

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 13 November 2023 at 1730 via Zoom

Present: Mike Johnston (Chair), Julia McAfee, Alex Jackson, John McKay, Ted Finch, Alasdair Love, John Rodger, Sharon Taylor, Dave Cairns, Sandra Hardcare, John Newsom, Alison Heggie
Apologies: Caitlin Watt, Michael Wright, Colin Hutchison and Mark Pollard

(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 14th August 2023 (MJ)*
- (2) Road Race Grand Prix (MJ)* See RRCC22/08
- (3) World Athletics Race Registration (AL)* *AL and MJ informed the meeting that if the championships were registered with World Athletics participating athletes could earn WA Ranking Points. AL felt that the process was simple to operate. The meeting agreed that it was worth progressing. AL to write to the race organisers when the permits are applied for and ask if they wished to register their race.*
- (4) Endurance Report (DC)*

(3) Actions agreed and continued:

Action		Allocated to
RRCC21/09	Development of Scottish Athletics races - proposals to the Commission.	AL to bring proposals to a future meeting in early 2024.
RRCC23/02	UK Athletics looking at a Rule Book change to World Athletics age group structure affecting season 24/25.	AL updated the meeting on the latest position. Feedback has been submitted to the UK Athletics rule group for reporting to the UK Athletics Board, with recommendations for action, at their December 2023 meeting. If the proposal is approved by the UKA Board then further discussion will take place over the coming months on the implications of the change for competition providers, athletes, coaches, parents and officials. AL to update future meetings as the arrangements for age-group change become clear.
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(4) Actions completed and removed:

Action		Allocated to
RRCC22/08	Group reviewed standards being applied for the Road Race Grand Prix. Disparity between M and F achieving standards to be addressed.	Report to November 2023 meeting. MJ and MP. Road 'Race Grand Prix 2024 to be launched with standards noted.

(5) Standing Items and items with no papers:

- (1) Championship Events Applications (AL) (Standing item)*
The Anglo Celtic Plate 100k (and the Scottish 50K Championship) will be held in Perth on Sunday 24th March.
The Road Race Championships listed in the paper as Inverness Half Marathon; Tom Scott 10 mile race; London Marathon; Silverknowes 5K; and Stirling Podfather 10K, were all agreed.
- (2) Races complete and to come (ALL) (Standing item) * All on track.
The Inter-Counties Cross Country has been moved from Loughborough to Woolaton Hall, Nottingham.

(6) AOCB

The meeting acknowledged and thanked Ross Cairns for his work as the North District Commission representative since 2017.

(7) Date of next meeting* - 5th February 2024