

USATF Race Walk Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2025 8:15 EST

Roll Call

Committee Members: Amy Begley(NO Representative), Diane Graham-Henry(ex officio), Susan Heiser-Whatley, Loubna Hasseine-Silva, Allen James, Don Lawrence, ~~Solomiya Login~~, Dan Pierce, Michael Rohl, Michael Roth, Tim Seaman

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

Guests: Ron Daniel, Jere Summers Hall (AC Chair)

Agenda

- Approve June 17, 2025 Minutes
 - Motion: Allen
 - Second: Don
 - Result: passes unanimously
- Race Recaps
 - Eugene (Allen)
 - Some mishaps in the race, primarily the athlete accidentally put in the pit lane but we have reviewed it and will work to ensure these mistakes do not occur in the future
 - Poor communication with team processing. Athletes were pushed for world champs but not for NACAC.
 - NACAC (Nick and Katie)
 - Was more organized than previous NACACs but some team staff still treated it as a second rate meet. Bahamas also had some issues as the host, not just in the walks but in other events as well.
- World Athletics Championships Preview (Allen)
 - Travel issues - 9/6 Arrival date, unless you pay for your own hotel from 9/3 leave 9/15 (35km), St. Moritz camp not advertised to not TPP athletes.
 - Issues with communication between processing and athletes
 - Make sure Lauren has someone to turn to when she is in Tokyo after 35k athletes leave
- OTC Access & Alternatives (Allen)

- Currently only TPP athletes are allowed in OTC
 - RWEC should look at other options, good to do a simulation in summer 2026
- Silver and Bronze Officials Testing (Susan)
 - Not sure on status if USATF or NACAC chooses who gets to take the silver test
 - Names due on Aug 31
 - Bronze applications due on September 15
- L&L Update (Steven Pecinovsky) (8:50ish)
 - RW Exec Operating Procedures Update (Janelle)
 - Will be forthcoming after this weekend.
 - Add Steve P. to committee
- Annual Meeting Update
 - Each committee will only receive up to 2 hotel stays, no funding for travel, encouraging hybrid format
 - Up to committees to determine who will attend in person
- Amy: Opportunity to change indoor funding to an outdoor race
 - It is actually most beneficial to us to keep indoor funding and change distance to 5k instead of 3k
 - Creating a road opportunity for the same points would necessitate international athletes, and be therefore be taking away funding opportunities for US walkers
 - Indoor 5,000 points are with more and a better opportunity for young walkers to compete at the high level
 - Janelle will send details to Amy
 - Include minimum standards
- 2025-2026 Schedule Update
 - Set follow up meeting for standards
 - ~~2025 - Cumberlands, Long Island status~~
 - 2026 -
 - 1/11 Marathon
 - 2/1 Millrose
 - 2/28 Indoors - needs to be a 5,000m
 - 3/8 Half Marathon World Team Trials (LaGrange, GA)
 - 4/12 World Teams Brasilia
 - 5/9 Podebrady - Development?
 - 6/6 La Coruna - Development??
 - June 18-21 U20 Championships
 - July 23-26 USATF Championships
 - ?? Summer Altitude Training Camp - Development???
- New Business
 - Officials / Judges selection
 - Team Staff Selection - World Team
 - Amy will check to make sure we are sending a team to WTC.
 - Send staff selection application to broad coaching community, not only the RW community coaches

- Janelle- Send fully funded team and staff proposal to Amy to take back to NO
 - U20 World Champs in Eugene will use the 10k standard as a mark for entries, this gives our U20 athletes an opportunity to hit that standard.
- Budget sub-com
 - Needs to be created, headed by Solomiya
- Brief update from Standards committee
- 35K travel funding never happened. Janelle will include in the note to Amy to follow up on.

Motion to Adjourn: Janelle

Second: Allen

Meeting Adjourned 10:45 pm EST