

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

**Minutes of Meeting on 16 May 2016 held at 6.30pm at Caledonia House, South Gyle,
Edinburgh, EH12 9DQ**

Present: John Rodger (Chair), Ron Morrison, Alex Jackson, Mark Pollard, Marjory Cook, Tom Ferrington, Alasdair Love, Julia Henderson (Secretary), Dave Cairns, Leslie Roy, John MacKay, Clare Barr, Ian Hislop, Nigel Holl

Apologies: Sophie Dunnett, Stuart Gibson, John MacKay

1. Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Commission members to identify any additional items they wished to discuss. The Chair asked that the Commission record its congratulations to Nigel Holl on his appointment as Director of Strategy and Partnerships at UKA.

1.2 Commission Minutes of 7 December 2015 and 22 February 2016 approved

1.3 Papers circulated with the agenda

(1)Road Relay De-brief Notes – issues with recording and consequently with issuing results. School reported problems in toilets and the need for better signage for toilets and changing was noted. Future use of timing chips to be kept under consideration.

(2) Scottish Cross Country Championships Falkirk Referee's and Event Convener's Report – all within the report.

Next year's date is 25th February 2017. Officials' room will not be required. Timetabling will require to be reviewed to take account of race distance changes.

1.4 Congratulations noted as follows:

National Cross Country: Andrew Butchard (Central AC) and Elizabeth Potter (Victoria Park-City of Glasgow)

Central AC and Hunters Bog Trotters (M&F Teams)

Jonathan Glen U20 (Inverclyde AC) and Stephanie Pennycook U20 (Fife AC)

National 6 Stage Road Relay: Ronhill Cambuslang Harriers and Central AC (M&F Teams)

Scottish 10m Championship: Teweldeberhan Mengisteab and Fionnuala Ross (both Shettleston Harriers)

Scottish Marathon Championships: Callum Hawkins (Kilbarchan AAC) and Freya Ross (Edinburgh AC)

Hunters Bog Trotters and Fife AC (M&F Teams)

Selection for GB Rio Olympics Team: Callum Hawkins, Derek Hawkins (both Kilbarchan AAC) and Tsegai Tewelde (Shettleston Harriers)

Scottish 5k Championships: Mark Mitchell (Forres Harriers) and Madalaine Murray (Edinburgh AC)

Central AC and Edinburgh AC (M&F Teams)

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Scottish 100k Championships: Robert Turner (Edinburgh AC) and Sophie Mullins (Fife AC)

Scottish 50K Championships: Ross Houston (Central AC) and Angela Howe (Fife AC)

Scottish Ultra Trail Running Championships: Eion Lennon (Carnethy HRC) and Nicola Adams-Hendry (Garscube Harriers)

2.1 Actions Cleared

The Commission notes the following actions from previous meetings have been cleared:

Action	Reason for Clearance
Action: RRCC2014-20: SD/IH/CB Distances in Cross Country for Senior Females	Decision of the Chair made in email consultation with Committee due to IAAF announcement - minuted and discussed at 7 Dec meeting
Athletes with a Disability	A sub group of the Commission reported to 7 Dec meeting
Action: RRCC2015-12/5 NH to respond to MSP and sportscotland re. rationale for London Marathon selection as Scottish Champs	Response sent

2.2 Actions Outstanding

The Commission considered the followed actions and heard a progress report where available:

Action	Status
Action: RRCC2012-31: RM/NH/AJ – Entries, Programmes and Results	Ongoing.
Action: RRCC2013-14: RM/AJ/MJ/MP – Effectiveness of race programme for elite athletes	Not done
Action: RRCC2015 NOVA XC	JR & AJ to revisit discussions with Nova in Autumn
Action: RRCC2015 Consider SAL organised 10k event for the 2017 RR Championship programme	Working group to be established to consider
Action: RRCC2015-12/4 Review Championship host docs and produce guidelines and criteria for event bids	JR producing a process document for clubs and organisations to bid to run championships
Action: RRCC2015 – 12/1 Invite North District League to consider Associate membership of scottishathletics	AJ to write to Hamish Cameron

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Action: RRCC2015 – 12/3 Response to Giffnock North re. Cross Challenge event	JR to respond
Action: RRCC2015 – 12/2 Investigation of tarmac covering	CB ongoing

3. 10 mile Scottish and District Championships (AL and CB)*

Decision: 10M to be reinstated.

4. London Marathon Results for Scottish Championships (AL)*

Discussion re. issues of medal presentation and possibility of post-race presentation at a later date. Discussion re. quality of field and race opportunity for athletes as against other race options. **MP** made the recommendation for London.

Decision: London to be used as Championship race in 2017.

5. Road Race Measurement/Certification (CB)*

Link on SA website. Championship races should be properly measured.

6. Winter Race Distances (JR)*

Decision: proposals agreed as per paper.

7. Endurance specific training starters/timekeepers (DC)*

No endurance specific training available currently. Only option is Track and Field training.

8. AOB – Road Race Grand Prix Update provided

9. Date of Next Meeting Monday 8th August 2016 at 1830 at SAL Offices, Emirates Arena, Glasgow.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.