

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 23 September at 1830 via Zoom

Present: John Rodger (Chair) Alex Jackson, Julia McAfee, Sandra Hardacre, Ted Finch, Alasdair Love, Mark Munro, Mark Pollard, Ross Cairns, John McKay, Dawn Armit, Marjory Cook, Ron Morrison, Michael Wright

Apologies: Marjory Cook and Dave Cairns

(1) Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Commission members to identify any additional items they wished to discuss.

(2) Papers Circulated:

- (1) Minutes of previous meeting of 17 August 2020 (JR) * **Approved**
- (2) East District draft minutes (SH) **Approved**
- (3) (i) Endurance Officials Report* **(Deferred)**
 - (ii) 2020 Officials Survey Report*
 - (iii) Endurance Officials proposed Action Plan*
- (4) COVID restrictions and recovery plan **Extensive discussion re. Events guidance and limits on event size (220) plus a maximum bubble on field of play (30).Physical distancing is recommended at all times as is the need for vigilance and caution in the management of events.**

(3) Actions agreed and continued:

Action		Allocated to
RRCC20/03	All to consider what competition might look like in Sept/October and beyond as per MM	ALL
RRCC20/08	A targeted plan to be produced for next 5/10 years from geographical perspective and by level of qualification.	DC/SM
RRCC20/09	Booking to be confirmed for Nationals (Irvine) and other provisional bookings to be reconfirmed.	AL

(4) Actions cleared:

Action		Allocated to
RRCC20/04	Devise a report setting out a process for cancellation of events due to course conditions/health and safety incorporating risk assessment. Consideration to be given to referral to an independent expert from the sport.	RM

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RRCC20/06	Proposal by West District to have a Winter League on dates of East League	DA (Deferred until 2021/22)
RRCC20/07	SA producing an event planning document to support clubs to be issued post 24 August	AL

(5) Standing Items and items with no papers:

(1) Championship Events Applications (AL) (Standing item)* None
(2) Races complete and to come (JR/ALL) (Standing item)*

Extensive discussion took place in relation to the possible format for the National Relays to allow for maximum participation from clubs and athletes within the restrictions. Contract tracing would be facilitated through the event entry system and officials would opt in to that system. The event would take place over 2 days being 24/25 October. Key decisions made:

Not a championship event, no medals, need to recruit a wider number of athletes reaching out to those athletes who would ordinarily compete.

The short course is planned for 7/8 November. Decisions to be taken about administration of entries to ensure access for top performing athletes across the clubs. This would be confirmed outside of the meeting.

MM updated the meeting on possibilities being explored for closed circuit road races for elite athletes to support them with competitive opportunities.

(3) Items carried forward from last meeting*:

Venue proposals for all National XC championships - National XC to take place on 6 March 2021. Booking made with Falkirk Community Trust and enquiry to be followed up with Irvine as the back up option (RRCC20/09). **TBC**

Venue proposals for all District XC championships - Discussion identified a range of challenges for the Districts in holding events this year including school lets, an understandable reluctance of clubs to take sole ownership of events, concerns over numbers and travelling (for those in the North particularly). **Discussions around possible venues with options to be further explored. Central AC planning trial event in October and MW would report back on developments.**

Prepare competition Calendar for XC season - Agreed as far as possible at time of meeting with discussions ongoing re. Key events including the inter-districts in January 2021 and AL to check provisional venue bookings (RRCC20/09). **Ongoing discussions TBC**

(6) Yearbook actions*

Review all championships and activities of the Commission

Reports
Rules
Selection
Incremental improvements

(7) Date of next meeting - was to be 21 Oct but deferred until 28 Oct 2020