

**Minutes of USATF Race Walking Committee
USATF Annual Meeting Waikiki, Hawaii**

**General Session I - Thursday, November 29, 2007
1:00 pm Sheraton Waikiki, Honolulu Room**

Meeting called to order by Vince Peters, Chair at 1:15 ~~ap~~.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 acknowledged that while progress has been made, he had no earth shattering news for us. He summarized 2007 for us recognizing events from AC Jaime's "very ably organized Junior Race Walk Camp in Pharr, TX" thru Lauren Forgues' silver medal in the Junior 10K Pan American Race Walk Cup and the achievements of the 2007 Grand Prix Champions, Jolene Moore and Matt Boyles. Much of his report centered on the progress from the Talent ID Initiative and the identification of coaches as the biggest need for youth. ~~His complete report is available in written form for anyone wishing a copy.~~

Vice Chair, Steve Vaitones - He reported being busy helping the chair in anyway requested. Rules and standards were not a big issue during this year. Most importantly, Steve reported that he was talking over the responsibility of keeping the race walk web site updated and the updating of results would be handled by Mike Randall, a member of the Miami Valley Track Club. Gary Westerfield made a recommendation that the results indicate whether an event was sanctioned and on a certified course. Steve accepted the recommendation as a good idea.

Rules Subcommittee Report - Since Steve was available, issues concerning Rules were discussed now. Only issue was **Item #69** which would amend Rule 232.5a to add "No circuit shall be shorter than 1000m." Motion made by Dave Gwyn to approve Item # 69 as written. Motion seconded. Vince made a motion to amend the wording to "Should" not "Shall." Motion seconded and after discussion amendment to motion approved. Committee then voted to approve the motion as amended. Item #69 would read: "No circuit should be shorter than 1000m."

The other rules topic was **Item #7** which was actually a 2006 tabled item. Gary Westerfield had proposed an amendment to Rule 232.2 Last year the item has been tabled until it could be taken to the IAAF and discussed there. Questions arose as the whether our IAAF representative to the IAAF Walking Committee had followed the wishes of our committee in bringing the topic up and whether there is sufficient scientific and linguistic data to support the proposed change. After committee discussion, Gary withdrew the submission indicating that more a more scientific supported base for the proposal was being developed.

Bob Hersh, IAAF Vice President visited the Race Walking Committee at this point and elaborated on the issue that occurred at Osaka revolving around participation in the Jury of Appeals. His most important point is that the result is that the IAAF is discussing ways to clarify the rules about who can participate in a Jury of Appeals. He also reported that the 2010 World Cup would be in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Secretary, Ginger Mulanax - Reminded committee that the revised agendas were available and ~~the~~ to follow it for RW meetings, not the ~~initial printed~~ schedule ~~that was handed out in the convention packages~~. The Secretary also reminded delegates that the voting rights of their associations should be checked in order preserve voting rights in committee.

Treasurer, Sean Albert - not present, but information provided by Chair. All of the RW committee's 2007 budget has not been spent, but will be ~~by the~~ end of year with reimbursements for various expenses. 2008 Budget requests include: \$11,030 for RW Championships, \$2,120 for RW Trials, \$50,008 for World/Pan American RW Cup, \$28,320 for RW Development (non-PPF), \$10,500

for 50K RW Trials Prize Money, and \$9019 for RW Committee. Vince reported that as of now the following items had been approved for the 2008 Budget: \$8,000 (RW Championships/Grand Prix), \$2000 for the RW Trials, \$48,000 for the World/Pan American RW Cup (roughly \$2000 per person), \$10,500 RW Prize money, \$6000 committee expenses. Items still being discussed are the funding for the Junior Team and the RW Development. Budget committee will continue to meet and more information might be available later. All expenses needing reimbursement for 2007 should be submitted by December 31, 2007.

Operating Procedures - At the 2006 Convention, the RW Committee had tabled two items that would amend the RW Operating Procedures. The first item concerned revision the staff selection procedure and the second item concerned the composition of the site selection committee. Chair appointed a temporary subcommittee of three - Ron Daniel, Diane Graham-Henry and Jo Burrows - to review all proposals and combine into a unified proposal for amending the RW Operating Procedures. The Subcommittee was to report back at the 1:00 p.m. meeting on Dec. 30. One question arose as to whether or not, amendments approved could be implemented immediately or would we have to wait to implement after January 1, 2008. Dan Pierce agreed to investigate with our legal and parliamentary sources and report back an answer.

Association Subcommittee Report - Bruce Leasure, RW representative to Associations Committee, reported that the Associations committee was in the process of adding criteria to define what constitutes an Association Championship. The purpose is to have some criteria to verify that associations are actually holding viable championships. Also the Association Committee has approved the adding ~~of a criteria~~ of criteria requiring the implementation of the Coach's Background Check to the Association Accreditation program.

Law and Legislation Subcommittee Report - Ray Funkhouser reported that two items were important to the RW committee. Item 22b stated that the USATF RW Committee shall make recommendations for the IAAF Walking Committee. No discussion - approved. Item B2-b defined what an active coach is. After discussion, the committee recommended that Ray Funkhouser, our representative to the L & L committee, express our negative sentiments concerning the proposal and our wish to have a more definitive definition of active coach and a better explanation as to the need for such a designation.

Coaching Education Subcommittee - Wayne Armbrust reported that the Level I and II schools needed updated RW coaching information approximately 30 minutes in length. Suggestions were made about various possibilities for sources. One was Chris Rael, So. Cal, who is working with NAIA RWers. Other possibility is Frank Algoni's DVD which would need to be evaluated and reformatted. Wayne also reported that a Podium Conference is to be held in Las Vegas hosted by Brooks Johnson and Sue Humphreys. **Dave McGovern volunteered to attend for the RW committee.** A previous High Performance Development committee meeting was held in Houston. Chair, Vince Peters, had appointed Chris Rael to attend. Chris will report to the committee later about the Conference. Diane Graham-Henry is also developing a coaching education DVD for use with Youth, but adaptable to other situations. All materials and/or sources being suggested for inclusion should be sent to Diane, Vince, Wayne and Bruce Leasure for review and evaluation.

Official Committee - Ron Daniel made the following recommendations:

- 1) In 2008, use the RW handbook as criteria for upgrading judges. The handbook gives minimum criteria with the long term result being improved judging quality and consistency.
- 2) RW Handbook update will be finalized for use when recertification is done.
- 3) Ron wants specific questions from people about judging procedure.
- 4) Ron would like a video that really could be used to evaluate judges. Anyone having videos they have used, he would appreciate getting a copy of them.
- 5) More investigation into Gary Westerfield's paper.

6) Course consideration at Osaka led Ron to write a review. Anyone wanting a copy can contact him at rondaniel@sbcglobal.net

7) Discussed the issue of the Chief Judge's decision in the last 50 meters. Rule 230.1a uses the term "obvious." Question arose about what "obvious" means - obvious to the non-RW person watching or an obvious change in technique. Although Ron's decision as Chief Judge in Osaka was overturned, Rule 119 indicates an investigation can be reopened if new evidence is found. Ron plans to pursue that since a TV video of the finish has become available.

Reports from 2007 Championships

50K National Championship, Jan 28 Chula Vista—Vista - Philip Dunn reported good conditions and weather. He indicated that walking in the event and being meet director was difficult. He also reported some construction on the course and carpeting was used overcome a problem area. The area of the course is in process of being redeveloped and the road is in need of reconstruction. There were 5 women in the race with 4 finishing. Kevin Eastler made the B ~~standard,standard~~; Mark Green set a Master 50-54 record. A 10 and 20K race was held concurrently.

US vs. Canada Dual, August 12 - Sandy DeNoon, coach, and Gary Westerfield, meet director, ~~reported, reported~~. Overall good day. Teams scores were a tie between the US and Canada. Recommendation from medical director that coaches/staff have some basic medical information about each athlete readily available in case of an emergency. In conjunction with the US/Canada Dual, a NACAC Development Cup was held. This is the second time Hauppauge, NY has held the event. The event divided the field into two year age groups. Stella Cashman was the manager. The 2008 US vs. Canada will be hosted in British Columbia on either August 9 or 16. Qualifying for the team will be at the USATF Junior Nationals in Columbus, Ohio.

Pan American RW Cup, Brazil Diane Graham-Henry reported. Dan O'Brien was manager; Allen James was coach. Diane reported the area was awesome, place was spotless and safe, food could have been better, organizers were fantastic. 50K was hot, but started before sun was up. Hottest race was the Junior Women. Junior men competed in dark. Our athletes did an outstanding job - earning the men's trophy and Lauren Forgues medaling.

Recessed 4:00 p.m.

General Session II - Friday, November 30 11:15 Sheraton Waikiki, Oahu & Waiialua Room

Meeting called to order by Secretary, Ginger Mulanax. Committee sign-in with verification of association delegates in attendance confirmed the RW committee had a quorum to conduct business. Chair, Vince Peters, was at the Budget meeting to speak for the needs of the RW committee, and Vice Chair, Steve Vaitones was at a Rules meeting speaking for the RW committee.

The meeting started with announcements:

1. Master's RW Chair, Bob Fine, spoke to the committee about the concerns of Master RWers. He solicited names, addresses, age, club and emails of Master RWers. Bob's email is bobfine@bellsouth.net and would like to continue collecting information.

2. Bill Pollinger, member of the Ethics Committee, spoke to the committee about ethics problems surrounding track and field. In light of the Jury of Appeals issue at Osaka, Bill talked about what "recusal" means. Bill explained that if any-if any person has a conflict or a potential for conflict, that person must put themselves-t themselves in a position not to influence any vote. The IAAF has adopted a a policy, but did not provide any

Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.25"

Formatted: Indent: Hanging: 0.25"

procedures or rules. USATF rules and ~~regulations~~ only apply to persons of responsibility. It does not specifically ~~relate~~ ~~relate~~ to jury of appeals or matters arising out of competitive issues, it only ~~applies~~ ~~applies~~ to the administrative level. The USATF's Board of Directors is trying to ~~bo~~ ~~bo~~ broaden the concept, but is undecided how to ~~implement it~~ ~~handle~~. Currently, the ~~Board~~ ~~h~~ ~~Board~~ ~~h~~ has directed the Ethics Committee and the Association Committee to ~~put~~ ~~put~~ together a Code of Ethics for Associations. It is hoped that such a Code ~~will~~ ~~will~~ help the associations understand better how to avoid conflicts of interest. Bill ~~is~~ ~~is~~ requesting that any association or person who works under or has a Code ~~of~~ ~~of~~ Ethics to share it with him.

Site Selection Sub Committee Report - Chair, Vince Peters appointed Dave McGovern as chair of the committee. The following is the 2008 Race Walking National Championship Schedule:

- Jan. 6 50k (OW, MM, MW) – Houston, TX – Dave Gwynn jesfine@houston.rr.com
- Feb. 1 1 Mile (OM, OW) – New York, NY – Gary Westerfield – garyw@optonline.net
- Feb. 9 50k Olympic Trials (OM) – Miami-Dade, FL
www.usatf.org/events/2008/OlympicTrials-RW
- Feb. 23-24 Indoor Track & Field Championships (3,000m OW & 5,000m OM) – Boston, MA –
www.usatf.org/Elite
- Mar. 28-30 Masters Indoor Track & Field Championships – Boston, MA –
www.usatf.org/events/2008/USAMastersIndoorTFChampionships/
- Mar. 30 World Cup Trials (10k JM, JW, 20k OM, OW) – www.usatf.org
- Apr. 27 20k (MM, MW) – Clermont, FL – Don Denoon – noonwalk_99@yahoo.com
- May 18 15k (MM, MW) – Riverside, CA – Dave Snyder
- June 1 10k (OM, OW) – Albany, NY – Don Lawrence – walk2agoal@yahoo.com
- June 20-22 Junior Outdoor Track & Field Championships – Columbus, OH –
www.usatf.org/events/2008/USAJuniorOutdoorTFChampionships/
- June 24-29 Youth Outdoor Track & Field Championships – Charlotte, NC –
www.usatf.org/events/2008/USAYouthOutdoorTFChampionships/
- July 5-6 20k Olympic Trials (OM, OW) – Eugene, OR –
www.usatf.org/events/2008/OlympicTrials-TF/
- Jul. 22-27 Junior Olympic Track & Field Championship – Omaha, NE –
www.usatf.org/events/2008/USATFJuniorOlympicTFChampionships/
- Aug. 17 15k (OM, OW, JM, JW) - Minneapolis, MN - Bruce Leasure –
racewalk-mn@comcast.net
- Sep. 14 40k (OM, OW, MM, MW) – Ocean Township, NJ - Elliott Denmen –
Elliottden@aol.com
- Oct. 4 5k (OM, OW, JM, JW, MM, MW) Kingsport, TN – Bobby Baker –
RLBaker@chartertn.net
- Oct 12 1 Hour (OM, OW, JM, JW, MM, MW) – Waltham, MA – Justin Kuo –
JKuo@usatfne.org
- Oct 26 20k (JM, JW), 30k (OM, OW, MM, MW) – Hauppauge, NY – Gary Westerfield –
garyw@optonline.net

Committee voted to accept the report of the Site Selection Committee

Report on High Performance Development Meeting/Houston Chris Rael reported that for 2008 There will be two areas of primary push: 1) technical and analytical feedback to coaches and athletes using Dartfish technology, and 2) exposing more coaches to Level I, II, III curriculum and the Podium Education Project. Specifically for RWing, we have one 20K A standard qualifier - Kevin Eastler and three B standard qualifiers - Tim Seaman, 20K, Kevin Eastler, 50K, and Teresa Vaill, 20K. Currently we have 13 qualifiers for Men's 50K Olympic Trials in February. Other High Performance Initiatives that apply to race walking include Talent ID Program, NAIA, South Texas Walking, Chula Vista Olympic Training Center and a new program in Southern California

Association (training NAIA All-American champions). Chris reminded us that funding is based on the ability of Race Walking to achieve medals at international competitions. He also reminded the committee that HP Development grant funding renewal is contingent on demonstrated success verified through data presented in annual reports.

Records - Justin Kuo

Two items for recommended for ratification: Zach Pollinger's Men's American Junior Record Road 5km 22:14 achieved at Lima, Peru May, 2005 and Maria Michta's Women's American Junior Record Road 5K 23:44 achieved Lima, Peru May, 2005. Eight Master records were recommended for ratification. Two Master records were not recommended for approval. One because the appropriate number of national/master judges were not judging and the other because the athlete did not walk the correct number of laps. **Committee approved recommendations.**

1:45 p.m. Note: The Chair ~~arrived~~ returned from his Budget Committee meeting and took over chairing the committee second general meeting.

Operating Procedure: Subcommittee reported back with recommendations. After discussion and review the following was approved by the committee as amendments to the Race Walk Operating Procedures. Dan Pierce reported that it was okay for the amendments to go into effect immediately. The committee voted to put the new amendments into effect as of midnight Nov 30, 2007.

Amendment 1 applies to Section 11 - Team Staff Selection - and replaces the current Section 11.C5a, 11.C5b and 11.C6.

5 Special categories:

a Athletes: Active athletes, in addition to meeting basic criteria in 11.C. 1-4, may be considered for a team staff position. Should they be selected, their acceptance to the staff position will declare them ineligible to accept an athlete position on the corresponding team, nor ~~to~~ compete in that team's selection race. *(Vince, this is the way my notes read, Diane had the word "not" to compete. There is a world of difference between the two words and their meaning) I believe it was "nor" and without the "to" (Vince)*

Formatted: No underline, Font color: Auto

b Judges as Staff: Any person who judges at the team selection race is not eligible to be a member of the team staff.

6 Frequency of Service: No individual shall serve on a team staff more than twice in the same Olympiad. The chair is an exception to this rule when serving as chef de mission at the request of the President of USATF.

Amendment 2 applies to Section 13 - Championship Site Selection - and replaces the current 13C, 1-4.

Committee Composition: The makeup of the subcommittee shall reflect the broad range of participation in and with this Committee and include the following members:

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 competed in an international competition in the last 10 years; and selected by the Chair of the Race Walk Committee.

3 Official: One (1) member of the Race Walk Committee's Officials' Subcommittee, selected by the Chair of the Race Walk Committee.

4 Two representatives selected by the Masters Race Walk Committee, preferably one (1) male and one (1) female active in race walking.

5 Coordinator of RW Grand Prix Circuit

IAAF - Bob Bowman, member IAAF Race Walking Committee reported to the committee. Written report available. The IAAF Race Walking Committee met on Feb 24, 2007 in Monaco. The major items discussed were:

- Review of competition rule change proposals in view of the 2007 IAAF Congress.
- Evaluation of the results emerging from the 2006 IAAF Level III Judging Seminar held in Paris.
- Overview of the annual Race Walking Challenge series of competitions, and the first Final to take place in Saransk, Russia.
- Review of other major competitions in the Areas including the Osaka World Championships.

The IAAF Race Walking Committee discussed the following rule changes:

Rule 230.1 - Amending the definition of Race Walking to replace current definition with one that incorporated biomechanical terms. After discussion, committee did not support proposal.

Rule 230.10(a) - Amending the length of the circuit to not longer than 2.5 km and no shorter than 1km. IAAF Congress in Osaka approved the change.

Rule 269.29(b) - Amend length of circuit for World Record to same as above. IAAF Congress in Osaka approved the change.

The Level III Judges Panel for 2007-2010 was increased by 4 to consist of 34 judges. Committee discussed the possibility of adding a special panel for Chief Judges and Recorders. A schedule was approved for evaluation of Level II judges. The evaluation should occur in first year following the Level III Seminars which would be 2008. IAAF Race Walking committee plans to review a draft Code of Ethics at its next meeting. Committee also discussed a proposal for evaluating Level III judges and the IAAF Race Walking Challenge. Bob also reported that certification for Level II judges will done in English only at Toluca, Mexico in the summer of 2008.

Update on Olympic Trials

50K - Brian Brase and Robin Beamon reported that the major change is the location of the course. Event is still hosted by the Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department of Miami, FL. The previous location can not be used and the new course will be Crandon Park on Key Biscayne Island. More specific information for the athletes was provided in a separate packet. Vince will be going to area after convention with AIMS certifier to finalize the course. Event date was changed to February 9, 2007.

20K - update presented by representatives of the Eugene 08 committee with Jim Bean, RW representative for Oregon Association. Website: www.eugene08.com. A separate athlete information packet was provided. Group reported that the Hilton will be the athlete hotel. The course will be a 1000m loop with start and finish in Stadium. Race Walk Committee expressed concern about the possible narrowness of course due to vendors being located along one outer edge.

Standards - Steve reported that the Executive Committee recommended some adjustments to standards and the committee approved the following:

Indoor Nationals Standards:

Women: 3000m Race Walk 14:40.00 (Mile Race Walk 7:30.00) or 7:20? (whatever it was - Vince)20)
Men: 5000m Race Walk 22:00.00 (3000m Race Walk 12:45.00)

Formatted: Font color: Auto

Formatted: Font color: Auto

Junior Outdoor Standards:

Jr. Men: 10,000m Race Walk 55:15.00; 5000m Race Walk 25:30.00;
3000m Race Walk 15:00.00
Jr. Women: 10,000m Race Walk 59:45.00; 5000m Race Walk 28:30.00;
3000m Race Walk 16:30.00
Jr. Men 10Km 51:00; 5Km 25:30
Jr. Women 10Km 55:00; 5Km 28:30 3000m 16:00.

Formatted: Font: Times New Roman, 11 pt

Formatted: Font: Times New Roman, 11 pt

Formatted: Font: Times New Roman, 11 pt

Formatted: Font: Times New Roman, 11 pt

Formatted: Font: Times New Roman, 11 pt

Formatted: Font color: Gray-80%

2008 Olympic Trials had already been established and continue as follows: Men 50Km - 4:45:00; Men 20Km 1:36:00; and Women 20Km 1:48:00,

World Cup Standards:

50Km Men - 4:35; 20Km Men - 1:36; 20Km Women - 1:48
Junior Men 10Km - :49; Junior Women 10Km - :53

50Km times must be achieved at the 50Km Olympic Trials; 20Km and Junior times must be achieved at the World Cup Trials Competition.

For the committee's information, the IAAF approved Olympic Standards and qualifying times are as follows.

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

Finally, the chair noted that the RW Operating Procedures allow the chair to deal with exceptional problems that might arise in filling teams.

USATF President Bill Roe spoke briefly with the RW committee. He talked about the importance of RW determining our own standards. He also reported that NACAC is trying to rename and set up viable area competitions. NACAC has a new President, Teddy McCook. He also commented on the lack of progress between the NCAA and RW and recognized that we needed the support from our National Office and the USOC. He admitted that the conversations that Craig Masback should have had with the NCAA have not occurred.

Staff Selection - Chair, Vince Peters, appointed a Staff Selection committee that would meet Saturday afternoon to review applications and select 2008 staff. He appointed Cheryl Lemons, Jolene Moore, Philip Dunn, Diane Graham-Henry, along with himself.

Officials - Ron Daniel gave an updated report based on his attendance at the officials general meeting. He mentioned that currently USATF has approximately 8300 certified officials and that typically another 2000 certify in the last year of the Olympiad. He also reported that the officials committee has determined that for recertification, an official only needs to take the appropriate level test, not all. New officials test with have page and rule number to facilitate the rules review, but that the other levels of tests would not have references. Another decision of the officials committee that impacts is that officials must also belong to USATF to become a certified official.

Training Elementary Coaches - AC Jaime spoke of his concern about low return rate of youth athletes in track and field. He encourages us to recognize the strong need to build youth programs that will be strong ongoing and inclusive. He believes that the way to build ongoing participation in race walking is to provide instruction and a training model for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, eventually extending through 6th and 7th. Consequently, he and others are working a book that would explain

and show the technique of race walking and hope to make it available to coaches. He wants to target training for elementary coaches and inclusion in the PE curriculum starting in Farr, TX. He dreams of a scenario of elementary PE classes teaching race walking one day of week with the program leading to intra and inter school competitions. He believes he can promote the program by stressing the value as injury prevention and building physical stamina. He also believes that this would an effective way of getting more involvement in race walking.

Meeting recessed 3:50

General Session III Dec 1, 2007

10:00 a.m. Sheraton Waikiki Iao Needle and Akaka Falls Rooms

Meeting called to order by Vince Peters, Chair.

2007 Race Walk Committee Awards - As announced at the breakfast, the following received awards:

Teresa Vaill - Ron Zinn Outstanding Female Race Walker
Kevin Eastler - Ron Zinn Outstanding Male Race Walker
Lauren Forgues - Henry Laskau Outstanding Junior Female Race Walker
Ricardo and Roberto Vergara - Henry Laskau Outstanding Junior Male Race Walker
Maine - Outstanding Association
Bart Hersey - Mike Riban Outstanding Contributor

Grand Prix Awards:

Individual

Men	Women
1-Matt Boyles	1-Jolene Moore
2-Kevin Eastler	2-Teresa Vaill
3-Tim Seaman	3-Maria Michta
Jr Men (two 1st, no 2nd, one 3rd)	Jr Women
1-Roberto Vergara (tie)	1-Diana Rado
1-Ricardo Vergara (tie)	2-Lauren Forgues
3-Evan Crowdus	3-Pamela Alva

Team

Men	Women (two 1st, no 2nd, one 3rd)
1 - Pegasus Athletic Club	1 - Pegasus Athletic Club (tie)
2 - Shore Athletic Club	1 - WalkUSA (tie)
3 - Varsano's Chocolates Racewalking	3 - Western Women Go The Distance

Al Heppner Memorial Scholarship will be presented to Maria Michta, New York. Vince expressed appreciation and thanks to the Race Directors of the RW Grand Prix Series. Diane Graham-Henry also announced that Jolene Moore got the cover and cover story in the Chicago Tribune magazine.

2007 USA RW Grand Prix Final Report - Submitted by: Michael Roth – Grand Prix Coordinator in written form. It is my deepest regret that I cannot attend the 2007 USATF Annual Meeting. As such, I have forwarded this report to Vince Peters to deliver in my absence. 2007 saw a

continuation of great successes in the RW Grand Prix (RWGP). The latest edition saw the following achievements:

Open Men

7 different individual champions
48 individual scorers
7 team scorers

Open Women

6 different individual champions
42 individual scorers
7 team scorers

Our first attempt at a Junior RWGP also was a success, producing:

Junior Men - 4 different individual champions; 12 individual scorers

Junior Women - 3 different individual champions; 26 individual scorers

Competition on all levels was fierce with awards being decided in the last race in nearly every division. I offer my congratulations to everyone for a job well done.

In an effort to continue to improve the RWGP, we will be instituting some needed changes to the Team declaration process. These changes will be made available once the final schedule of events is put together. It is my hope that these changes will eliminate the confusion of the last year and assure that everyone is competing with an equal understanding of the procedures in use.

Athlete for the Disabled - Art Klein ~~reported information about a book that Matt Lydum — a coach and sport science instructor at Defiance College has written. Matt became the project writer for a book titled “Coaching Youth Track & Field” to be published by Human Kinetics in Dec 2007. He prepared a chapter on coaches working with disabled athletes. As a coaching educator he has certified hundreds of high school coaches in the Great Lakes Region and around the country. He coordinates the Instructor Training Course for USAT&F. The book is supposed to be released on amazon.com at the special price of \$12.95. 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 beamb8677@aol.com if interested in volunteering. Everyone is entitled to a fair, equal opportunity to compete—the Americans for Disability Act has teeth in it.~~

Formatted: Font: Times New Roman, 11 pt, Font color: Auto

Formatted: Space Before: 0 pt, After: 0 pt, Line spacing: single

Formatted: Font: Times New Roman, 11 pt, Font color: Auto

Formatted: Font: Times New Roman, 11 pt, Font color: Auto

Formatted: Font: Times New Roman, 11 pt, Font color: Auto

Formatted: Font: Times New Roman, 11 pt, Font color: Auto

Formatted: Font: 11 pt, Font color: Auto

Sports Psychology - Don Lawrence attended the session held by Rick McGuire of University of Missouri entitled "Thinking Right." The session focused on mental training necessary between Olympiads. One source mentioned for coaches is Mental Athletes. Some ideas presented include how to utilize visualization and remembering to always to speak in the present.

Regional Meetings - Group broken into the four regions - North, South, East and West to create regional schedules. **Each region should be sure to give their schedule to Vince for inclusion on a composite calendar. Contact Vince at mv_tc@sbcglobal.net**

Announcement by Chair of success at the Budget meeting. The \$8000 for the Junior Program has been reinstated. The Junior Team will be able to attend the US vs Canada Dual in Victoria, British Columbia either Aug 9 or 16, 2008. He also announced that he had a meeting at 5:00 p.m. to discuss Tim Seaman's rejected request for physical therapy at the USOC Training Center at Chula Vista.

NACAC - Gary Westerfield confirmed that the Level II recertification would be held at Toluca, Mexico this summer in conjunction with a Under 23 Track and Field meet, July 17-19, 2008. At this time, he did not know if new people would be invited and he did not know about funding at this time.

Development - Philip Dunn/Maryanne Daniel Committee has had a difficult time getting funding for any programs. Diane Graham-Henry is continuing to work on educational video.

Flyer for the Talent ID initiative is available and information with criteria is online at the USATF website. Maryanne talked about the difficulty in getting the program off the ground this year. Therefore, the Talent ID did not have the gigantic success hoped for, but the grant was for five year so we still have time to find the success we want.

Medical Services - Maryanne expresses some frustration with being about to provide basic medical for out athletes. **Jo Burrows offered to help Maryanne work to secure medical care for RW athletes.**

Law & Legislation - Ray Funkhouser updated the committee. Basically, the word "Race" was left in 22b and the issue with what is an Active Coach was withdrawn.

New Business -

1) AC Jaime continued the discussion of his proposal about training elementary students in race walking techniques through inclusion in school PE curriculum. He will be making a presentation to the school board of Pharr, TX about the program. He solicited ideas and support for proving his case that teaching race walking can lead to an improvement in the health and physical well-being of students at a critical time in their lives. He concluded by thanking the committee for its support to his youth athletes.

2) Wayne Armbrust proposed that we consider using the Mexican Walk Week as our selection race for the World Cup and/or Pam American Cup. Bob Bowman reminded the committee that trial races can't be held in another federation.

3) Marjorie Holmes, RW New Mexico, told the committee of the death of Eugene Dix, a long time supporter of race walking in New Mexico and the USA. Plans are being made to name a race in Gene's honor.

4) Ginger Mulanax, secretary reminded the committee that 2008 in Reno would be an election year for the USATF National Race Walking Committee. All officers and at large representatives are up for election.

Resolutions - Bill Pollinger proposed that the USATF National RW Committee convey it best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jan Price. Committee voted to have our Chair, Vince Peters present, present this resolution at the USATF Closing Session, Sunday morning. (Was it Bill? - Vince)

Meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger Mulanax, Secretary
December 26, 2007