

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

**Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 3 December 2014 held at 6.30pm
in SA Office, Emirates, Glasgow**

Present: John Rodger (Convener); Alex Jackson (Secretary); Mark Pollard; Graham Sword; Alan Potts; Dave Cairns; Clare Barr; Julia Henderson

Apologies: Lesley Roy, Ron Morrison, Marjory Cook, Margaret Daly

1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

1.1 John welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised he would continue the past practice of only discussing those agenda items which had been starred, and invited Commission members to identify any additional items they wished to discuss.

1.2 Papers previously circulated

Commission Minute 22/10/2014

1.3 Papers Circulated with the Agenda

(1) East District Minute 26/11/14

(2) List of Endurance Officials

(3) Equity in Cross Country

1.4 Opening Remarks

1.5 Congratulations

The Commission extended its congratulations on meritorious performances to the following:-

National XC Relay: Senior Men and Women – Central AC

Young Females – Giffnock North AC, Young Males – Edinburgh AC

National Short Course: Andrew Butchart (Central AC), Rhona Auckland (Edinburgh Uni)

Euan Gillham U20 (Kilbarchan AAC)

Kathryn Gillespie U20 (Central AC)

Leeds Abbey Dash: Scotland Men and Women winning teams

Andrew Butchart (1st), Calum Hawkins (2nd)

Steph Twell (1st), Eilish McColgan (2nd), Rhona Auckland (3rd)

UK Cross Challenge: Calum Hawkins (1st), Andrew Butchart (2nd)

Rhona Auckland (3rd)

U13F Emma Frew (1st) Ayr Seaforth, U15F Erin Wallace (1st) Giffnock

British Team European Cross: U20 Jonny Glen

U23 Calum Hawkins and Rhona Auckland

Senior Men Andrew Butchart and Luke Caldwell

Senior Women Steph Twell

100k Ellie Greenwood (New Scottish Record in 1st), Joasia Zakrzewski (World 100k Masters title in 3rd) and team gold with Jo Meek (4th) and Emily Gelder (19th).

2. The minutes of the previous meeting of 22 October 2014 were noted and approved.

The Commission noted the following actions had been cleared:

Action	Reason for Clearance
Action RRCC2014-14: SD/IH/CB National Selectors	Nominations complete
Action: RRCC2014-15: AJ Ultra Trail Championships	Incorporated into Highland Fling

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Action RRCC2014-16: AJ/MP Great Scottish Run/Half Marathon Champs	Meeting with Nova has taken place
Action: RRCC2014-8:JAP,GS/SC Short Course Championships	Arrangements done
RRCC2014-18: NH/MP/GS UK CC Challenge Milton Keynes	Budget re-directed to fund travel and accommodation
Action: RRCC2014-3:MJ/MP – Invitation to North of England to run a senior team	Nova agreed

3. The Commission considered the following outstanding actions and heard a progress report where available:-

Action	Status
Action: RRCC2012-31: RM/NH/AJ – Entries, Programmes and Results	Ongoing with improvements
Action: RRCC 2012-37: NH/MJ – International RR Budget	To do
Action: RRCC2013-14: RM/AJ/MJ/MP – Effectiveness of race programme for elite athletes	Not done
Action: RRCC2014-1: RM – Trophy Archive and photographs	To be placed on the Archive
Action: RRCC2014-2:AJ/SC – National XC Championships meeting with Falkirk Victoria Harriers	To be held
Action: RRCC2014-12: IH/CB/SD Officials Commission	Alex, Graham and Sophie to check list of endurance officials and add to/delete as appropriate
Action: RRCC2014-13: JR/AJ Under 20 Men in District Championships	Review at strategy meeting in August 2015
Action: RRCC2014-17:RM/TF Road Grand Prix	Programme for 2015
Action: RRCC2014-20: SD/IH/CB Distances in Cross Country for Senior Females	To be discussed again at strategy meeting in August 2015. More information to be gathered.

4. Finance

Graham advised there was nothing of note to report

5. Officials Commission

Alex, Graham and Sophie to check list of endurance officials and add to/delete as appropriate. Endurance Officials Education – Dave advised that courses have changed and there are now different grades within Level 2 – A, B, C etc. These are largely self-taught.

6. District Reports

Nothing to report

Starred Items

7. Selection Committee

Selector for University teams is now James Jarvis (replacing James Williamson)

Selection committee will be chaired by John Rodger and Mark Pollard.

East selectors are Neil Renton and Sandra Hardacre.

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West selectors are Anne-Marie Hughes and John Mackay (John replacing John Rodger)

<http://www.salroadrunningandcrosscountrymedalists.co.uk/Content/Selection%20Policy/Selection.html>

8. Fixtures/Championships

Alex advised that the race timetable has been adjusted for Inter-District Cross Country with most races 10 minutes earlier than previously. District team selections are to be forwarded to Alex before Christmas.

Alex advised there was an issue with the Edinburgh 10-mile race (potentially National Championship or Inter District race) on 19 April 2015 clashing with the 10,000m track race on the preceding Friday.

Alex will ask Margaret Daly how she wants to take the results at the Masters Cross Country on 31.01.15.

Alex advised that at the National Cross Country, Falkirk, the course will need to be amended to avoid the golf course; options are being considered.

Mark Pollard confirmed that the Young Athletes Road Races will be at Battery Park, Greenock. 6/4 Stage Relays – nothing to report.

9. Recent Events

National XC Relays – declarations at the course worked well. Officials had mobility problems getting to the course, plus one fall resulting in injury. Chip input was slow which made availability of results slow too. These issues need to be addressed and potentially changed for next year.

National Short Course Championship – chip timing worked well; quick results. Palace of Art worked well as venue for declarations.

10. International/Representative Meetings

Leeds Abbey Dash – some excellent performances/times. Andrew Butchart and Steph Twell were race winners with Scotland winning the women's team prize and the men's team won bronze. Callum Hawkins was 2nd while the women were 1-2-3 with Eilish McColgan in 2nd and Rhona Auckland in 3rd. Andy Butchart now tops the 2014 British rankings ahead of Andy Vernon, with Steph Twell second to Gemma Steele.

UK Cross Challenge Liverpool – some superb performances leading to six selections for Team GB in Bulgaria (see 1.5 Congratulations). Three Scots in top four of the Men's race with Callum Hawkins 1st, Andrew Butchart 2nd and Luke Caldwell 4th, plus three Women in the top ten – Rhona Auckland 3rd, Steph Twell 7th and Eilish McColgan 9th. In the U20 men, four Scots in top 16 with Jonny Glen 8th. Also two age group winners; Erin Wallace U15 and Emma Frew U13.

Welsh International Trail Race – there is a proposal to send teams to this (3 men, 3 women). It is a 14-mile race on 15 August 2015.

11. Archive*

<http://www.salroadrunningandcrosscountrymedalists.co.uk/index.html>

12. Next Meeting Date

Meeting closed at 7.55pm. Next meeting will be in the Gyle on Wednesday 18 Feb.