

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023 at 1730 via Zoom.

Present: Mike Johnston (Chair), Julia McAfee, Sandra Hardacre, Ross Cairns, Alex Jackson, Ron Morrison, John McKay, Ted Finch, Colin Hutchison, Mark Nixon, Alasdair Love, Michael Wright, Mark Pollard, John Rodger, Sharon Taylor, John Newsom and Dave Cairns

Apologies: Dawn Armitt

(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.

Opening Remarks

The Commission would like to note the passing of Ian Clifton in December 2022. Ian was an outstanding servant of Scottish Athletics as an official and an administrator at club, District, National, and international level, both in cross country running and track and field.

The Commission would like to congratulate Megan Keith for her U23 silver medal at the European Cross Country and her victory in the Inter Districts at Scone. Congratulations to Jamie Crowe for his victory at the Inter Districts.

The Commission would like to thank Dawn Armitt for her time and commitment during her time on the Commission.

(2) Papers Circulated:

- (1) Minutes of previous meeting of 6th February 2023 (MJ)* (subject to addition of Ron Morrison to attendee list.)
- (2) Gran Prix Standards (MN)*
- (3) Endurance Officials (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.
RRCC23/01	UK Athletics looking at a Rule Book change to World Athletics age group structure effecting season 24/25. Commission to be kept up to date.	CH
RRCC22/08	Group reviewed standards being applied for the Road Race Grand Prix. 5k modified for 2023. Women's 10M standard queried and group to review and amend if appropriate. GP to be reviewed in its entirety after series concludes.	MN
RRCC23/01	Commission referred query re. Masters medals for district road races to the district commissions to consider	District Commissions

(4) Actions completed and removed

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RRCC22/05	Link to a live document on the website area for officials. Convenors to be advised via newsletter in December.	AL/DC
RRCC22/09	Selection document on website requires to be reviewed and updated over the next few months.	MJ to contact all the volunteer selectors and update their 2 year agreements.
RRCC22/01	District Reps to send list of all district championships to AL	RC/DA/SH <i>Updates to next meeting</i>
RRCC22/07	Wider review and analysis of events cost/income for wider policy discussion at future meeting	AL <i>Figures to be presented annually following end of the financial year</i>
RRCC22/10	Coordination of availability of new vests with team selection.	MP <i>Available on website now</i>

5. Standing Items and items with no papers:

- (1) Championship Events Applications (AL) (Standing item)* -Update on Long Trail Ultra, Anglo Celtic Plate 100K championships* (AL/MJ) *Agreed that Anglo Celtic Plate race would be 100k championship race, Cateran Trail race would be the long trail race and Falkland possible venue for short course trail race.*
- (2) Races complete and to come (ALL) (Standing item) * *Discussion re. options for various District races. Options to be firmed up for next meeting.*
- (3) Update on discussions with Hill Running Commission on trail-running (MJ)* *Following the move by World Athletics to combined trail and mountain running MJ in discussion with Hugh Buchannan (HB) of the Hill Running Commission re. trail running moving to that commission. Hill Running Commission will consider paper from HB at their meeting on 15 February. To be discussed at next meeting.*
- (4) Changes to West District Commission (MJ) *Sharon Taylor to replace Dawn Armitt.*
- (5) Update on move to world athletics age group standards (MJ) *As part of potential rule book changes for season 24/25 UK Athletics are looking at a Rule Book change to World Athletics age group structure effecting season 24/25. This may result in a change to the structure of the season. The issue requires a lot of thought by Commission and staff. CH will keep up-to-date and brief as appropriate.*

6. Date of next meeting* - 15 May 2023