# High Performance Programs

# Men's Track and Field

*Executive Committee Meeting*
*December 4, 2002*

The meeting began at 10:45 a.m.

I. In attendance:

John Chaplin (Chair), Harry Groves (Vice Chair); Alan Kolling (acting Secretary; Law and Legislation); Ed Gorman (Rules); Bob Podkaminer (Standards), John Hemmer (High School), Brad Hackett (Development), Terry Crawford (Coaches Association), Doug Padilla (Athlete's Advisory); and Tim Baker (Championships). Others included Steve Simmons, Steve Latimer, Ken Brauman, Bill Clark, Howard Schmertz, Bob Hersh, Charlie Harris, George Harris, and USATF staffers P. Duffy Mahoney, Michael Cain, Aron McGuire, and Cathy Sellers.

II. Committee Reports

**Records:** Bob Hersh reported that all of the submitted marks had been approved except for item #7 (Sean Shields) since no application for a record had been received from the appropriate representative.

**Law and Legislation:** Alan Kolling reported on the tabled items from Mobile, Alabama that was being revisited this year, a non L&L year. The committee discussed regulation 13 relating to conduct on international teams and the present inclination of the L&L committee to withdraw the item. Some concern was expressed about international team staffs' abilities to regulate athlete misconduct while traveling abroad. The recent situation at the World Cup was also discussed and a report on that incident forthcoming shortly from the team manager.

**Development:** Brad Hackett reported that under amended USOC rules Men's and Women's Development would no longer enjoy a flat budget but would have to seek funding for their projects on a merit-based system.

**Rules:** Ed Gorman reported on the 172 sports rule changes that were up for discussion at this year's meeting.

**Standards:** Bob Podkaminer reported that all of the new standards were listed at the end of the Mobile Convention report. One item related to the 3% altitude allowance for the 1500m for venues located at or above 4,000 feet. Another item concerned the various qualifying periods for the indoor, outdoor, and multi-event national championships.

II. Athens Site visit

Michael Conley reported on a recent site visit made by a USATF delegation to Athens and the pre-Games training facilities/camp at the nearby island of Crete. The delegation included the committee chair and 2004 Olympic staffers George Williams and Stephanie Hightower. Security concerns were discussed in great depth, along with the related issue of coach and agent access to the athletes at the various venues. The US team will also make use of facilities at a nearby military base on Crete.

III. 2004 World Junior Championships

Vice Chair Harry Groves reported on the scheduling conflict between the United States Olympic trials in 2004 and the World Juniors in Grossetto, Italy. As a result, the committee will need to determine new dates for the junior national championships which will serve as the selection meet for the Worlds, scheduled for the third week in July. The Vice Chair will report in June on any decision reached by that time. In light of what had happened to the 2002 and 2003 juniors, the committee agreed to invite Richmond to bid for the 2004 meet.

IV. 2004 Olympic Trials

The chair reported that, after two years of negotiation with Peter Diamond, the final schedule would be published shortly. Part of the scheduling concerns relate to the narrow field of play at the Sacramento facility, which created certain critical safety issues (e.g. holding the Hammer Throw at the same time as the Long Jump). The current schedule will likely result in fewer field events enjoying a day of rest between the trials and finals. The committee also discussed the reallocation of funds for the Trials to cover administrative costs for staging the meet, athlete subventions, costs of security, training camps, etc. The High Performance division would be responsible for determining allocation of any surplus funds. Qualifying standards, qualifying periods, and an updated list of individuals qualifying for the meet will be posted on the USATF website shortly.

V. 2003 Outdoor Nationals

The chair announced that the multi-events have been moved to Stanford for 2003. This complicated matters because timing of the events for men and women were compounded by the NCAA championships for the same events shortly beforehand, as well as by the ongoing plans to host the Junior Nationals at the same time. A motion to move the men's decathlon to the Sunday-Monday dates of the meet was approved by the committee. Agreement was also reached that the committee needed to identify a single long-term site to host the multi-event nationals, after all of the stakeholders had been consulted in this regard.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Kolling, acting Secretary

*Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002 • 7:30-9 pm*

1. The Chair opened the meeting at 7:33 pm in the Chicago B room.

2. Committee reports

**Development:** Brad Hackett reported that under amended USOC rules Men's and Women's Development would no longer enjoy a flat budget but would have to seek funding for their projects in future on a merit-based system. The key criterion used will be medals won in major championships.

**Officials:** Joe Gentry reported on the selection procedures that had been established for the upcoming meets. The number of officials deployed will be sixty-four at the National Indoors, sixteen for the indoor combined, and one hundred and fifteen for the outdoor nationals and outdoor combined. The most pressing issue dealt with currently relates to compensation for officials. The lack of female officials was also being widely discussed. After some discussion, it was decided not to use the Outdoor nationals for training purposes because of the scope of the event.

**Awards:** Roy Griak reported on the three awards made for Men's Track and Field. Tim Montgomery won the Harrison Dillard Award; Alan Nelson won the Jim Thorpe Award, and David Krummenacker won the Glenn Cunningham Award.

**Staff Selection:** Subcommittee chair Harry Groves reported on the coaching staff selected for future international meets.

* 2004 World Juniors: Head coach Ken Brauman; Head Manager Cliff Wiley; Assistant coaches Andy Ferrera, Bill Carson, and Gordon Thompson; Assistant manager and coach Thomas Johnson.

*2004 World Indoors: Head coach Lee Evans; Head Manager Peter Zinno; Assistant coaches Scott Hall, Paul Souza and Andrew Alden.

*2003 Pan Am Juniors: Head Coach Jim Holdren; Head Manager Jack Warner; Assistant coaches Lance Brauman, Dennis Mitchell, Kevin Brown; Assistant manager and coach Al Hernandez.

*2003 Multis: Head coach Cliff Rovalto; Head manager Dick Moss.

3. New Business

A. **World University Games**

The MTF chair reviewed the issues surrounding the 2003 World University Games. Key among these was a present reluctance by USATF to send a national team to the meet in Korea, given the decision by the USOC not to fund the team any longer, and an interest in having the NCAA assume complete responsibility for deploying the team. A strong sentiment was expressed by some members of the floor that USATF should invest in a team as one means of developing future talent. A motion from the committee to instruct the chair to seek funding for the World University Games team at its past levels was moved, seconded, and carried. The chair indicated that the High Performance committee would meet on Sunday to make a final decision regarding funding for the meet, and invited members to provide additional input directly to him.

**B. Junior Program**

Program chair Harry Groves reported on the schedule for the 2003 Outdoor National Junior championships, scheduled to be held at the same time as the Senior Championships in Palo Alto in late June. Joe Gentry and Tim Baker will serve as meet referees. The chair further noted that the meet was in need of a venue for 2004 since the Olympic Trials will be held at the same approximate time as the World Juniors then. Bids will be taken and full consideration given to all meritorious venues.

**C. High Performance**

High Performance chair Brooks Johnson addressed the committee on the new standards being used by USOC to provide funding to NGBs. The bottom line for the USOC is medals won at major championships, so that track and field is no longer guaranteed the same level of funding it has received in the past from the USOC (25% of its budget). This may lead USATF to focus its funding on programs that have produced medals at major championships in the recent past. Coach Johnson further elaborated on the efforts undertaken to enhance our capabilities in the sprint relay events, including the use of existing meets such as the Texas and Penn Relays to provide additional opportunities for our national teams to gain valuable experience.

**D. 2003 National Outdoor championships**

The chair addressed some of the issues arising out of this year's outdoor nationals. He noted that the advent of the NCAA regional concept has complicated scheduling because it has caused the NCAA championships to be scheduled a week before our meet. This will make it difficult for many collegiate athletes to double for both meets and qualify for the World or Pan Am squads. It has also greatly complicated scheduling of the multi-events, for both juniors and seniors.

4. Old Business

**A. Coaches Advisory Committee**

Terry Crawford reported on the efforts of the Coaches Advisory Committee (CAC) to gain a larger voice for coaches in the affairs of USATF and encouraged

members to attend the committee meeting the following night. She applauded the efforts of the Athlete's Advisory Committee in gaining a larger role and representation in USATF affairs and said that CAC hoped to use them as a model for further growth.

**B. Standards**
Bob Podkaminer announced that his standards for the Olympic Trials and other upcoming meets will be available online shortly.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

## Women's Track and Field

*December 5, 2002* ***• 5:30 – 8:00 pm***

**Call to order**: 5: 35 pm

**2002 Overview** **Stephanie Hightower**
- Discussed strategic planning issues and work initiatives
- Read the staffs for all staffs for 2003-2004 including the "Big Three"

**2003-2004 Team Staff Selection**

**2003 Pan Am Junior Championships**
July 7-19 Barbados

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| Head Coach | Lisa Olson |
| | Gwen Harris (alt) |
| Assistant Coaches (3) | Dana Holston |
| | Maicel Malone |
| | John Turek |
| | Meghan Thomas (alt. AC) |
| Head Manager | Wendy Truvillion |
| Assistant Manager | LaVonna Martin (alt. HM) |

**2004 World Junior Championships** Italy

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| Head Coach | Carla Coffey |
| Assistant Coaches (3) | Sharifa Barksdale |
| | John Green |
| | Meghan Thomas |
| Head Manager | Rita Somerlot |
| Assistant Manager | Sharletta Gaines |
| | Michelle Moore (1st alt.) |
| | Kim Hyatt (2nd alt) |

**2004 World Indoor Championships**
Budapest, Hungary

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| Head Coach | Diane Wholey |
| Assistant Coaches (3) | Rose Monday |
| | Remi Korchemny |
| | Connie Price-Smith |
| | Kathy Erikson (alt) |
| Head Manager | Sandra Farmer-Patrick |

**2004 NACAC U-25 Championships**

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| Head Coach | Laurie Shephard |
| Assistant Coaches (2) | Kim Hyatt |
| | Katrina Acosta |
| | Kathy Erickson (alt.) |
| Head Manager | Gwen Harris |

**2003 World Championships** Paris, France

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| Head Coach | Angela Taylor |
| Assistant Coach | Cedric Walker |
| Assistant Coach | Cliff Rovelto |
| Assistant Coach | Bonnie Edmondson |
| Assistant Coach | Annie Schweitzer-Bennett |
| Assistant Coach | Julie McKinney |
| Head Manager | Judy Harrison |

**2003 Pan American Games** Santo Domingo, DR

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| Head Coach | Monica Gary |
| Assistant Coach | Robert Vaughn |
| Assistant Coach | Robyne Johnson |
| Assistant Coach | Amy Dean |
| Head Manager | Ramona Pagel |

**2004 Olympic Games**

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| Head Coach | Sue Humphrey |
| Head Manager | Stephanie Hightower |
| Assistant Coach | Curtis Frye |
| Assistant Coach | Craig Poole |
| Assistant Coach | Jeri Daniels-Elder |
| Assistant Coach | Beth Alford-Sullivan |
| Assistant Coach | Julia Emmons |

- Will discuss Olympic Trials and meet management issues
- Will discuss relocation of 2003 National Indoor Championships
- Still fighting about the budget to have resources for teams and staff to do the job.

Staff nomination slate for 2003 Pan Am Jr., 2004 World Jr., 2004, 2004 World Indoor Championships and 2004 NACAC moved for approval. Motion carried.

### *Team Reports*

**USA vs. Great Britain/Russia** **Jim Barber**
**World Cup** **Jim Barber**
Meet in Scotland was easy especially with the relays. Brooks Johnson and Orin Richburg took charge of them and facilitated a smooth running team.

The World Cup was an issue in terms of determining fitness. Complimented Angie Taylor. It was a difficult meet to handle especially at that time of the year but well worthwhile.

**World Junior Championships** **Monica Gary**
Impressed with the competition and team experience. The staffs communicated often (M&W); The relay

camp at the University of Miami proved very important experimenting with different orders. Orin Richburg was relay person but he gave the staff the freedom of decision as to its make-up. The pre-meet in Nassau, Bahamas proved a good introduction to a team experience. The team performed extremely well.
**Chair: Thanked dedication of staff to take on the responsibility of serving elite athletes.*

**NACAC U-25 Championships** **Rose Monday**
Rose presented as the Athletes Advisory representative on the trip, speaking in lieu of Annie Sweitzer-Bennett. She spoke well of this competition as a service to post collegiate athletes.

**Athletes Advisory Update** **Chryste Gaines**
Spoke of the category of emerging elites and the need for them to be identified for the future. We must have athletes identified who will fill the gap It is difficult to get 16 bodies to a relay camp for the month of April to field four relay teams. It is extremely important for those people trying to get to the next level. Going off the top 50 list only four were identified! It is important to work running different legs in order to step in if need be. She indicated the need to have post collegiate coaches obtain the necessary information to help emerging elites.

**Chair: How can we do a better job? She wants input. How the money will be spent from the organization, prioritizing events that win medals increasing the pool of coaches, etc.*

**Daryl Hampton**: There is a need to track HS kids early, even younger???

**2004 Olympic Trials** **Sandy Snow**
We are going back to Sacramento for the Olympic Trial's. Around Jan 1, 2003 there will be a website for the 2004 Olympic Trials. People can register and enter on line and track even who has entered, who has qualified, etc. They are looking forward to new systems and tools on the website to keep up with events as you prepare for the Olympic Trial's

**Chair: National Office Staff has been working hard to accommodate committees and the athletes.*

***Indoor Championships*** ***Sandy Snow***
This will be a Saturday/Sunday meet. Entry will be allowed on the net, and encouraged to do it ASAP. All processes will be on-line. College coaches will have to get passwords of all athletes who are members. A membership number and password will be required for entry. The alternative method on the phone is still possible but time and manpower consuming. The Indoor Championships will be the first test.
Options on hotels: athletes only Best Western: $89 rate; Marriott is $109
Everything is on the web for any changes.

There will be warm-up areas at Reggie Lewis & Northeastern University.

The Multi Indoor Champs are also on web and will be held at Chapel Hill March 8-9, 2003

**Chair: change of venue came about through committee and athlete input.*

## *Subcommittee Reports*

**Women's Development** **Sue Humphrey**
Women's Development is dovetailed in with High Performance. The priority is now with HP. USOC funding is based on medals. That is the bottom line. Biomechanical models for throws that worked are now moving on to other events.

**Heptathlon** **Dr. Craig Poole**
There will be an indoor competition for first time in many years for a pentathlon. Will there be a decathlon? Yes, but with same order & same events. Implementation is uncertain, however. Flock of athletes is still small. A decathlon will be offered at Mt. SAC & Challenge of Athena at Berkley. They are joining the men at Chula Vista for a summit & testing.

**Juniors** **Rita Somerlot**
Indicated that it was the first time with seniors at Palo Alto. There was much positive feedback from athletes and coaches. There was a ratio of 50/50 HS & college. Thanked Sandy Snow and James Thornton for putting the two together. Cathy Sellers was also invaluable, of course. The only conflict was the throws.

**Chair: we should have this stuff four or five years out. It may get tougher keeping the two together but is more cost effective. There was good interaction with senior elites.*

**IAAF & Officials** **Dee Jensen**

**Report of IAAF Women's Meeting**
There will be a Steeplechase at the 2004 World Junior's @ 2000m & the 3000m at the 2005 World Championships. The status of the decathlon was discussed and recommended to follow the men's order. There had been a meeting in Edmonton regarding raising the height of the 100m hurdles. Victor Lopez will gather data, testing and an athletes survey prior to making a final recommendation. Other issues: looking at events offered and equity of the money for events. The IAAF is still male heavy

**Officials Selection Committee** meets and selects officials. The numbers of applicants to officiate the major championships are down despite a larger number of registered officials. An NTO test was taken on Monday

and all 4 passed but with ratio of 1 woman and 3 men. The next NTO test will be at Stanford in June.
**Chair encouraged participation of more women to increase the numbers of women in officiating ranks.*

**Records** **Bob Hersh**
-Discussed what records to accept. Deferred those without record applications. Moved & seconded

**Coaches Advisory** **Terry Crawford**
Discussed women's coaches and views within the organization. More representation will be proposed. There will be a leadership seminar in Fayetteville Sunday March 16, 2003, after the NCAA's to gain input from women at the higher levels within athletics. Women role models in coaching positions, etc

**Rules** **Bert Lyle**
"I see the doors are opening."

Rule 19: Steeple for Jr. women passed for 2K & conforms to IAAF
Rule 35: One-mile road race approved
Rule 41, 45, 47: has to do with *Competition Director*; should remain in the hands of the Men's and Women's Chairs.
*Rule 48: concerned reruns; if in the opinion of referee or upheld by games committee. Voted to maintain this rule.
Item 104: from first sentence of rule 77, Honest effort rule; asked to take it to AA
Item 106: a proposal to have a 1500 steeple hurdles at the Youth level. The Youth Committee has rejected it in favor of 2000 steeple.
Rule 118: need three certified judges in RW for a DQ

## *New Business*

**Proposal for Youth Hammer Throw** **Jeri Daniels-Elder**
Jeri spoke in favor of the proposal submitted by Harold Connolly. Harold has proposed that the intermediate & young (2 oldest groups of youth) have a hammer throw to raise the pool of athletes in the event. He wants it to take place in athletic facilities that have the safety parameters in place. It is currently an exhibition event but it is not encouraging to get the kid to compete. The effort is not well organized. The WTF Committee supported Hal's proposal although tabled by Youth until next year.

**Women in Sport (USOC)**
Evie Dennis discussed a trophy given to a woman who has made great contributions to the sport, by continent, by world; Nominations:
Dr. Evie Dennis by Terry Crawford
Nominations closed, so moved, passed!
Evie must submit her own name to the USOC!

**IAAF delegate recommendations**: Chair asked for this committee to support Dr. Evie Dennis. Moved, seconded, that WTF support IAAF delegate slot; discussion

*Terry Crawford: bigger than passing the motion, credibility important.* All those in favor: *Motion carries.*

**IAAF Women's Committee**: Dee Jensen, no opposition

**IAAF Technical Committee Rep**: asked for the body's recommendation. Chair wanted someone to represent women's issues (John Chaplin); motion to support Chaplin, seconded, Motion carries.

**Amy Deam**: Concerned about limitation of practice time with athletes after the collegiate season. She is representing the Division 1 Coaches Association. It needs help from this committee. Concerned discussion ensued. Track, swimming & diving will be most affected. Seven (7) weeks - no contact and no use of collegiate facility.
*Teri Jordan: obtain list of 17 presidents who will make that decision.*

Amy Dean Motion: That this body take a strong stand and not limit the coaching contact with student athletes in preparation for international competition representing the United States. Body voted in favor motion. Request to be sent to Bill Roe.

**USWTCA**: Diane Wholey apologized for conflict with USWTCA mentorship panel & WTF Meeting. This will not happen again.

**Cathy Sellers**: Pointed out the IAAF prize money schedule: Premium, Classic, and Developmental. There is inequity of prize money system, from rankings and performance, The points given skewed, determines how you are invited to the grand prix final.

**Coaches Advisory** voted unanimously to include the World University Games in 2003 budget with full contingency of athletes and staff. Push Board to strongly support the WUG and place it back into USATF budget. The U.S Olympic Festival was lost and would have benefited emerging athletes so the WUG is needed. *Motion strongly approved.*

**Don De Noon,** from Claremont, FL, They have built a $1 million track complex that can serve as a new training facility for athletes who would like warm weather training.

## *Old Business*

**Announcements**
**CEO**
Craig Masback spoke complimenting Stephanie's participation on the Board of Directors. He also thanked the staffs serving on teams and the Women's Track and Field Committee in general.
**Terry Crawford**: Thanked Craig for acknowledging the work of staffs, recognizing publicly their service so that they can take it to their employers, schools, etc.

Craig: $100's of millions spent by HS & universities, acknowledged they reinforce of our program.

**Meeting adjourned**: 8:04 PM

## Joint Men's and Women's Track and Field

*December 6, 2002*

Call to order: 1:05 PM
Stephanie Hightower/John Chaplin

**Standards**
John Chaplin moved to approve Men's Standards. Seconded by Harry Groves. *Motion carried with modifications below on the race walks.*

Stephanie Hightower moved to approve the Women's Standards. Seconded by Rich Torrellas. *Motion carried with modifications below on the race walks.*

**Modifications on the walks:**
2003 Senior Outdoor Championships
- Men's 20K: 1:36
- Women's 20K: 1:50

2003 Junior Outdoor Championships
- Men's 10K: 55:15 (10K)/25:30 (5K)
- Women's 10K: 28"30(5K) , 59:45 (10K)

2004 Olympic Trials qualifying period begins January 1, 2002.
- Women's 20K: 1:48
- Men's 20K: 1:34
- Men's 50K: 4:45

2004 Olympic Trials
Discussed funding for athletes for the trials and the number involved.

Standards & tentative schedule for the trials will be on the website by January 1, 2003.

Meeting adjourned: 1:16 PM

## Race Walking Executive Committee

*December 4, 2002*

In Attendance: Cheryl Rellinger, Michael Roth, Steve Vaitones, Curt Clausen, Philip Dunn, Bob Bowman, Shirley Clemons and Dan Pierce

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

The minutes of the 2001 executive committee meeting were approved as corrected.

### *Announcements*

- Laurie Robertson has resigned as the race walk representative to the Official's Committee. Ron Daniel has replaced him.
- Steve Pecinovsky is the senior team coordinator.
- Ginger Mulanax resigned as the race walk representative on the Associations Committee.
- Ginger Mulanax is the Officials Committee representative on the Race Walk Committee.

### *New Business*

- The newsletter will be emailed to the Race Walk Committee and provided as a link on the national website for the race walk community in general.
- Bob Bowman was asked and accepted heading up the Strategic Planning Committee.
- Indoor national standards are set at 22:00 for the men's 5k and 14:30 for women's 3k.
- Outdoor national standards – men A 1:36, B 1:40; women A 1:48, B 1:50.
- 2004 Olympic Trials 50k standard 4:45.
- 2004 Olympic Trials 20k standards for men A 1:30, B 1:33, and the women we are recommending the A standard 1:45 and for the B standard 1:48. The qualifying time January 1, 2002 to July 1, 2004, limiting the field size to 18 competitors.
- The $1,000 stipend for travel and housing for the Olympic Trials can be obtained in one of three ways: 1) listed in the top 50 in the world for qualifying period January 1, 2003 through July 1, 2004; 2) be one of the top 10 entry marks; or 3) finish in the top eight at the Olympic Trials. The 50k athletes will be treated the same.
- The 2003 Pan Am 20k will be contested in Chula Vista, California and the 50k will be held in Tijuana, Mexico.
- NARI and the San Diego USA Track & Field will host a National 30k Championship on January 25, 2003.

### *2003 Pan Am Cup US Team Selection*

- US Teams will be selected from rank order performance lists January 1, 2002 to February 16, 2003.
- The US will field 5 person A and B teams for all events, if sufficient numbers of athletes meet the performance standards. The US will field a smaller B team if an insufficient number of athletes have met the performance standards.
- In order to represent the USA on either the A or B team, athletes must have achieved the following standards: 20k men 1:36; 20k women 1:48; 50k men 4:45.
- In the 50k event if fewer than 10 athletes are available from the performance lists, additional team members may be selected from rank order finish at the 2003 USATF National 30k Championship. However, in order to be named to the team, athletes must have a sub 2:45:00 finishing time for the 30k.
- Athletes selected to the A team will receive full uniforms, airfare, room and board.
- Athletes selected to the B team will be provided a USA racing singlet and shorts, room and board.
- Any athlete not on the USA A team that finishes among the top 5 US performers and meets the team representation performance standards at the competition will receive reimbursement for advance purchase economy airfare to the event.
- Athletes must declare their intent to compete in the event by February 17, 2003.
- Male athletes eligible for both teams must declare their event by February 17, 2003. While an athlete may participate in both the 20k and 50k events, they can only represent the US in one event.
- Athletes not named to US teams may still compete unattached or represent their USATF clubs at the Pan Am Cup races if they have met the following entry standards: 20k men 1:45; 20k women 2:00; 50k men 5:00.

### *2003 USATF 50k National Team Selection*

- The 2003 50k national teams will be selected in rank order from a January 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003 performance list (referred to as 2003 performance list below).
- All performances must be made in bona fide race walking competitions, meeting IAAF and/or USATF standards. All events, whose results are to be included in the performance list, must be approved by the race walking chair or his designee in advance of the competition.
- Pre-approved events include: Mexican Walk Week/Pan Am Cup, Tijuana, Mexico, IAAF GP); European Athletics Association Walking Meeting, Dudince, Slovakia; Grand Prix Walking, Naumburg, Germany (IAAF GP).
- The national team shall be the top 8 performers. Per race walk committee rules, up to 4 additional team members may be named.
- The World Championships team shall be comprised of the top 3 individuals from the 2003 performance list who have met the A standard during the IAAF qualification period which began on January 1, 2002.
- In the event that 3 individuals are not selected from the 2003 performance lists, athletes who achieved the A standard in 2002 would be named to the World Championship team in rank order of their performances in 2002.
- If fewer than 2 athletes have achieved the A standard in 2002 and 2003, the top A or B standard performer from the 2003 performance list would be named as the sole 50k representative for the World Championships.
- A qualified athlete may choose to compete in the 50k walk at either the IAAF World Championships or Pan American Games but not both events.
- The Pan American Games team shall be comprised of the top 2 individuals from the 2003 performance list that have not elected to participate or are not qualified to participate in the IAAF World Championships per the above criteria.
- All USATF and USOC support programs shall be awarded based upon rank order on the 2003 performance list (e.g. basic grants, health insurance, etc.).

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

## Race Walking General Committee Meeting
*Wednesday, December 4th*

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:40 p.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum.

The minutes from the 2001 Annual Convention were approved as written.

### *Officers Reports*

**Chair** – Dan Pierce stated that the Vice Chair resigned his position as of Tuesday, December 3, 2002. Chair thanked everyone on the committee for all they do and continue to do to support race walking in the US. Laurie Robertson resigned as the Officials Committee representative. Ron Daniel has replaced Laurie in this position. Ginger Mulanax is the representative from the Officials Committee to the Race Walk Committee. Ginger has resigned her position as our representative to the Associations Committee. The race walking officiating subcommittee is going to become active again working on

projects such as scheduling judges at national championships and updating the officiating handbook. Steve Pecinovsky is now the senior Team Coordinator.

Dan presented a recap on the World Cup as part of his report. He stated that there were 15 athletes, a massage therapist, Tom Eastler as the coach and Dan Pierce as team manager and chief of mission. Tracy Sundlun was to have been the team manager but a family medical emergency required him to withdraw. Two weeks prior to this event we were invited to bring a youth athlete but this invitation was declined because of such short notice and the problems involved.

**Treasurer** – Curt Clausen advised that the race walk committee will have a $10,000 budget again this year to be used for travel for the committee, general mailings, conference calls, the Zinn awards, the youth honor roll and other sundry things. Development is now through the high performance group.

**Secretary** – Shirley Clemons had no report to present.

### *New Business*

- Shirley was instructed to request, on behalf of the Race Walking Committee, that the L&L Committee pass tabled item R27B, which amends regulation 7-C-3-c.
- Rule items 44, 65, 70 and 71 were accepted. Items 63, 64 and 72 rejected. Items 67, 68 and 69 were withdrawn. Steve Vaitones will come back to the committee with new wording on Item 66.

Meeting was recessed at 9:35 p.m.

## *Thursday, December 5*

Meeting was called to order by the chair at 1:13 p.m. A quorum was present based on the sign-in sheets.

### *New Business*

Steve Vaitones presented the standards report.

- The indoor standards are set at 22:00 for the men's 5k can also qualify for a 3k at 12:45 and for the women the 3k is 14:30. The qualifying dates are November 22, 2002 through February 23, 2003.
- The motion passed to have a single standard for the 2003 outdoor championship of 1:36 for the men's 20k, and 1:50 for the women's 20k.
- 2003 Junior outdoor standards are set at men's 10k 55:15, alternative qualifier 5k at 25:30. Women's 10k 59:45, alternative qualifier 5k at 28:30.
- 2004 Olympic Trials men's 50k is set at 4:45. The qualifying dates begin January 1, 2002 and end two weeks before the Trials.
- The motion passed to have a single standard for the 2004 Olympic Trials of 1:34 for the men's 20k, and 1:48 for the women's 20k. The qualifying dates will be January 1, 2003 through July 1, 2004.
- Item 66, Rule 39.3 (a), (b), (c) were rewritten and the motion for the new wording passed. Rule 39.3 (g) was amended to remove the words hand-held. The rest of the wording remains the same.
- It was moved that this rule change be proposed to the IAAF at the next available opportunity.
- The committee passed the Pan Am Cup team selection as detailed in the executive committee meeting minutes with the exception of the first bulleted item that was changed to read: except the 50k qualifying period is January 1, 2002 to November 30, 2002.
- Because the Pan Am Cup is in March we will not have a 50k qualifying so it was proposed to adopt a selection procedure detailed in the executive committee minutes. This would cover the National Team, the World Championship and the Pan Am Games teams. Adding the race hosted by Dave Gwyn as an approved competition modified the proposal. The proposal passed unanimously.
- Bob Bowman presented an addendum to the IAAF report printed in the 2002 year-end reports, pages 77-79. The 50k standards have been set at 3:57 for the A standard and 4:03 for the B standard. The Level III panel is now 28 judges and Ron Daniel is the American judge and he has been selected to judge the 2003 World Youth Championships, 2004 Olympic Games, and the 2006 World Race Walk Cup. The IAAF Grand Prix circuit has been set for 7 locations with dates to be confirmed. The 2004 IAAF World Race Walking Cup in Naumburg, Germany will be May 1-2, 2004.

Meeting recessed at 4:05 p.m.

## *Session 1 • Friday, December 6th*

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. A quorum was present based on the sign-in sheets.

### *New Business*

- Mike Roth reported that in 2003 we will have a better quarterly schedule for the newsletter and that the national office will be distributing the newsletter to all people who indicate on their membership they are race walkers. Want to see the newsletter being used as a reference tool, something to be retained.
- Dave McGovern presented the proposed 2003 National Race Walking championships. The site selections report was approved as presented.
- Justin Kuo presented the American records report. The men's track 5k and 10k records were approved; the men's road 30k record was approved; and the women's 20k track record was approved. All others are pending.

- Bev LaVeck reported all Masters records were approved with the exception of Ocean Township, NJ and Long Island, NY competitions. Bev was instructed to approach the records committee and propose that race walk not be an automatic record except in the case of national meets for open athletes.
- Dan Pierce gave further information on the World Cup. Philip Dunn placed 13th in the 50k and had a personal record.
- Rich Torrellas made a report on behalf of the Pan American Athletic Commission. He is now the chair of the walking committee. He gave an update on the Pan Am Cup in Tijuana. The 50k will be held in conjunction with the Mexican Walk Week and the two 20ks will be the following weekend at Chula Vista. The dates are still not confirmed.
- Ron Daniel gave his report on the IAAP Level III test he took in Paris following the World Cup in Italy.

Meeting was recessed at 11:00 a.m.

### *Session 2 • Friday, December 6th*

Meeting was called to order by the chair at 1:10 p.m. A quorum was present based on the sign-in sheet.

#### *New Business*

The committee moved that the race walk delegate to the IAAF committee that received the most votes in the committee election would be the candidate this committee would recommend.

Voting was conducted and Bob Bowman is the delegate of choice, with a vote of 28 to 11. The ballots were destroyed upon approval of the committee.

Ginger Mulanax reported on behalf of the Officials Committee. This committee has its own website, usatf.officials.com and on it are the rules, the uniforms and the applications for officiating opportunities. On this site are additional, approved uniform items. All officials will now receive the newsletter free.

Ron Daniel was appointed as the chair of the race walk judges subcommittee. He will appoint others to be on this committee along with Ginger Mulanax. One of their undertakings will be updating the officiating handbook, and adding to the handbook criteria on maintaining national or master level certification.

Meeting recessed at 3:55 p.m.

## Race Walking General Committee meeting

### *Saturday, December 7th*

Meeting was called to order by the chair at 9:40 a.m. A quorum was present based on the sign-in sheets.

#### *Announcements*

- Winners of the Captain Ron Zinn Memorial Award were: Men's 20k Tim Seaman; women's 20k Joanne Dow; men's 50k Philip Dunn; outstanding association Long Island. The winner of the Mike Riban Award for the outstanding contributor is Steve Vaitones. The winners of the Henry Laskau Junior Elite Race Walk Award were Robyn Stevens for the women and Ben Shorey for the men.
- Shirley was instructed that for next year that she publish the winners in the pre-convention newsletter to try to insure the winners be in attendance at the convention.
- There will be a 5k qualifying race for national indoors at 5:30 p.m. at Johnson County Community College.
- Ginger Mulanax received the Charles M. Ruter Award from the Officials Committee.

#### *New Business*

- Vince Peters presented the 2003 regional race walk calendar, showing dates, locations and contacts.
- The following members were appointed to fill positions on some of the national committees: Jan Price for Substance Abuse Ed/Test Committee; Dave McGovern for Scientific Services Subcommittee; and Bev LaVeck for Psychological Services Subcommittee.
- Ginger Mulanax presented the member services report. Only 4 associations were given full accreditation and 37 were given provisional accreditation, 15 associations are being given level 3. All associations with problems will be sent a letter prior to December 31st outlining the problems. There will be varying time lines on making corrections based on the seriousness of the problems. One association is being decertified; Wyoming will now be part of Colorado.
- Maryanne Torrellas presented the women's development report. It was approved to keep the center of excellence training center going with Enrique Penna's salary partially covered in the sum of $5,000. Were also given money for a senior, intermediate and junior camp in the sum of $2,933 as well as some money for collegiate championships, which amounts to $1,486. The coordinator of the junior camp is allowing us to add race walkers to the endurance camp. We can have three apply and one will be funded and these athletes will be chosen from the Penn Relays and they must be high school age, not juniors.

- Philip Dunn reported on the men's development. The amounts awarded were $13,000 for the center of excellence program, the race walking champs $5,800 and the collegiate championships $2,900. Junior camp was not funded but should have some money coming out of the general junior national camp fund. Another program that went by the wayside was the senior elite direct support program.
- Rich Torrellas confirmed that the dates for the Pan Am Cup are March 9th for the 50k in Tijuana, Mexico and the men's and women's 20k will be on March 15th in Chula Vista, California.
- Discussion on programs that the race walk committee could be involved with to improve race walking. 1) Do a grand prix for all national competitions again next year. 2) Put a corporate person on a national team staff to get them involved and then possibly get them to donate money. 3) Have race directors get together to find a commonality, and work together to get additional sponsorships. 4) Approach a sponsor for national championships as a series. 5) Produce a brochure on race walking. 6) A race walking youth training video for association clubs. 7) At youth meets offer to put on a race walk clinic. 8) Include a portion on race walking at a Level I coaches clinic. 9) In all races include youth. 10) Build up to race walk by starting clinics as fitness walkers and the gradually build up to a race walking clinic. 11) At the senior games convince adults to bring grandchildren to get them exposed to the sport.

Meeting adjourned at 11:5 a.m.