



The Organisers of the Salomon Kielder Marathon tonight (Mon 10th October 2011) confirmed that the athlete who was disqualified on Sunday, after initially placing third, has admitted that he failed to complete the whole course, 26.2 miles.

Rob Sloan of Sunderland Harriers had apparently made the decision to withdraw from the race at approximately 20 miles due to fatigue and after returning to the Leaplsh Park area he decided to run the closing section of the course and crossed the finish line in 3rd place. This was rightly questioned by several witnesses including the rightful third place finisher Steven Cairns of Peebles, Scotland who has been awarded his prize.

Event Director Steve Cram said:

‘We are pleased this matter has been cleared up. Mr Sloan made a mistake and has apologised to us for the confusion it has caused. We were sure our decision was correct at the time and are pleased that Steven Cairns has rightly been confirmed as our third place finisher.