

**USATF Race Walk Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2025 8:00 EST**

Roll Call

Present: Amy Begley, Loubna Hasseine-Silva, Susan Heiser, Allen James, Don Lawrence, Solomiya Login, Dan Pierce, Michael Rohl, Michael Roth

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

Absent: Diane Graham- Henry, Tim Seaman

Observers: Jordan Crawford, Ron Daniels, Faith Hogan

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm EST

- **Approval of 12/6/24 Minutes**

Allen motioned to approve the 12/6/2024 executive committee minutes

Seconded by Miranda

Motion carried unanimously

Discussion: Our committee can vote to approve annual meeting general session minutes. Should we? No, let's wait and let the general session vote to approve, but we can post them on the website as DRAFT.

Allen motioned to post AM General Session minutes to website in DRAFT form

Seconded by Susan

Motion carried unanimously

- **Budget Brief (Solomiya)**

- Budget increase of 6.8%

- In the travel and meeting line item

- Primarily for travel for officials

- Note: on a reimbursement basis, not a flat \$500. Flights are reimbursable up to \$500

- 2024 USA vs CAN Budget- used to reimburse officials for 2024 U20 flights to ensure we don't lose the funds

- Grand Prix line item is absorbed into the general funds, so we have more flexibility where to use it since we have not contested the grand prix recently.

- Any invoice questions, ask Amy. Once she submits an invoice on your behalf, she will send an email and that will start the 45-day clock. Goes for athletes, officials, etc.
- **Officials Assignments (Susan)**
 - Solomiya- USA Indoor Nationals, USA U20 Nationals and USA Outdoor Nationals- Referee travel is arranged by USATF and does not come out of the racewalk budget.
 - List needs to be approved by the National Officials Committee. Susan will submit to them for their approval. There may be some back and forth with them before it is finalized.
- **Subcommittee Nominations (Attached)**
 - Two types of positions. RW representatives to other committees and rw sub-committee chairs.
 - Representatives to other committees are there to be the voice of rw to those committees, and to report back to us any relevant information
 - Subcommittees are at least three people with at least 33% athlete representation, over 18 and a USATF member. Technically doesn't have to be racewalk but should.
 - Representative and subcommittees will be imputed to the website once they are finalized.
- **2025 Race Schedule and Standards**

Schedule: 20,000 race in Xenia (Joel Phaler) on May 4th. Is currently the Master's 20,000 Champs. Can we make it a 10,000 or 30,000 championships? Would need 3 WA officials. Need to talk with Joel about possibilities.

Standards:

- Proposal for an A standard to fill the field for international races in case someone with the standard is unable to finish the trials race.
- Discussion:
 - This would allow us to send the best team possible to these races
 - Should pan am cup/ world team champs be more geared toward developmental athletes?
 - Is the goal to send the best team to these non Big-3 events? Or is it to help bridge the gap between our younger athletes and international competition, or can it be both?
 - Worry about sending someone to finish embarrassingly far behind.
 - Do we set a time that if someone hits it they are automatically qualified (eg. D2 college nationals)

- Is another way of qualifying even going to make it through legal? Most likely anything involving “committee decides” will not. We tried to have similar setup in 2017 and national threw it back and wouldn’t accept it.
 - Current time suggestions for “A” are just placeholders. These can change as we continue to discuss.
 - Example: Can we set the time to one achievable to by the 4th/5th place finisher, but if someone doesn’t get it and times exists in the qualifying winder but not at the trials, they can be selected to fill the team?
 - Times done at the race under the standard guarantee selection.
 - Or do we set it way harder than the qualifying standard (eg 1:35 for women) and if someone has it who did not race the trials race they could still go if the team isn’t filled at the trials race?
 - **Allen tabled the discussion. We will use the current format and standards for Ecuador and continue to discuss, especially with the change to marathon/half marathon/ 5k for 2026 and beyond.**
- **New Business**
 - Miranda: 35k declarations- do we need to declare 48hours ahead.
 - Amy: no its only to fill lanes/heats. Not needed
 - Michael Rohl attended the USTFCCCA convention and connected with several NAIA coaches. He will write up a report and send it out but overall was very surprised at the support for racewalk among coaches who don’t even have racewalkers competing. It will be very useful to have the USATF Campus link to send them.
 - Conflict of Interest forms are available in your Sport:80 account. Currently may be glitchy. Need updated before next meeting if any updates need to be made. Will start next meeting with roll call and if COI is updated.

Allen motions to adjourn
Seconded by Miranda
Motion carried unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 pm EST