

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 20th February 2013 held at 6.30 p.m.
in SAL Offices, Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh

Present: Ron Morrison, (Convener); Ian Hislop; Alex Jackson, (Secretary); Marjory Cook; Graham Sword; Alan Potts; Nigel Holl; Mark Pollard; Margaret Daly and Sophie Dunnett (via Skype).

Apologies: Clare Barr; Tom Ferrington and Ross Cunningham

1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

1.1 Ron welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Commission noted with sadness the recent deaths of Jim Semple of Shettleston Harriers and Martin Craven of Edinburgh Southern Harriers.

1.2 Ron confirmed that the meeting would continue the practice of only discussing those agenda items which had been starred and invited any additional items to be starred that had been identified by Commission members.

1.3 Copies of the minutes of the recent West District Road Running and Cross Country Commission were circulated. Margaret reported on recent changes to officials for the West District and requested advice on representation at the Commission. As Clare Barr will now attend the meeting in her capacity as Convenor of the West District RR&CC Commission, another representative of the West District is required. Margaret will continue on the Commission as Minute Secretary. **Action: RRCC2013-1: CB**

1.4 Discussion on trophies took place. The Archive contains a list of all trophies relevant to the Commission and it was agreed these should be accompanied with photographs. In addition, it was agreed to update the inventory of trophies and include a photographic record of all trophies available. **Action: RRCC2013-2: GS/AP**

2. Congratulations

Congratulations were noted to the following:

- Rosie Smith (16th Team Silver Senior Women), Scott McDonald (45th Team Bronze U23 Men), Beth Potter (17th Team Silver U23 Women), Rhona Auckland (23rd Team Gold U20 Women) and Luke Traynor (38th Team Bronze) while representing Great Britain at the European Cross Country Championships in Budapest on 9/12/2012.
- Central AC men for finishing 10th in the European Club Championships in Castellon, Spain on 3/2/2013.
- Robert Quinn (Kilbarchan AAC) and Edel Mooney (Lothian RC) for their wins in the Men's and Women's Masters SAL Cross Country Championships respectively at Forres on 2/2/2013.
- Ronhill Cambuslang H and Edinburgh AC for their wins in the Men's and Women's Masters SAL Cross Country Team Championships respectively at Forres on 2/2/2013.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting of 5th December 2012

3.1 The minutes, having been pre-circulated for accuracy and amendment and on which no comments had been received, were approved.

3.2 **Actions cleared:**

Number	Action	Reason for clearance
Action: RRCC2012-14:LR	Name of Selection Committee	This is now a matter for discussion at Board level.
Action:RRCC2012-17: AJ/ MP	Missing Gunstone Millennium Trophy	Subsumed within action RRCC2013:2 – GS/AP

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Number	Action	Reason for clearance
Action: RRCC2012-18:RM	Write to Peter Jackson	Matter dealt with verbally and in the National Programme
Action: RRCC2012-36:NH/ MJ/RM	Season Structure – Road Relays	The Commission are now awaiting input from the Club promoters
Action: RRCC 2012-38: All	Performance and Participation Targets	Superseded by Action: RRCC 2012-47
Action: RRCC2012-39:TF/ RM/AJ/MP/MJ	Future of Grand Prix Events	Covered in Road Race Review
Action: RRCC2012-40: AJ	Marshalling at Championships	Implemented
Action:RRCC2012-49: TF	Entry to Championship Races for International Athletes	This is being dealt with on a Championship basis
Action: RRCC 2012-50: AJ	6/4 stage Relays route	The route and an alternative has been fixed
Action: RRCC 2012-51: AJ/RM	15K Trail Race Championships	Medals on Archive
Action: RRCC 2012-52: TF/MP	Grand Prix Events	Report Circulated for information
Action: RRCC 2012-53: RM	Athletes at School in Scotland	On Archive
Action: RRCC 2012-54: AJ	Marshals at National CC Championships	Implemented

3.3 Actions Outstanding:

- Action: RRCC2012-6: LR/RM – Endurance Officials and the Officials Commission
- Action: RRCC2012-31: RM/NH/AJ – Entries, Programmes and Results
- Action: RRCC 2012-37: NH/MJ – International RR Budget
- Action: RRCC2012-43: RM – Officials Training with RRCC2012-1
- Action: RRCC2012-47: All – Performance and Participation Targets
- Action: RRCC2012-48: RM/NH – Foreign Athletes living in Scotland

4. Fixtures/Championships

4.1 National Cross Country Championships, Falkirk, 23/2/13: Alex reported that 1955 entries had been received for this event. Entries from young athletes had increased although senior entries were slightly reduced. Chip timing would be introduced as a pilot with a manual recording system operating as a back-up. Arrangements for marshalling and athletes' numbers were discussed and noted. The Commission discussed the success of this event having taken place at Falkirk for some years now and noted the merits of this. Alternative venues were also discussed and it was agreed this item would be put on the agenda of the strategy meeting due to be held in August.

Action: RRCC2013-3: AJ

5. Performance and Participation Targets

5.1 Suggestions and proposals for performance and participation targets had been put forward by a number of the Commission members. These were discussed in turn. The challenges of ensuring targets were within the scope of influence and control of the Commission was noted as a key issue. It was noted that some proposals were already included within reporting arrangements to funding bodies.

5.2 Arising from the discussion, it was agreed that some information and approaches may benefit the ability to further develop performance and participation targets. These included:

- an analysis of the age group profiles of athletes at Senior and above level for road and cross country championships. This would help identify participation levels at the transition from junior to senior; senior and the range of masters' age groups.
- Requiring masters' athletes to wear a 'V' or should this be 'M' on their back would assist athletes competing in team races to have a better understanding of where they are.

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- c) A method of appointing officials at the start of the season similar to that adopted within the track and field season.
- d) A mechanism for tracking the transition of recreational runners into athletics clubs, i.e. from Jog Scotland networks.

5.3 Following extensive discussion, it was agreed that Ron would develop a paper for further consideration at the next Commission meeting. Included within this as key things that define what we want to measure and that would tell us what is going on, would be:

- a) Participation levels (number of athletes in national championships; seniors in age categories; clubs participation in road relays/national relays at senior level)
- b) Quality (i.e. record number of athletes into World/European/UK teams; medals; athletes finishing in the top 50 at the Inter Counties and appearing in the Power of 10 for road races)

Action: RRCC2013-4:RM

6. Date of Next Meeting

6.1 Wednesday 22nd May 2013 at 6.30 p.m. in Scottish Athletics' Offices, South Gyle, Edinburgh.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.