Scottish Athletics Limited

Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 3rd August 2026 at 1730 hrs. via Zoom.

Present:

Mike Johnston (Chair), Dave Cairns, Ted Finch, Sandra Hardacre, Alex Jackson, Alasdhair Love, Sharon Taylor, John Mackay, Hamish Hickey, Gary Woods, Colin Hutchison, John Newsom, Margaret-Ann MacLachlan

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

MJ welcomed all to the Commission Meeting and Margaret-Ann to her first meeting.

Apologies – None

(2) Papers Circulated:

(1) Minutes of previous meeting of 11th May 2026
(2) Endurance Fixture List – Season 2026/2027
(3) SA Championship Convenors
(4) Endurance Officials Update
(5) Draft minutes of North & East Committees
(6) Road Race Championships 2027
(7) Entry Fees for SA Championships

Minutes of last meeting:

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

JN highlighted that the East Draft Minutes varied from the Commission Minutes in terms of the section age group changes and the prospective Aberdeen Marathon. MJ undertook to review the 2 documents and if required request East change the draft minutes at their next meeting. Approved by ST

(3) Actions Agreed and Circulated:

(1) RRCC21/09 – Development of Scottish Athletic Races.
Agreed to take this item off the Agenda. It is still in the background for Scottish Athletics to do a race of their own, however no dates or venues identified to allow this to happen. All members were welcome to recommend possible sites All

(4) Age Group Changes:

There have been a few small issues – mainly coaches not understanding what age group their athletes will be in. AL has updated page on website.

There has been some confusion on maximum distances where it was thought that this would be the distance athletes will run. Ron Morrison has updated the Archive to show recommended distances for the different age groups - RR&CC News Index Page.

Some entries have been received for the Pin Badge competition – this closes at the end of August and a small committee will be brought together to decide on Pin Badge(s) to be used for District/National events.

(5) Championship Event Applications:

Applications have been received from Chilled Events but are for events that have already been allocated for 2026 & 2027. These Applications will be looked at for 2028.

(6) Road Race Championships 2027:

Group proposals had been circulated and were approved
Anglo Celtic Plate 100K – Northern Ireland – date is 27th March.

(7) Review of Events to Come:

XC meeting at UK level held recently. Update to general listing is that Scotland have been awarded a UK Challenge Match at Inter Districts and possibly a Celtic International. If Celtic International, we will have an U20 age group race possibly embedded in the U18 race. This could make things difficult for Student Teams.
Review at the next meeting All

YARR – moved forward to end February. With this earlier date could be frosty/icy conditions. Discussion to take place with venue as to whether salt/grit can be used on course.

6/4 Stage Relay – will be held on Sunday 21st March. TF/AJ walked a route from Livingston Civic Centre. Presentation sent after meeting. Meeting agreed to go ahead with this new course. AM to look at format for a mixed relay. Will be put on Agenda for the next meeting in November. AM

Application for BUCS received from Edinburgh. There has also been an application received from Wales. No decision taken on allocation of the event yet

Convenors for Winter Fixtures 2026/2027

Updated convenor list attached. Venue now included for West District XC Relays and West District Championships.

(8) Entry Fees:

Proposal of increase of £1.50/athlete across all District and National cross country fixtures for 2027/28 and to discuss this annually rather than bi-annually. CH informed meeting that expenditure has increased dramatically in the last 5 years. JM – commented that it was a big increase, but his club will manage it.
Comment made that several non-permitted events are taking place and Scottish Athletics are not getting any income from these events.
After discussion the proposal by the Board of a £1.50 increase was accepted but Meeting asked that the Board take note our concerns on individual clubs.

Discussion to take place as to how we retain juniors through to the senior age group. The main growth area in our sport is in the Masters Age Groups.

CH – there is a rise in the number of clubs/events that are unaffiliated. Scottish Athletics are looking into this.

(9) Commission Review Survey:

From the RR&CCC – 5 responses were received.

Many at meeting felt that it would be good to have an induction so that their role and the role of the RR&CCC was clear.

CH went through the headers in the Terms of Reference –

Governance – under this heading this is what we would expect to see.
Competition and Events – GW commented that reading this has made it very much clearer.
Promotion – all clear.

Terms of Reference should be passed onto new members to the Commission.

In May/June the Terms of Reference will be looked at again.

Responses from survey and Terms of Reference sent out post meeting.

(10) Road Race Records Update:

MJ has started to look at guidelines with Arnold. Looking to have something in place next month. JM has been asked to join group.

(11) Date of Next Meetings:

The next meeting will be on Monday 9th November 2026 at 5.30 pm.
The following meeting will be held on Monday 1st February 2027 at 5.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 7.15 pm – with thanks for time and patience at tonight's meeting.

Sandra Hardacre
4th August 2026