

**Scottish Athletics Limited**  
**Road Running and Cross Country Commission**

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 15 May 2023 at 1730 via Zoom

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

Apologies: Ron Morrison, Ross Cairns 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.

**Opening Remarks**

The Commission would like to congratulate Central AC on winning the British Men's 12 Stage Road Relay and being the first Scottish club ever to do so.

**(2) Papers Circulated:**

- (1) Minutes of previous meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (MJ)\* (subject to addition of Ron Morrison to attendee list.)
- (2) Endurance Officials 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. <b>Various actions see item 5</b>	CH and various
RRCC22/08	Group reviewed standards being applied for the Road Race Grand Prix. Disparity between M and F achieving standards to be addressed.	Further discussion between MN, MW, RC, JR and MJ. Report to August 2023 meeting
RRCC23/03	Endurance Officials Report – suggestions to improve dissemination of allocations to be passed to DC	ST,JN,SH

**(4) Actions completed and removed**

Action		Allocated to
RRCC23/01	Commission referred query re. Masters medals for district road races to the district commissions to consider	District Commissions. ST to email SH and JN.

**5. Standing Items and items with no papers:**

**(1) Update on World Athletics proposals for age group changes:**

- Discussion paper to be shared with President and Commission Convenors (w/c 15 May)
- Convenors to have 2 weeks to share with their Commissions and receive feedback

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- Meeting to be held with President, Commission Convenors, AL, MP and CH. to try to reach a consensus
- AL to meet with UKA and home countries in early June. Discussion about consultation process with sport
- Feedback to Convenors on plans for consultation
- 30th June – deadline

(2) Cross Country Grand Prix - Last sentence in rules to be changed from -  
*In the event of a tie on points for 1st place the head to head record of the 2 athletes in the National Cross Country Championship (Falkirk 18/2) will determine the placing*

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(3) Championship Events Applications (AL) (Standing item)\*

*Falkland no longer going ahead as short course trail race; Hill Running Commission looking at options for this event.*

(4) Races complete and to come (ALL) (Standing item) \* *Discussion re. success of East Fortune course, online entries for road relays and Inverness half marathon producing good results. London Marathon likely to be the championship event next year.*

*Update provided by AJ as follows:*

*Proposed East League Race Venues*

*Saturday 14th or Sunday 15th October 2023 Kirkcaldy (Beveridge Park) hosted by Fife AC*

*Saturday 18th November 2023 Dundee (Camperdown) hosted by Dundee Hawkhill H*

*Weekend of 20/21st January or 27/28th January 2024 Bathgate (Balbardie Park)*

*hosted by Edinburgh AC/Corstorphine AC/Harmeny AC*

*SA East District and National Events*

*7th October - ED Relays - Lothian RC to host and Linlithgow to co host.*

*21st October 2023 National XCR, Cumbernauld*

*4th November 2023 Short Course XC, Lanark*

*2nd December ED Championships - is now at Balgownie, Aberdeen.*

*11th February 2024 Masters XC, Forres*

*24th February 2024 National XC, Falkirk*

**6. Date of next meeting\* - 14 August 2023**