

USATF Race Walk Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2026 8:15 EST

Roll Call

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

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

Agenda

Chair Report: Changes coming for staff selection, Need standards committee to look at standards and qualifying procedures much earlier than in the past

Treasurer: Ron Daniel is interim treasurer

Secretary: Operating Procedures need to be put into new template and submitted to Amy. Due with committee approval april 10. Janelle is taking a sabbatical until end of May.

- Podgebrady organization: Susan
- Operating Procedures: MJR, Susan
- Newsletter: Liz Shepherd will try to get it done

World Team Trials Discussion: Weather in Gainesville lead to sub optimal performances.

- Need a subcommittee looking at standards and qualifying procedures
- Where did the prize money go? Why did the money come from the athletes?

World Team Staff Discussion: NO is moving towards a "paid staff" set up.

- Amy is looking into making sure team has second medical- ice vests

Sub-Committee Reports

Youth: Working to bring more racewalk to middle and high school athletes. Standards are set for JOs NY HS Champs were this weekend, three red cards on 1&2 place. 627 high school girls tried racewalk during the indoor season

Operating Procedures: Susan and Mike will lead

Bids Update

2026

5/31 - Long Island 10km

August 15,000m race

Sept-Oct 10,000m

2027

Jan 9 - Marathon - Santee

Jan 31 - Millrose - NYC

Feb 13 - ½ Marathon U20 10km - ??

Feb 28 - 5000m Indoors - ??**Other**

2025-2026 Schedule Update

2026

- 4/12 World Teams Brasilia
- 5/9 Podebrady – replaces USA v Canada
- June 18-21 U20 Championships - Eugene
- July 23-26 USATF Championships - NYC
- Aug 8 - WA U20 Championships - Eugene

Development: 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

Motion to write a letter from the exec committee to send Grace although she didn't hit the standard

Motion: Miranda

Second: Don

3 abstentions

Motion passes

Motion to adjourn

Moton: Allen

Second: Katie Burnett

Meeting adjourned 10:32 pm EST