

**Minutes of USATF Race Walking Committee
USATF Annual Meeting Indianapolis, Indiana**

**General Session I - Thursday, November 30, 2006
10 - 11:50 am Hyatt - Canyon Hall**

Meeting called to order by Vince Peters, Chair at 10:00 a.m. Verification of the Committee's sign-in sheets confirmed the RW committee had a quorum to conduct business.

Officer's Reports:

Chair, Vince Peters - Chair's report available on table in print form. Vince identified several points of improvement - increased number college athletes participating in RW, increased number of high school athletes participating in the Nike and National Scholastic Indoor Championships, American 3000m record set by Trevor Barron in the Youth division, a successful Grand Prix Circuit with increased purse, substantial increase in funding for 2008 Olympic Trials, total of 10 Americans being included on IAAF Level II and III judging panels, National High School Federation agreeing to put RW rules back on their website for track and field, and an impressive upcoming Junior/Intermediate Elite RW Camp, Pharr, TX. Chair closed with pledge to be an "open source for communication, either ideas or criticisms."

Vice Chair, Steve Vaitones - He reported being busy with rules and standards as well as helping the chair in anyway requested. He noted that his association hosted the Indoor USATF National Championship, the USATF Indoor Masters Championship and multiple other events throughout the year.

Secretary, Ginger Mulanax - Reminded committee that the revised agendas were on table at back and that two general sessions had been changed to working sessions for subcommittees. The Secretary also reminded delegates that the voting rights of their associations should be checked and corrected before elections. Convention wide elections will be Friday morning.

Treasurer, Sean Albert - not present, but information provided by Chair. The RW committee's submitted budget for 2007 included 10,500 for Grand Prix expenses and \$5,500 for committee expenses. The USATF Budget Committee approved \$10,000 for the RW Grand Prix and \$5,500 for committee expenses. All expenses needing reimbursement for 2006 need to be submitted by December 31, 2006.

Other Reports:

Bob Hersh, IAAF representative, reported to the RW committee on IAAF decisions. The order of events at the World Cup has been changed. Day 1: Men's 50K, Jr. Men, then Women's 20K. Day 2: Jr. Women, then Men's 20K.

IAAF approved Olympic Standards and qualifying times:

20K Women	"A" standard 1:33:30, "B" standard 1:38	Date - Jan 1, 2007
20K Men	"A" standard 1:23, "B" standard 1:24:30	Date - Jan 1, 2007
50K Men	"A" standard 4:00, "B" standard 4:07	Date - Jan 1, 2006

(Note: 8 Americans have already met qualifying standard for USA 50k Olympic Trials)

Subcommittee Reports

Rules: Steve Vaitones - Seven possible rules changes affect race walking.

Item 13 -Amends Rule 27 to say "no one who has committed an adjudicated doping offense in their athletic or coaching career shall be eligible to serve in any" After discussion, committee recommended wording changes to narrow to someone convicted and **tabled until rewritten. (Note: Steve reported item rejected and sent to L&L for more detail)**

Item 15 - Amends Rule 32.6 (same topic as Item 13). After discussion, tabled until rewritten. **(Note: Steve reported item rejected and sent to L&L for more detail)**

Item 29 - Amends Rule 165.7 and 165.11. Deals with timing of event no held totally on a track. **After discussion, committee split the issue.** Issue 1: On the issue of RW timing, the committee wants the rule to reflect that race walks are timed the same as a road running event. Issue 2: On the issue of road event being timed to 1/10th second, committee instructed our representative that the committee wishes to keep timing to full second.

Item 47 - change spelling of race walk in USATF literature to racewalk (one word) and race walking to racewalking (one word). **Rejected**

Item 48 - Amends 230.2 to say that each judge will have one paddle. One side will show "bent knee" symbol and the other side will show "loss of contact" symbol. **Approved.**

Item 49 - Amends Rule 232.2. Would changed definition of race walking in USATF Rule book. This amendment has far reaching implications. After discussion, committee agreed to **table item and chair will appoint a subcommittee** to work on issue and report back to body. Chair appointed Bob Bowman, Gary Westerfield, Jim Bean, John Johnson, Ron Daniel, Bill Pollinger, Wayne Armbrust, Bruce Leasure. The temporary race walk rules committee reported back to the whole committee on 12/1/06 with the following recommendations: 1) **Change** second sentence of Rule 232.2 to "The advancing leg must be extended at the knee (not bent) from the moment of first contact with the ground until the leg is in the vertical position." 2) **Table** these amended changes until next year after their submission to the IAAF for its approval. Committee approved the report of the Temporary Race Walk Rules Subcommittee. **It was also moved, seconded, and passed to amend the item as stated. Also moved, seconded, and passed that the proposed change be submitted by USATF to the IAAF and our IAAF representative, Bob Bowman, will take to the IAAG Walking Committee.**

Item 59 - Masters Race Walk records should be given for same events as open records. **Approved.**

Item 65 - Youth wants to change 5000m for Intermediate/Young Men and Women back to 3000m After discussion - **approved.**

Records - Justin Kuo

Two items for approval: Kevin Eastler's American Record Road 30km 2:12:53 and Tim Seaman's American Record Track 5000m 19:15.88i. Plus, as noted by Chair earlier, a Youth Boys record by Trevor Barron, 3000m 14:02.58.

Organizational Services - Ginger Mulanax Election on Friday reminder. Association with voting rights issues were reminded to check with the National Office to make corrections.

Psychological Services - Allen James Committee has not met; no report at this time.

Scientific Services - Cheryl Rellinger Committee has not met; no report at this time.

Official's Report - Ron Daniel A written report was provided. Ron reminded race walk officials to review certification criteria in Appendix 5 of the "Race Walk Officials Hand Book" to be on target for recertification goal. Ron also review the history and results of the NACAC English speaking Level II judge's seminar and examination held in Indianapolis in June. The US had 10 judges eligible to for NACAC Area assignments. Bob Bowman led the seminar. Ron also reported that he and Gary Westerfield were appointed by Amadeo Francis, President of NACAC, to a newly created committee that will develop a definition for an IAAF Level I (national) judge. IAAF Level III judges are Ron Daniel (CT) and Gary Westerfield (LI); IAAF Level III judges are Bob Bowman (PNW), Maryanne Daniel (CT), Patricia Hanna (OZ), Bob Hickey (SO Cal), Rod Larsen (FL), Dan Pierce (CO), Mike Roth (LI), Reggie Weissglas (Metropolitan).

Operating Procedures – Two items were brought before the committee for consideration. The first dealt with Staff selection for international teams. The second concerned the make-up of the site selection committee.

Item #1:

Recommend Replace paragraph 11.C.5.c with the following:

c. Frequency of Service: No individual should serve on two consecutive editions of the same team. Individuals may not serve as staff more than twice in the same Olympiad. The chair is an exception to this rule when serving as Team Leader (chief 'de mission).

Item #2:

Recommend Replace paragraph 13.C with the following:

C Members: The chair of the Championship Site Selection Subcommittee shall be selected by the chair of this Committee. The makeup of the subcommittee shall reflect the broad range of participation in and with this Committee.

1. Chair: appointed by the Chair of the National Race Walk Committee
2. Athletes: two (2) athletes, one (1) male and one (1) female, both of whom have competed in international competition in the last 10 years;
3. Official: One (1) member of the Race Walk Committee's Official's Subcommittee.
4. One (1) member to be named by and from the Masters Track & Field Committee
5. Two (2) at large members

After discussion and consideration both items were tabled until 2007.

Meeting recessed 11:50

General Session II - Friday, December 1, 2006

8:00 - 11:50 am Hyatt- Salon A

Due to a delay starting, delegates to the Race Walk Committee who had not yet voted were sent over from the Hyatt to vote. Logistics issues of managing two hotels in relationship to voting, copying, etc made it difficult at times to handle business. This reprise worked out well for our committee.

Meeting called to order by Vince Peters, Chair. Committee sign-in with verification of association delegates in attendance confirmed the RW committee had a quorum to conduct business.

Subcommittee reports continue:

Standards - Steve Vaitones Changes to standards are used to limit the field size and maintain quality of competition. At this time, there is no need to change our qualifying standards and will continue using the standards from last year.

Indoor Nationals:

Women: 3000m Race Walk 14:40.00 (Mile Race Walk 7:20.00)

Men: 5000m Race Walk 22:00.00 (3000m Race Walk 12:45.00)

Outdoor Nationals:

50Km - none

Men 20Km 1:36:00;

Women 20Km 1:50:00,

Jr. Men 10Km 51:00;

Jr. Women 10Km 55:00.

2008 Olympic Trials:

Men 50Km - 4:45:00;

Men 20Km 1:36:00;

Women 20Km 1:48:00,

Millrose Games standard for the mile was discussed because Gary Westerfield has been asked to coordinate RW fields. Chief point is to maintain a level of athleticism for the short distance at the Millrose Games. Recommended standard was 8 minutes for the women's mile and 7 minutes for the men's.

Wayne brought up concern that it is difficult to find the standards on the IAAF website. Keith Lively is in charge of RW website with Vince and Ed Parrot checking.

Development - Philip Dunn/Maryanne Daniel Committee has had a difficult time getting funding for any programs. The Junior Camp in Texas over Christmas 2006 is funded for \$2000. USATF changed how they provide development money. Currently race walking is considered in the development category and finding funds for needed programs is difficult. Maryanne presented question "What can we do in this committee to help with funding?" Diane Graham-Henry working on educational video and Adam Schmenk from National Office can help with video from championships. As Maryanne explained the video would need to be a "knock your socks off" type to stimulate interest.

Diane talked about grants possibilities. She explained about an organization called "Donor's Forum," it is the bank of money with lots of types of grants many with very few criteria. Bill Pollinger brought up the National Office program for videos through the media department. Lyle Knudson of www.track-tech.com has videos of many of the national championships in the race walk. Maryanne explained that there is difficulty with getting videos from whoever has them. Bob Bowman said the national office gets the video of championships from IAAF. After discussion, Committee will work with Adam Schmenk on securing videos. New brochure about Race Walking needed. Maryanne asked for two volunteers to create the brochure. **Action Item: Bert Pickrell and Carolee Stephens volunteered and set a working time frame of two months to get a working copy of the brochure done.**

New ideas for talent identification needed:

- Information sheet about how to move running into race walking. Vince did one last year, it is on his computer.
- A school introduction program that would be written up in outline form with sort of a "RW in a Box."
- An idea that needs no funding, just a person to do it was mentioned by Bill Pollinger. Give out the list universities and colleges offering RW scholarship opportunities at Spring Track Clinic in your area.
- AC Jaime expresses that we have to work with kids.
- High School Rulebook lists rules of race walking again this year.
- Provide coaches with basic training following the "Learn by Doing" seminars held in Illinois.

AC Jaime reported on the Junior Camp in Pharr, Texas from December 26-31 has opening for 25 athletes (15 & older). Cost is \$200.

Diane Graham-Henry reported on development of DVD. Currently has lots of footage - 15K, Junior 15K, JO age specific footage, etc. Also program will have clinic instruction, some historic information, training programs and interviews with Olympians. Contact Diane for more information.

Medical Services: Maryanne Daniel reported that there is new protocol for using inhalers. USATF hotline can be called to get information.

Athletes for the Disabled - AC Linnerud Athletes are categorized by disability. Their events need track and field officials. See Barbara Chambers, Chair of Athletes for the Disabled, 291 Comfort Dr., Henderson, NV 89074 bcamb8677@aol.com if interested in volunteering. Contact: Brian Walker, National Wheelchair Games will be held in Milwaukee, WI, June 19-23, 2007. Art Klein agreed to cover Athletes for the Disabled for AC in Honolulu at 2007 Annual Meeting. Everyone is entitled to a fair, equal opportunity to compete - the Americans for Disability Act has teeth in it.

IAAF - Bob Bowman, member IAAF Race Walking Committee
Written report available. The IAAF Race Walking Committee met on May 15th in LaCoruna, Spain, the site of the 2006 IAAF Race Walking World Cup. The major items discussed were:

- Examination Seminar for the selection of the International Race Walking Judges (Level III) Panel for 2007-2010. Also as mentioned before, an English speaking Level II seminar was held in June, 2006 in Indianapolis.
- Race Walking Challenge series including 2006 Overview, 2007 Dates, and Regulations and 2007 Final.
- Future Event Reports - Osaka 2007, Cheboksary 2008
- Information Technology - SEIKO update of data collection and display system
- Area Reports

Race Walking Committee voted to support Bob Bowman's nomination and re-election to the IAAF RW committee.

Site Selection - Mike Rohl Written report available. 2007 Open Men's and Women's National Race Walking Championships/Grand Prix events with Prize money started *.

Jan 28	*USA 50km Race Walk Championship (M & W)	Chula Vista, CA
Feb 2	USA 1 Mile Indoor Championship (M & W)	Millrose Games
Feb 24-25	*AT&T USA Indoor Track & Field Championship (5000m Men, 3000m Women)	Boston, MA
Mar 17	*Pan Am Cup Trials (10km JR Men & Women, 20km SR Men & Women)	Palmetto Bay, FL
Jun 2	*USA 10km Race Walk Championship (OM, OW)	Niagara Falls, NY
June 23-24	*AT&T USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships (20km Men and 20Km Women; 10Km JR Men and Women)	Indianapolis, IN
Aug 19	USA 15km Nationals (M & W, Jr. M & W) Bruce Leasure info@twincitiesracewalking.org	Minneapolis, MN
Sep 16	*USA 40 Km Race Walk Championship (SR Men & Women, Masters Men and Women)	NJ
Oct 6	*USA 5km Race Walk Championship (Open, JR. and Masters Men and Women)	Kingsport, TN
Oct 14	*USA 1 Hour National Championship (Open, JR, Masters Men and Women)	Waltham, MA
Oct 28	USA 30Km Race Walk National Championships (Open and Masters Men and Women)	Hauppauge, NY

All 2008 events are up for bids except for 15m National, 50K (Masters/Open Women), 50K Olympic Trials, and 20K Open Men/Women Olympic Trials.

Gary Westerfield - Junior women race at Outdoor Championship needs to be on Sunday in Indianapolis, IN June 23-24.

If you need information site selection, call Mike Rohl 570-772-5188 (cell) or 570-662-4645 (office). Don't call 3-5 or at 9:00 when putting the kids to bed.

Committee voted to accept the site selection subcommittee report.

Coach's Education - Wayne Armbrust reported coach's education hopes to update deficiencies in graphics part of the RW Level I course.

Event Reports

- World Cup, La Coruna, Spain May 2006 - written report provided by Head Manager, Bill Pollinger. In summary, the World Cup was a clear success for the US team. Good transportation, and housing removed many concerns.
- Outdoor Championship - Indianapolis, IN - Cheryl Sunman Suggestions: Add extra lap at start so athletes have only 3/4 lap at finish. Have clocks on course at start. Sufficient judges remaining on course to properly judge remaining athletes when first finishers move into stadium. Other recommendations were made in June at time of event.
- 50K National Championship - Clermont, FL Sandy DeNoon reported that we had 12 finishers. Suggestion made to focus on team competition.
- USA-Canada Dual Meet - Minneapolis, MN AC Jaime reported good meet with good assistant in Heidi Hauch. USA won overall title, with the women winning and the men's squad losing. Dual USA/Canada Meet will be August 12, 2007 in Hauppauge, NY.

Additional event - the first NACAC open area competition is planned to be held in 2007 (20km Men and Women). **Action Item: Vince will get date and add to our calendar.**

USATF is not sending a team to the World University Games.

Law & Legislation - Ray Funkhouser reported on L & L items tabled from 2005.

Art 9(H) - Amends procedures for committee elections. Deletes statement about 5 members of the Committee may request assistance of Organizational Services. Approved as amended.

Art 13(B) - In order to participate as a USATF Committee member, an individual must be a member of USATF. Approved.

Art 15 - Implementation, Makeup, Duties and responsibilities of RRTC. Rejected.

Art 17 - Coaches Advisory Committee - changes in makeup of committee. Approved as amended.

Every committee's operating procedures will be reviewed by L&L for consistency and have operating procedures published in the Governance Manual.

RW Grand Prix Report – Michael Roth absent – Report given by Vince Peters Vince reported that Grand Prix races had good participation with 55 men and 45 women scoring at least 1 point. Also more events had prize money in 2006. 2007 Grand Prix has an end of the year bonus in it. A tri-fold pamphlet will be created and distributed to highlight the Grand Prix series. College athletes do not earn prize money, but can turn in expenses. In 2007, it is hoped to add local youth races in conjunction with the event to promote race walking (recommended distance is 1000m or 2000m). Announcement was also made that Mike Roth is moving to North Carolina and will be getting married. Congratulations, Mike!

Associations - Bruce Leasure stated he had no report. However, he did present the question about how to bring in LDR community, who is not much interested in race walking. General discussion followed, no action.

Ethics Report - Bill Pollinger A National Ethics Code was finished in October. It was reviewed and approved by USOC, USATF Board approved, and Code will be implemented as June 1, 2007. Request is that all associations adopt the National Ethics Code and procedures for handling complaints.

Masters - Carolee Stephens. Discussion and concerns were expressed about the appropriateness of road courses used by the Masters Committee for their National 10K Championship. Also concern expressed as to whether the Masters Committee has Representative who checks to be sure proper planning is being implemented for the road event at the National Championship. It appeared that no person from the North Carolina local organizing committee was knowledgeable enough about race walking to prepare adequately for the event. **Action Item: The Race Walking Committee voted to have our chair discuss the situation with the new chair of Masters Track & Field on a one to one basis.**

The Race Walk Committee broke into regions to do planning for regional race walk events.

Meeting recessed 11:50 a.m.

General Session III- Saturday, December 2, 2006
10:00 - 11:50 am Hyatt- Salon A

Meeting called to order by Vince Peters, Chair at 10:00 a.m. Committee sign-in with verification of association delegates in attendance confirmed the RW committee had a quorum to conduct business.

Reports/Announcements/Business

NACAC report - Gary Westerfield reported that he and Ron Daniel had been appointed to a NACAC walking committee. Proposal of a NACAC Cup for Under 23, but countries in the area do not want to fund.

2006 Race Walk Committee Awards

As announced at the breakfast, the following received awards:

Joanne Dow - Ron Zinn Outstanding Female Race Walker
Kevin Eastler - Ron Zinn Outstanding Male Race Walker
Katy Hayes - Henry Laskau Outstanding Junior Female Race Walker
Mike Kazmierczak - Henry Laskau Outstanding Junior Male Race Walker
Indiana - Outstanding Association
Don DeNoon - Mike Riban Outstanding Contributor

Grand Prix Awards:

Individual

Men

1st Tim Seaman
2nd Ray Sharp
3rd Kevin Eastler
4th Matt Boyles

Women

1st Jolene Moore
2nd Deb Huberty
3rd Maria Michta
4th Teresa Vaill

5th Dave McGovern
6th Mike Tarantino

5th Heidi Hauch
6th Joanne Dow

Team

Men

1st Versano Chocolate
2nd Pegasus Athletic Club
3rd Shore Athletics

Women

1st Pegasus Athletic Club
2nd Indiana Race Walkers
2nd Walk USA
2nd Southern California Race Walkers
2nd Chicago Walking Club

Al Heppner Memorial Scholarship was presented to Patrick Stroupe, Fayette, MO. Patrick is a senior at Central Methodist University in Missouri and was a member of our 2006 NACAC U23 team.

Vince expressed appreciation and thanks to the Race Directors of the RW Grand Prix Series: Bobby Baker, 5Km; Allen James, 10Km; Bruce Leasure, 15Km; Cheryl Sunman, 20Km; Philip Dunn, 30Km; Elliott Denman, 40Km; Justin Kuo, 1 Hour; Gary Westerfield, World Cup Trials.

Equipment/Facilities - Dale Mulanax Only topic of concern to race walking at the meeting was the discussion of track cortication.

Association Update - This year background checks on people who work directly with youth age athletes is required. Each association has their own person who handles this. Every person who works directly with youth should go through the process. Check with your association on forms and procedures.

Road Running Technical Council - The job of this group is the certification of Road Racing courses. David Katz is the AIMS certifier for USA. Justin Kuo is on that committee. The committee's newsletter entitled "Measurement" is a resource for anyone wanting to certify a road course.

No new business was brought up.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m.

Scientific Services - Jan Price was late for our last session due to other meeting commitments and was unable to present the information she want to provide. She asked include in our minutes, cautions about using herbal remedies without checking with your doctor. She especially cautioned about the use of black cohosh (linked to liver damage), pomegranate juice (linked to interference with common medications), Yohimbe and Noni Juice (excess potassium). A final caution about fat burners - in Jan's words - there is no good fat burner.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Mulanax, Secretary
January 15, 2007

