

Scottish Athletics Limited

Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 11th August 2025 at 1730 hrs. via Zoom.

Present:

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

(1) Chairman's Welcome, Apologies and Opening Remarks

Apologies – Michael Wright

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and also made specific mention to the sad passing of Lachie Stewart who was a renowned distance athlete and also congratulated Sandra Hardacre on her recent MBE which she received from King Charles in July.

(2) Papers Circulated:

- (1) Minutes of previous meeting of 12th May 2025 *
- (2) Draft minutes of East and North District Committees (previously circulated)
- (3) Endurance Officials Report
- (4) Road Race Championship Recommendations *
- (5) Road race Grand Prix Standards Proposal for 2026 *
- (6) SA Convenors for 2025-2026 *

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes were agreed as accurate by the meeting.

(3) Actions agreed and continued:

- **RRCC21/09 – Development of Scottish Athletics Races –** Ongoing – MJ/AL
- **RRCC23/02 – Age Group Change Update –**
Age group changes have been approved by the UKA Board – this will happen from 1/1/26. Road and Cross Country from 2026/2027 season. Paper to be circulated but not yet available.

Formats for competition still to be discussed.

(4) Championship Events Applications:

No Championship Event Applications received.

(5) Completed and to Come:

Completed

16.5.25 – Sri Chinmoy 5K Road Race – Silverknowes, Edinburgh – good event with large entry.

28.6.25 – Roon the Toon 10K Road Race, Kilmarnock – again another good event with large numbers.

To Come

WINTER FIXTURES / CONVENORS - 2025/2026

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	CONVENOR(S)
Saturday - 11 th October 2025	East District XC Relays	Dechmont Law, Livingston	Sandra Hardacre
	North District XC Relays	Bught Park, Inverness	John Newsom
	West District XC Relays	Barwood Park, Erskine **	Sharon Taylor
Saturday, 25 th October 2025	National XC Relays	Cumbernauld House Park	Gary Woods
Saturday 8 th November 2025	Short Course XC Championships	Lanark Racecourse	Sharon Taylor
Saturday, 6 th December 2025	East District XC Championships	University of Stirling	Sandra Hardacre
	North District XC Championships	Gordonstoun School, Elgin	John Newsom
	West District XC Championships	Balloch Country Park, Balloch **	Sharon Taylor
Saturday, 10 th January 2026	Inter District XC Championships	Alexandra Park, Glasgow	Margaret-Ann MacLachlan
Saturday, 31 st January 2026	Masters XC Championships	Toll Cross Park, Glasgow	Sharon Taylor
Saturday, 21 st February 2026	National XC Championships	Callendar Park, Falkirk	Margaret-Ann MacLachlan Alex Jackson
Sunday, 15 th March 2026 ***	YARR Championships	Battery Park, Greenock	Sharon Taylor
Saturday 21 st March 2026	6/4 Stage Road Relays	St. Margaret's Academy, Livingston	Alex Jackson Ted Finch

** 11.10.25 - West District XC Relays at Barwood Park, Erskine and 6.12.25 – West District XC Championships at Balloch Country Park are both provisional.

*** YARR Championships at Battery Park, Greenock. Meeting informed that this event is taking place on the same day as the SAIL Final which is a clash we wish to avoid. AL contacted SAIL organiser, and they have agreed to move their Final to the following week.

Margaret-Ann MacLachlan has been contacted re convening the Inter District XC and National XC and is happy to Convene these two events.

(6) Inter District and UK Challenge Update:

At last meeting the 4 challenge events were Cardiff, Liverpool, Leeds and London. Leeds and London dates have now been reversed. No further updates from Eamonn Martin have been received.

Inter Counties will be held in March. The CAU have been asked to move their date to February or January – does not appear feasible for 2025/26 but still under review for 2026/2027.

Due to the changing dates of the World Championships from 2026, there appears to be a disconnect between the different organising groups on the format and timing of the challenge events and they relevance and importance of the Inter Counties.

We are assuming that no Challenge event is going to take place at the Inter District XC Championships but happy to put one on if need be.

Road Race Championships 2026:

The following Championship proposal had been previously circulated and were agreed at the meeting –

8th March - Inverness Half Marathon
29th March - Tom Scott 10
26th April - London Marathon
1st May – Silverknowes 5K
10th May - Babcock Shettleston 10K
21st March - Anglo Celtic Plate 100K Dublin
Scottish 50K – TBD

Road Race Standards

The Road Race Standards paper which had been circulated was Agreed. Changes to standards for –

Men – 5 Km; 10 Mile and Marathon
Women – 5 Km; Half Marathon and Marathon

(7) Endurance Officials Report:

An Endurance Officials Newsletter will be circulated within the next few days.

Other Information:

- a) AGM is on 27th September -papers will be sent out in mid August.
- b) JustGo system – problems with different parts of it – these are being worked on.
- c) 2026 District Race Championships – Venues, dates to be sent to Ally Love as soon as they are known.

(8) Date of Next Meetings:

The next meeting will be on 10th November 2025 at 5.30 pm.

The following meeting will be held on 2nd February 2026 at 5.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 6.30 pm.

SH – 19th August 2025