

USATF Race Walk Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2025 8:00 EST

Roll Call

Present: Amy Begley, Diane Graham-Henry, Susan Heiser, Allen James, Don Lawrence, Solomiya Login, , Dan Pierce, Michael Rohl, Michael Roth, Tim Seaman

AC 10-Year Athletes: Katie Burnett, Nick Christie, Miranda Melville, Katie Miale

Absent: Janelle Branch, Loubna Hasseine-Silva

Approval of Jan 2 Minutes

Delayed, Janelle will send out for review ahead of next exec. meeting.

Officer Reports

Chair: High Performance meeting date not set, concerned about transparency within that committee and encourages everyone to reach Article 12 in the USATF Operating Procedures.

Vice Chair: There have been some website issues, but they have been addressed. Need to focus on Development

Treasurer: Most expenses have been from travel and meet operation. We were underbudget from 35k champs and indoor nationals, although slightly over for NAIA Indoor Nationals.

Officials Payments for Championship Events:

- RW Officials were selected to work indoor nationals and approved for reimbursement for travel expenses including flights, rental cars, or mileage. However, with the Officials Committee heard about this they were upset, as all other officials must pay their own travel.
- Officials committee decided RW officials would not receive \$100/day stipend.
- RW Officials must come from further away, and travel is paid by our committee, not officials.
- Lack of coordination for rw officials, especially when they work other events.
- Task force will be formed to continue this conversation and present solutions to the rw and officials committees.

Athlete Bonus Payment Program

- \$500 Bonus for first US Finisher at the PAC and the 20k in Poland
- Also bonuses for American Records

Upcoming Elite Competitions

May 4- Robert Korzinowski Gold Level Race- 20k and U20 10k

May 17- Pan American Cup 35k

June 22- Chula Vista 35,000 (national championship?)

July 18-20- NACAC Senior Games- Selection criteria TBD

Officials (Susan)

- New working groups for mentoring, training, and best practices for officials across the country.

PAC/Warsaw:

- Funds have been moved from USA vs CAN meet to cover uniforms and other expenses to ensure high level competition for our top athletes.
- Moving forward we need HP to stabilize funds to properly plan for opportunities for athletes.
- Asking NO for full kits for athletes competing at PAC

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by: Michael Rohl

Seconded by: Miranda

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 EST

Action Items

- Michael, Solomiya, Susan, Katie Burnett, Diane/Dan: Form a working group to address the officials' compensation issue and craft a proposal for the Officials Committee regarding race walk judges' compensation and duties
- Solomiya: Process compensation adjustments for Pan Am Cup athletes
- Solomiya: Follow up with Reggie regarding his compensation status and requirements
- Allen: Send email to Solomiya with details about U.S. vs Canada meet budget reallocation, including airfare reimbursements and uniform purchases
- Susan and Officials Subcommittee: Complete and submit updated best practices document to National Officials Committee by end of April
- Nick and Tracy: Organize the last chance 35,000-meter race in Chula Vista on June 22nd, including coordinating with officials and facility
- Solomiya: Process reimbursements for Poland trip participants within the approved funding limits
- Amy: Get clarification on how athletes will be selected for NACAC Championships in Kingston, Jamaica
- Amy: Work with HP and Pierce to secure the best possible rating/category for the June 22nd meet
- Tracy/Jennifer: Submit necessary documentation to get the June 22nd Chula Vista race officially posted

- Susan: Work with Nick to identify and secure World Athletics judges for the June 22nd Chula Vista race, considering Canadian and Mexican officials due to U20 conflicts
 - Michael: Set up entry process for June 22nd Chula Vista race if Tracy wants to use same system as RK Trials
 - Allen/Amy: Work with HP to confirm travel reimbursement amount for 35K athletes
 - Janelle: Send out previous meeting minutes before next meeting for review
 - Tim: Complete conflict of interest form on the connect website
 - Katie Miale: Double check conflict of interest form status on connect website
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