

USATF Race Walk Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025 8:15 EST

Roll Call

Present: Diane Graham-Henry, Loubna Hasseine-Silva, Allen James, Don Lawrence, Dan Pierce, Michael Rohl, Michael Roth

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

Guest: Curt Clausen

Absent: Amy Begley, Susan Heiser, Solomiya Login, Tim Seaman

Approval of Jan 2 and April 14 Meeting Minutes

Amendment: Loubna Hasseine-Silva was not in attendance for April 14 meeting. Minutes have been updated to reflect this change.

Motion to approve Jan 2 and April 14 meeting minutes as amended

Motion by: Dan Pierce

Seconded by: Michael Rohl

Motion carries unanimously

USA Outdoor Championships Time Change

- Athletes had expressed the need for splitting the men's and women's races when on the track for US Nationals to limit the amount of passing and walking in outside lanes during the race. NO took this and changed the schedule to split the races, but move the race to Friday, August 1. However, they did so without notifying any racewalk athletes, AC, or working with the Men's and Women's track and Field committees. This causes problems because the late change in dates will impact athlete's travel plans.

- **Motion: Return the race to the original scheduled day/time of August 2nd at 6:30 am and keep it combined**

- **Motion by: Allen James**

- **Seconded by: Dan Pierce**

- **In favor: 11 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 1**

- **Motion Carries**

- **Chula Vista Race June 22**

- Big congratulations to Nick on organizing this race, seems like it will be a fantastic bronze event
 - § Need two more women in the 20k for Lauren Harris' AR attempt and to get the extra bronze points. Nick is working to secure
- Will not have an official livestream, but hopefully someone will set up unofficially on Sunday.

- **Officials Certification Update**
 - Three silver level officials applications have been received, plus one recertification application.
 - Certifications are being reviewed and will be used as model to expand bronze and silver label officials certifications next year.

- **Development, Long Term Planning, and Opportunities**
 - The development committee is in flux right now, and the focus appears to be on 2026, not 2025.
 - § We cannot move forward with an athlete development plan until the development committee has a plan
 - USATF is not sending a U20 Pan Am team even though the meet has moved to October
 - USATF is also not sending a team to the U23 Pan American Games in Paraguay, likely because the USOPC does not support the event
 - § Started in 2021 and we did not send any teams, not sure why the event isn't supported at this time
 - Allen is working with HP, AC, and NO to try to reinstate the funds allocated toward PAC. Will try to reimburse those who paid their own way and use the remaining funds for development needs of RW athletes.
 - We need to determine a racing and opportunity calendar at least a year out
 - § Mt. Sac is an option when we want it
 - § Portland Track Fest may be an opportunity in the future
 - § World Team Champs in Brazil 2026 may or may not be funded- TBD
 - § Bids for fall for 10,000m race at Cumberlands, KY and Half marathon on long island. Tracy will likely host a marathon in January, hopefully at the end of the Imperial Beach training camp
 - AAU- Lots of young walkers, some of whom are not covered by a USATF Association.
 - NAIA- Michael Rohl has been in contact with as many NAIA walkers as possible to keep them training and moving up to the 20k distance
 - NCAA D2- Michael Rohl is working with D2 coaches to identify runners who may want to racewalk post collegiately. Michelle's success has been a catalyst for young athletes to see that they can do both running and racewalking.

Action Items:

- **Allen:**
 - Contact Cliff and Wendy to confirm schedule change back to Aug 2
 - Submit addendum to the HPP to reinstate PAC funds and secure funding for racewalk in 2026 budget
 - Coordinate with Sketchers team for potential aid/support for Chula Vista Race
- **Mike Roth:**
 - Finalize performance standards draft for marathon/half marathon and send to committee
- **Don:**
 - Reach out to associations presidents about applying for World Athletics certification for association meets to help athletes maximize points and qualifying marks
 - Look into the possibility of Southern California or Pacific Association absorbing the Central California Association.