

USATF Race Walk Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 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

Agenda

Approve August 26, 2025 Minutes

- Motion: Allen James
 - Second: Don Lawrence
 - Results: Passes- August 26, 2025 Minutes are approved
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Officer Reports

- Chair: Upcoming events being planned, will update more later in the agenda
 - Vice Chair: Unavailable
 - Treasurer: N/A
 - Secretary: N/A
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Sub-Committee Reports

- Officials Sub-Committee (Susan):
 - Shared resolution of past issues and future plans.
 - 5 names identified for bronze-level exam; testing scheduled for December.
- L&L Update (Steven Pecinovsky):
 - Allen needs to confirm Steve can be at L&L Meeting this weekend, may need to find a substitute in his absence.
- Annual Meeting Update:

- Only the chair receives hotel coverage and \$300 travel stipend; no additional committee funding.
 - Encouraging hybrid format; committees decide who attends in person.
 - May be slightly different, if EC members wish to attend, they should ask their association for funding, may have it to send delegates
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National Office (Amy)

- 5,000m at Indoor Champs- Green lights so far from the scheduling committee. Will need a cutoff time due to time constraints in the meet. Amy will check exactly what those are.
 - No prize money, prize money will shift to the LaGrange race. Amy will verify how much so she can give them a solid estimate
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Bids Update

- LaGrange race is aiming for WA Gold Level status but may settle for silver or bronze this year and build up in years to come, mostly due to fundraising but also due to ensuring the proper level of judges and from different areas as required by Gold Level events.
 - May be too much to shoot for this year.
 - Long Island 5k Bid- Amy will check on. Very high priority as it is for this fall.
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Standards for WTC

- Katie Miale and Loubna will work together to craft exact wording.
 - Marathon
 - Qualifying Jan 1 2025-Jan 11, 2026
 - Top 5 at the selection race on January 11 with the standard will select themselves to the team
 - If an athlete declines, the spot is offered to the 6th place finisher at the race who has the standard and so on
 - No chasing standard after the race
 - Half Marathon
 - Qualifying Jan 1 2025- March 8, 2026
 - Top 5 at the selection race on March 8 with the standard will select themselves to the team
 - If an athlete declines, the spot is offered to the 6th place finisher at the race who has the standard and so on

- No chasing standard after the race
- Also qualifier for Prodebrady funding (top three each gender (including U20) by WA points, if approved funding is approved)
 - Perhaps look at Thorpe Cup qualifying for this event selection
- Standards committee needs to finalize U20 standard and 5k/3k standard for USA Indoor Champs

Other

- 2025-2026 Schedule Update:
 - 2025: Long Island 5km
 - 2026:
 - 1/11 Marathon
 - 2/1 Millrose
 - 2/28 Indoors – planned for 5,000m
 - 3/8 Half Marathon World Team Trials (LaGrange, GA)
 - 4/12 World Teams Brasilia
 - 5/9 PODEBRADY – replaces USA v Canada
 - June 18-21 U20 Championships
 - July 23-26 USATF Championships
- Summer Altitude Training Camp: Proposed for development as a way to build habits for top athletes to go to altitude camp before worlds/olympics. Good opportunity to learn how they adjust to altitude and a camp environment ahead of world in 2027 and olympics in 2028

New Business

- Officials/Judges selection process underway; deadline Oct 20th.
- Team Staff Selection for World Team: Janelle will work with Miranda to update the document and send to amy. Amy will post to the website and Janelle will send out to RW Newsletter group
- Budget subcommittee: Discussions still need to be had to finalize budget
- Standards Committee: Needs to finalize 5K qualifying standard and review operating procedures before next meeting.
 - Loubna and Katie Miale. will work together for wording of athlete selection criteria for WTC and Prodebrady
- Travel update: Budget item proposed for top three athletes to Prodebrady in May (airfare, lodging, two staff; self-funded option available). This would replace funding for USA v CAN race at least until CAN can provide a team.

- Operating procedures: We will discuss and finalize in November meeting. All EC members should read through them prior to the meeting.
 - Amy is finalizing if the full committee votes on them or just the EC.
 - Final draft does have to go through legal.
 - Team Staff:
 - Discussion ongoing about team staff selection in the operating procedures
 - All team staff, even if self funded, must have membership, background check, and safesport
 - Application will be posted on USATF website. Make sure it is congruent with operating procedures
 - Awards- Wait to announce until annual meeting
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Action Items

- Katie Miale and Loubna: Wording for WTC Selection
 - Allen and subcommittee determine Indoor 5,000 standard as well as U20 WTC Standards
 - Also Prodabrody selection criteria
- Allen
 - Follow up with Steve about L&L this weekend
 - Janelle Send meeting information
 - Send budget revisions to Amy
- Janelle
 - Update Staff selection document and send to amy (work with Miranda and her subcommittee)
 - Send email with camps and officials reminder
 - Susan- Send janelle officials reminder blurb for email
- Amy
 - Follow up on Long Island 5k event status
 - Follow up with LaGrange- Find out prize money amount to be reallocated towards their race.
 - Find out time limit for indoor 5,000
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- Don
 - Email Amy about potentially making the Cornell 3,000m a national championship
- Everyone
 - Review operating procedures ahead of next meeting
 - Meeting next month. Date/Time TBD