

Scottish Athletics Limited
Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 11th November 2024 at 17.30 via Zoom.

Present:

Mike Johnston (Chair), Alex Jackson, John McKay, Ted Finch, Alasdair Love, Sharon Taylor, Dave Cairns, Sandra Hardacre, John Newsom, Angela Mudge, Colin Hutchison.

Apologies:

Michael Wright

(1) Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a formal thanks to Julia McAfee for her work as Secretary since taking over this role in 2015.

Email received from Harmeny AC re medals at Short Course – this will be discussed later in meeting.

(2) Papers Circulated:

- (1) Minutes of previous meeting of 12th August 2024 (MJ)*
- (2) Endurance Officials update (DC)*
- (3) Road Race Grand Prix Proposals 2025 (MJ)*
- (4) East District Unapproved Minutes (SH) – For info only

(3) Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes were agreed as accurate by John McKay

(4) Actions agreed and continued:

- (1) **RRCC21/09** – Development of Scottish Athletics races – proposals to Commission.
AL Report considered at previous meeting. MJ proposed a small sub-group to discuss. UPDATE IN EARLY 2025 – MJ/AL
- (2) **RRCC23/02** – UK Athletics Rule change to World Athletics age group structure affecting season 24/25. Move to Under even age groups. This was approved at the AGM on 9th November 2024.

- (3) **Maximum distances** – RR&CC complete. Small working group to be set up to look at effects on the competition structure of the new distances and also consider a competition structure for the new U12 age group.

(5) Championship Events Applications:

Proposed 2025 Road Race Grand Prix and Championships (Circulated Paper) –

Inverness Half Marathon – Date 9th March -(3rd year in a row – would like to consider an alternative for 2026. Alloa normal date is one week before 6 and 4 stage. Think we would need to get them to move into April? AJ believes they would be reluctant to move their date. Glasgow – last enquiries weren't positive. They no longer allow medal presentations at their events)

Tom Scott 10 – Date 30th March

Silverknowes – Date 9th May

London Marathon – Already announced – Date 27th April

Roon the Toon 10K – Date 8th June

Anglo-Celtic plate provisional date is 3rd May and although in England would be the Scottish Championship.

Email received from Linlithgow AC to host 10K Championships – this will be discussed at next East District RR&CC Meeting. SH to update

Adrian Stott keen to put on a 50K Championships at a venue in Scotland.

District Secretaries to let AL know where their District events are being held.
Update by 3 District Secretaries

Times for Road Race Grand Prix may need to be adjusted but will leave for this year.
Male/female split much closer to 50/50.

(6) Events Completed and to Come:

8.9.24 – Stirling 10K – good numbers competing and well organised event.

5.10.24 – District Relays – East & West problem with OpenTrack. North – big drop off in numbers as no teams from Stornoway.

19.10.24 – National Relays – successful day. Noted that many teams do not have a first leg runner. Work is ongoing to produce a protocol to deal with this that does not cause problems with the results when using chip timing. Action RM & DC

2.11.24 – Short Course – another successful event.

30.11.24 – District XC Championships – preparations going well for all 3 Districts.
11.1.25 – Inter District XC Championships – Site visit to be carried out on 14.11.24.
8.2.25 – Masters XC Championships - No changing facilities – everything at course (declarations etc) – presentations as we go.
22.2.25 – National XC Championships – some issues on finalising a course. Updates will continue to be given.
15.3.25 – East Fortune – booking has been confirmed. Athletes will run course in opposite direction to that of 2 years ago.
22.3.25 – 6/4 Stage Relay – School booked.

(7) Endurance Officials Report:

Report circulated.

Hope to increase the number of tutors we have. If we know of anyone interested in doing this, please forward their name to Shona Malcolm-Martin.

Next Official's Allocation Meeting will take place on 11th December.

(8) Yearbook Activities:

Handbook published and all 4 selectors happy to do another 2 years.

Email received from Harmeny AC requesting we look at the current team medal structure at the Short Course Championships. Was asking for U20 teams and Master Teams with masters being in 5 year increments. This matter was discussed, and the number of finishers does not justify giving out extra medals. AL to contact Harmeny with the findings.

(9) Next Meeting

The next meeting was agreed for 3rd February 2025 at 6 pm. The following meeting on 12th May 2025 also at 6 pm.