

## **Scottish Athletics Limited**

### **Road Running and Cross Country Commission**

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 17.30 via Zoom

Present: Mike Johnston (Chair), Julia McAfee, Alex Jackson, John McKay, Ted Finch, Alasdhair Love, Sharon Taylor, Dave Cairns, Sandra Hardacre, John Newsom, Angela Mudge, Michael Wright, Colin Hutchison.

Apologies: Caitlyn Watt, Alison Heggie

#### **(1) Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and started the meeting by noting the untimely death of Alastair Hay, the well-respected Scottish International athlete. He invited Commission members to identify any additional items they wished to discuss.

#### **(2) Papers Circulated:**

- (1) Minutes of previous meeting of 13 May 2024 (MJ)\*
- (2) Information paper on the procedures required to set up District Championships (AL)\*
- (3) Statistics and a proposal for potential race entry fee increases for 24/25 (AL)\*
- (4) Endurance Officials update (DC)\*

CH had requested to update the meeting on the SA Board review on Disciplinary and Complaints Procedures.

#### **(3) Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes were agreed as accurate by DC

All items outstanding from the minutes were due for review during the meeting (MJ)

#### **(4) Actions agreed and continued:**

**(1) RRCC24/02** SDS request for discussion re. races in which para medals are offered. AL had feedback to SDS on discussion from last meeting. Awaiting feedback from SDS. Action Completed

**(2) RRCC24/01 2024/25** Winter Fixtures would be discussed later in the meeting

**(3) RRCC21/09** Development of Scottish Athletics races - proposals to the Commission. AL Report considered at previous meeting – MJ proposed a small sub-group to discuss AL proposals in early 2025 MJ/AL

**(4) 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 consultation with the members and clubs. The proposal to change age groups would be considered at the AGM. If the consensus of the current feedback was that the cut-off date for age-group change would be 31<sup>st</sup> December then it was likely that this would require to be put as a proposal to the AGM. Action Complete/feedback as required at next meeting

### **(5) Race Entry Costs**

AL outlined last years race entry statistics and the proposal for increase for season 24/25. After brief discussion there was universal agreement to the proposals which also included a move to a pro-rata per member charge for relay teams. Action AL Review at equivalent meeting in 25/26

### **(6) SA Disciplinary and Complaints Procedure**

CH gave a presentation on the changes that the board had recommended on the Disciplinary and Complaints Procedure. There were minor questions for clarification and CH offered to provide the presentation overheads to the meeting for JM to circulate Action CH/JM

### **(7) Championship Events Applications**

– none received. MJ was aware that an application for the Road 10K and wheelchair 10K was expected from Kilmarnock Harriers for 2025

### **(8) Fixture List 24/25**

There was an update on the major road and cross fixtures for 24/25. Provisional convenors were allocated. These might be reviewed at the allocation meeting -

| Date  | Event             | Venue                   | Provisional Convenor    | Notes;  |
|-------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 5/10  | East Dist Relays  | Livingston              | Sandra Hardacre         |   |
| 5/10  | North Dist Relays | Nairn                   | John Newsom             |   |
| 5/10  | West Dist Relays  | Kilmarnock              | Sharon Taylor           |   |
| 19/10 | National Relays   | Cumbernauld             | Alex Jackson            | Assistant Convenor to be appointed. Site visit required |
| 2/11  | Short Course      | Kirkcaldy               | Alex Jackson            | All Admin from Gazebos?                                 |
| 30/11 | East Districts    | Stirling University     | Sandra Hardacre         |   |
| 30/11 | North Districts   | Gordonstoun             | John Newsom             |   |
| 30/11 | West Districts    | Erskine                 | Sharon Taylor           |   |
| 11/1  | Inter-Districts   | Alexandra Park, Glasgow | Margaret-Ann MacLachlan |   |
| 8/2   | Masters           | Camperdown Park, Dundee | Alex Jackson            |   |
| 22/2  | National          | Falkirk                 | Alex Jackson            | Assistant Convenor                                      |

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|      |                          |                         |                 | Margaret-Ann MacLachlan |
| 16/3 | Young Athlete Road Races | East Fortune Race Track | Sandra Hardacre |                         |
| 22/3 | Senior Road Relays       | Livingston              | Alex Jackson    | Assisted by Ted Finch   |

There was discussion on BUCS being in Scotland but this was clarified as being allocated to Cardiff in the week after the meeting.

DC indicated that the official's allocation meeting would not take place until mid-September

#### **(9) District Road Race Championships Information Paper**

There was brief discussion in the meeting and if there was a requirement for clarification the district reps should contact AL.

#### **(10) Races to come and completed**

The road championship 10K was still to come at Stirling. It was noted that they were highlighting larger entry numbers than in previous years. Ron Morrison would be the referee. MJ would ensure medals were available.

#### **(11) Archive Information**

MJ referred members to the various statistics pages in the archive and stressed these would be good reference points to see the affects of the Changed Age Group Rules that would come into force for 2026. Also, that the health of the sport is reflected there in both the numbers of participants but also in the performance endurances Stats sections.

#### **(12) Next Meeting**

The next meeting was agreed for 11<sup>th</sup> November with a proposal for the following meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025. AL asked if the February meeting could be moved to 6 pm - this was agreed by the meeting.