RRCC2012-14: LR – Name of SAL Selection Committee
- Action: RRCC2012-15: MP – UK Representation Lists on the Archive
- Action: RRCC2012-17: AJ/MP – Missing Gunstone Millenium Trophy
- Action: RRCC2012-18: RM – Write to Peter Jackson
- Action: RRCC2012-31: RM/NH/AJ – Entries, Programmes and Results
- Action: RRCC2012-32: RM/AJ/Fife AC – 15K Trail Race
- Action: RRCC 2012-1: MD / Action: RRCC 2012-35: RM – commission Membership
- Action: RRCC 2012-36: NH/MJ/RM – Season Structure
- Action: RRCC 2012-37: NH/MJ – International RR Budget
- Action: RRCC 2012-38: AJ – Performance and Participation Targets
- Action: RRCC2012-39: TF/RM/AJ/MP/MJ – The Future of Grand Prix Events
- Action: RRCC2012-40: AJ – Marshalling at Championships

3.4 Action Amended:

- Action: RRCC2011-44: AJ/RM – Masters Awards at District Championships (10 year Bands)
- It was agreed this action could be cleared on the basis that Alex will write advising Masters Relays will be introduced this season.

Action: RRCC2011-44: AJ

3.5 Action Updates:

- a) **Action: RRCC2012-7: RM/AJ→MJ/MP:** Inter-District Championships and Nova. Nigel advised on recent communications with Nova which suggested a meeting in Edinburgh in mid-October to discuss/resolve.
- b) **Action: RRCC2012-32: RM/AJ/Fife AC – 15K Trail Race.** Ron has had discussions with Fife AC and advised that a trail venue has been identified. Funding and finance have yet to be agreed. Nigel will have discussions on SAL personnel to be involved and advise on outcome. The preferred timescale for this event is July/August/September 2013 and the growth potential is acknowledged.
- c) Medals – related to another action, Nigel raised the question of the quality of SAL medals. This had been raised at other meetings and he sought the views of the RR&CC Commission. No-one had received any complaints, particularly those who had been involved in presentations over recent years.

4. Championships

4.1 Alex advised that arrangements for Championships are well advanced and progressing with the exception of the Young Athletes Road Race Championships. The preferred venue of Rouken Glen Park is not available due to improvement works taking place. The option of Riccarton/Herriot Watt University is to be explored.

Action: RRCC2012-45: AJ

5. Selection Committees

5.1 Nominations were agreed for the next 2 year cycle (RR&CC – Anne-Marie Hughes; Sandra Hardacre; John Rodger; and Neil Renton) (Ultra & Trail – Adrian Stott and Pauline Walker). An item will be prepared for the website in conjunction with the policy document prepared by Mike and Ron.

Action: RRCC2012-46: RM/MJ/NH

5.2 Following discussion, it was agreed that Action RRCC2012-14 relating to the National Selection Committee would be referred to the SAL Board for resolution.

Action: RRCC2012-14: NH

6. Performance and Participation Targets

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6.1 Ron outlined the background to this item and referred to papers issued by Mike Johnston and Mark Pollard to a previous meeting. Participation levels have been increasing steadily for the past 10 years and the Commission should consider how best it can measure and monitor growth in this area.

6.2 Mark presented some suggestions for consideration in relation to participation in Euro and World Cross Country events; English 6/12 stage relays and suggested that the aim was to set targets across a range of events in the season that would target area, club and athlete performance.

6.3 To conclude discussions, Ron invited all Commission members and attendees to suggest one target for consideration and forward this to the Secretary in advance of the next meeting.

Action: RRCC2012-47: All

7. Athletes

7.1 Discussion took place on athletes competing and resident in Scotland but not cleared for selection for Scottish teams by the IAAF. Ron agreed to check with Shettleston Harriers on the position of their athletes' applications. Nigel to check on progress at a higher level.

Action: RRCC2012-48: RM/NH

8. Entry to Championship Races for International Athletes

8.1 An issue had arisen in relation to an athlete selected for Scotland in the recent International at Stirling but not entered in the race. It was noted that all selected athletes had been advised of their need to enter the event to qualify for Grand Prix/Championship points and prizes but this had not been followed through by some individuals. This will be raised at the next meeting of the Road Running Grand Prix Sub-Committee. **Action: RRCC2012-49: TF**

9. Date of Next Meeting

9.1 Wednesday 5th December 2012 at 6.30 p.m. in Scottish Athletics' Offices, South Gyle, Edinburgh.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.