

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

**General Session I - Friday, December 4, 2009      8:00 am      Hyatt Regency E**

Meeting called to order by Vince Peters, Chair at 8:20 a.m. Sign in sheet of committee members 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 reported that Race Walking had been given a \$50,000 grant by USATF, but at this time it was not clear how we could access the grant. A development plan has been created and hopefully we will be able to fund some of the proposals in that plan. Millrose entry information has already been disseminated by email. The executive committee yesterday approved standards and Steve will be reporting on that later. Vince reported also that all of the funds from the Eugene contract are gone.

**Treasurer – Jo Burrows** – Jo presented the 2009 financial statement showing the Committee's income and expenses. A printed report is available. As of 12/4/09, the committee had spent \$25,752.84 allocated to us and we have \$6,636.66 left. That amount will be spent by 12/31/09 for annual meeting expenses and the Junior camp in Pharr, TX.

**Secretary- Ginger Mulanax** – Ginger reported on status of Grand Prix. 2009 results are in and compiled. Results will be posted on the Yahoo group. She also explained changes in 2010 Grand Prix. Dave Talcott will be handling the calculation of results and she will continue to handle the distribution of medals, bibs, banners. Ginger reported that awards for the Grand Prix are given in four categories – Open, Junior, Masters and Team. Each has their own scoring competitions which are available on the website. Masters results are age-graded. Only the Open category has a money award. Vince also reminded championship event directors that they should contact him about any unusual expenses and would try to help with them. Also Mike Roth stated that events directors should include team results when posting the race results. Ginger also gave the report from the **Organizational Services Committee**. She reported that three associations are not eligible to vote at this annual meeting. She also reported that Accreditation status letters will be mailed to each association in January. Associations will be notified if they have full or provisional accreditation. If they are provisional, then the association will be given a date (either March 1 or July 30) by which a plan for improvement has been developed and submitted to National office. Associations also need to remember to send in a report showing what each has done towards improvement. She encouraged each RW chair to help his/her association to develop a plan and to achieve that plan.

**Other committee reports**

**Athletes for the Disabled – Art Klein** Art reported that the current biggest issue facing the committee for the disabled is the inclusion of intellectually disabled athletes (IQ 75 or less). An additional criterion needs to be developed for the inclusion. He said that race directors might be asked to provide some additional support for those athletes. Dan Pierce gave as an example – help staying on course. Concern was expressed about the current USATF process for inclusion being difficult and additional needs might result in event directors being unwilling to host disabled events. Art reported that the International Paralympics Committee has readmitted the T20 (Intellectually Challenged) category.

**Rules Committee – Dan Pierce** reported that essentially all of the rules changes proposed for 2009 are for IAAF compliance. He brought the following items to the body for discussion.

Item 14 – Appeals – basically any appeal involving a race walk decision would have to include a RW judge on the appeals jury. Essentially the only RW decision appealable is the Chief Judge's decision to disqualify an athlete in last 100m. Discussion followed. Amendment proposed to clarify that the only

appealable decision related to the special powers of the Chief Judge. Amendment defeated. Discussion continued and another amendment was proposed to change the word “should” to “shall.”

Amendment passed. Item recommended as amended

Item 17 – after discussion and comment to be sure that the proposal only applies to non-judging issues, the committee took no action.

Item 69 – Item requires two assistant judges at all International Selection competitions. Motion made to amend Item 69 by adopting the IAAF wording. Approved.

Item 70 – approved as stated

Item 71 – committee requested that this item be taken back to the Rules committee for further study.

Item 72 – amendment proposed by Gary Westerfield, seconded by Sandy Denoon to have the Chief Judge or Chief Judge’s Assistant show the athlete the red paddle at the earliest opportunity after the athlete has finished the race.

Item 73 – committee voted to reject.

Dave Gwyn made a motion to add the 800m RW to **Item 6** (item adds a sub-bantam age group to youth competitions), seconded by Diane Graham-Henry. After discussion by the committee, Dave amended his motion: if the Sub Bantam age group was approved and that other events besides those currently listed be added for that age group, that the RW committee requests that the Youth Committee consider adding an 800 meter RW. Approved.

**Dan finished his report by inviting people who submit rule changes next year affecting RWing to funnel those proposals through him as our Representative on the Rules Committee. He plans to have knowledgeable people review the proposed rules in advance so that when we meet next year our rules discussion can be more organized and more productive.**

**Equipment and Facilities Subcommittee Report – Jo Burrows.** Jo reported on the meeting that occurred Thursday. Because many of our RW officials also officiate other events and by attending the RW meetings we miss discussions elsewhere, Jo provided a general overview of the business of the Equipment and Facilities Committee. Issue 1: Implement Inspectors currently only need to take an open book test to be certified. Problems have occurred because of the lack of experience of certified implement inspectors. The Subcommittee plans to work on establishing criteria so that persons certified as Implement Inspectors are more knowledgeable. Issue 2: Ongoing research is occurring on how to clean the surfaces of implement so certifying marks can be removed. Group doing this research will report back next year. Issue 3: the box collar (padding around the box) for pole vault. USATF has not approved but the high school federation is concerned about safety. Jo reported that officials should be aware of the issue. Issue 4 – Youth, Masters and WMA implement changes. Several changes have been approved. Noted especially was the .75 discus (will have the same specifications as 1kg discus so inspectors would use 1kg ring) and maximum for 4kg shot is 120mm (not the 110 listed in rulebook). Other changes should be reviewed and can be found in the 2010 USATF rulebook.

**Law and Legislation Subcommittee Report - Ray Funkhouser** provided an explanation about why the Proposed Regulations and By-laws submissions were so difficult to read. Issues such as no page numbers, a new National Office program that didn’t work quite right all lead to problems for constituents understanding the intent of changes. Also when the Youth Committee became its own division, unintended consequences occurred. So the primary purpose of these changes is to shift items that listed as Bylaws to Regulations because they really deal with procedures for doing things. He also explained that the final draft of change is being refined and that they still have meetings before the final draft will be ready for Sunday morning. Ray reviewed with the committee items still in clarification providing explanations of what the change means and asking for any committee preferences.

**Article 21:** Clarifies that Bylaw changes require a 2/3 vote; Regulation changes a simple majority. Also being changed in Article 21 is the requirement for how the members will be notified of proposed changes. Committee discussed the notice issue and expressed the desire for members receiving some type of notification, rather than the National Office just posting proposed changes on the website.

**Regulation 17F:** Staff selection for Olympics, World Championships and Pan American Games.

Ray explained that originally the National Office wanted the ability to appoint the staff, but that the L & L Committee opposed that. Compromise was that a group be formed to determine the pool (selected

staff and alternates) of those eligible for staff selection, staff appointments made with board approval, and the National Office could select a replacement staff from pool in case of an emergency. The purpose is to provide a more transparent procedure.

**Regulation 4:** USATF membership transfer rules changed. Essentially the 100 mile distance has been eliminated and requests for transfer to another association will be handled by National Office.

Also in Regulation 4 is an exception for RW teams that Ray noted.

**Regulation 7:** Criminal Background checks will be handled by National Office. Also 7.E.1.b.i will spell out in more detail what association championships need to be held. Currently the list is not finalized plus the Associations Committee has a proposal to move Association Championships from an Other Standards category to the Required category.

**Regulation 18.E.4:** being deleted and reworded to fit changes

**Regulation 18.H.1e:** The Selection Committee for championships may not self-select themselves.

Ray asked if there were any other portions of the proposed changes that the committee wished to review. Bill Pollinger requested we discuss Article 11.O (establishment of an independent ethics committee). First of all, Bill expresses his great dissatisfaction with the elimination of the current Ethics Committee. He expresses particular concern about the wording of the proposed change that in theory would make it possible for the entire 7 appointed members of the Ethics Committee to be replaced every two years. That possibility could endanger the continuity of the work of the Ethics Committee. **He made a motion to extend the two-year terms to four-years, to allow for reappointment of a member, and have three members appointed every even year and four every odd year to provide for staggered terms. Bruce seconded, approved. Ray was directed to take back our proposal to the L & L committee for consideration.**

**Masters RW** – Ray gave a quick update. He reported the Masters RW Subcommittee had functioned this year. Uncertainty, stemming from Bob Fine’s death, about medals, awards, and budget were not resolved until late in the year. The RW committee picked up providing medals for Masters after July 1 when we learned that there were not medals at Bob’s home. The Masters portion of the Grand Prix was held. It is age-graded so the first place winners in events are not necessarily the Masters Grand Prix winners. Essentially, the top three Masters in the Grand Prix are awarded plaques and awards given to top ten. The other awards category is Masters RW – awards given to 5 year age winners and the Outstanding Masters Male and Female walker is selected by the subcommittee. Ray reported that criteria has been established for the 5 year age winners. Dave Talcott will be tabulating the Grand Prix Masters list as he is the other. Age-graded tables can be found online at NARI or Racewalk.com. Currently Masters for RW starts at 35 and team issues do not affect Masters RW because there are no overall Master team awards for the Grand Prix. Cliff Elkins brought up the problem with large numbers of disqualified competitors at both the National State Games and the National Senior Games. No solution was given, but discussion occurred. One contributor to the problems is both organizations do nothing between their National Games or do anything to support state programs. Recommendation was made to work with each state. Bruce recommended that states be approached by suggesting we can provide an advantage to them that will help them. He said this would be a better selling point for RW. Gary Westerfield suggested that in the case of the Senior Games where athletes only want to walk to not use the bent knee rule and only focus on each competitor walking.

**Coaching Advisory** – Jim Bean reported that Coaching Advisory has hired an individual to run the program and that their executive board was changed from seven to eighteen. When he asked where race walking fit into the program, he was told that traditionally the distance running coach worked with the race walkers on international teams. Coaching Advisory’s primary concern at this point are the coaching duties of major competitions. Other coaches are selected through other processes for other teams.

**IAAF Race Walking Report** – Bob Bowman reminded committee that his full report is available on page 75 of the Annual Meeting Report booklet. Rules changes were all housekeeping and have already been reported on. Troublesome trend for RW officials is using names only on front. Bob reported that he was taking back to the IAAF Walking Committee Gary Westerfield’s recommendation both a number and name be on the front and a number on back. Bob indicated that his report provided a

summary of discussions that came out of the Level III judges' seminar held this year. One ongoing issue is giving cautions. The question keeps arising whether to keep cautions or eliminate cautions. So far the decision has been to keep cautions because some athletes feel it is beneficial. However, this rule is often applied contrary to the written rule itself. The definition is that a caution is given "when in danger", but judges often given cautions when a walker is illegal. Gary Westerfield reported that the international panels still want judges to give cautions. Bob reported that the Level III panel will be redone next year. Hopefully there will be 45 candidates (current active Level III and Level II judges who would be considered for Level III). The examination will be more situational, similar to the ITO test. Gary Westerfield reported that NACAC is being asked to have Level II (not in the U. S.) and he just awaiting word. *Note: Gary Westerfield reported at the USATF Final session Sunday morning that NACAC had approved the Level II Judging Clinic.*

**50km National Championship Report** – Philip Dunn. The turnout was very small. The highlight of the event was Trevor Barron setting a 20km Junior National record. The city of Santee did a great job of hosting the event.

**Americas' RW Cup Report** – Diane Graham-Henry. El Salvador was interesting. Group of athletes was good. Special appreciation goes to athletes who did not make qualifying times but paid their own way (Susan Randall and Ian Whatley). In particular, Susan doing that allowed the Women's team to get 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Housing was dormitory style, food was limited and uninteresting, and facilities for training were minimal. Team leader, Richard Roberts, did a great job coordinating transportation so that our athletes got the call room on time. Venue for race and competition was good; weather was hot. Next competition will be in 2011 in Columbia.

**2009 Eugene National Championships** – Jim Bean reported that 20km race walks started and finished in stadium and utilized the Agate Street for majority of course. Agate Street was a fast course and the plan is to use it for 2011 and for the next Trials in 2012. Because we have few entries, the organizing committee had asked that the 20K be a track race, but the RW executive committee based on wishes of our athletes said no. So the Agate Street course was used and proved to work well.

Session recessed for lunch at 12:05 and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

**General Session II - Friday, December 4, 2009 2:00p.m. Hyatt, Regency E, Indianapolis, IN**

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

**Law and Legislation Update** – Ray Funkhouser reported back to the committee on two issues. One concerned the Ethics Committee. He reported that the L & L committee had been working on it. Four-year staggered terms were approved with the option for members to serve an additional term. There will be five members. Second issue concerned the notification issue for regulation and bylaw changes. The decision was to provide email notification, as well as posting changes on website.

**Site Selection Subcommittee Report** – Dave McGovern explained the goal is to build a schedule that provides a logical progression of events to meet the needs of our athletes. He said that the subcommittee is continuing to try to alter the schedule to do this. He encouraged people to go out and work with their communities to bid on some of our championships. One additional distance they would like to put in is the 35 km held three-four weeks before the 50km.

### **2010 RW Grand Prix Schedule / USA Open Men's and Women's National Championships**

Jan 29 USA 1 Mile Championships – Madison Sq. Gardens (Millrose Games), NYC, NY – Vince Peters – mv\_tc@sbcglobal.net

Feb 7 USA 50 km RW National Championships – 7am – Surprise, AZ - Cliff Elkins <cliff\_elkins@yahoo.com> -

**www.usatf.org**

Feb. 27-28 USA Indoor Track & Field Championships (3,000m W & 5,000m M) – Albuquerque, NM – **www.usatf.org**

Apr 11 World RW Cup Team Selection (20k M&W, 10k Jr. M&W) – Ronkonkoma, NY – Gary Westerfield – garywesterfield@verizon.net  
 June 5 USA 10 km Race Walk Championships (OM, OW, JM, JW)– Albany, NY – Don Lawrence – walk2agoal@yahoo.com  
 Jun 24-27 USATF Outdoor Track & Field Championships (20k M & W) – Des Moines, IA. – [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org)  
 Aug 15 USA 15 km RW Nationals Championships (OM/OW & JM/JW) - Minneapolis, MN - Bruce Leasure – racewalk-mn@comcast.net  
 Sept. 12 USA 40 km RW National Championships (OM, OW, MM, MW) – Ocean Township, NJ - Elliott Denmen – Elliottden@aol.com  
 Oct 3rd USA 1 Hour RW National Championships (OM, OW, JM, JW, MM, MW) – Waltham, MA - Justin Kuo – JKuo@usatfne.org  
 Oct. 9 USA 5 km RW National Championships (OM, OW, JM, JW, MM, MW) – Kingsport, TN - Bobby Baker – RLBaker@chartertn.net  
 Oct 24 USA 30 km RW National Championships (OM, OW, MM, MW) – Ronkonkoma, NY – Gary Westerfield – garywesterfield@verizon.net

### **2010 RW Grand Prix for Juniors / USA Junior National Race Walk Championships**

Apr 11 World RW Cup Team Selection (20k M&W, 10k Jr. M&W) – Ronkonkoma, NY – Gary Westerfield – garywesterfield@verizon.net  
 Apr 24<sup>th</sup> Penn Relays Olympic Development RWs (10,000m M/5,000m W) – Philadelphia, PA - Jeff Salvage – campsavlage@yahoo.com  
 June 5 USA 10 km Race Walk Championships (OM, OW, JM, JW) – Albany, NY – Don Lawrence – walk2agoal@yahoo.com  
 Jun. 26-27 USA Junior Outdoor Track & Field Championships (10,000m Jr. M&W) – Drake University – Des Moines, IA. – [www.usatf.org/events](http://www.usatf.org/events)  
 Aug 15 USA 15 km RW Nationals Championships (OM/OW & JM/JW) - Minneapolis, MN - Bruce Leasure – racewalk-mn@comcast.net  
**Aug TBD USA vs. Canada Junior Dual** – TBD, Canada – Vince Peters <mv\_tc@sbcglobal.net> [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org)  
 Oct 3rd USA 1 Hour RW National Championships (OM, OW, JM, JW, MM, MW) – Waltham, MA - Justin Kuo – JKuo@usatfne.org  
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 Oct 24 USA 20 km RW National Championships (JM, JW) – Ronkonkoma, NY – Gary Westerfield – garywesterfield@verizon.net

### **2010 RW Grand Prix for Masters / USA Master M&W Race Walk Championships**

Feb 7 USA 50 km RW National Championships – 7am – Surprise, AZ, Cliff Elkins – 623-910-0480 - [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org)  
 Mar 25-27 USA Masters Indoor Track & Field (RW) Championships – Boston, MA – [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org)  
 May 16 USA Masters 15 km RW Championships - Riverside, CA – Dave Snyder - <davesnyder43@sbcglobal.net>  
 July 22-25 USA Masters Outdoor T&F Championships (5,000m MM & MW and 10K MM & MW) – Sacramento, CA – [www.usatf.org/events/](http://www.usatf.org/events/)  
 Sep. 12 USA 40 km Master M&W Race Walk Championships – Ocean Township, NJ - Elliott Denmen – Elliottden@aol.com  
 Oct 3 USA 1 Hour National Championships – Waltham, MA (Jr. M&W, OM & OW, MM & MW) - Justin Kuo – JKuo@usatfne.org  
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 Nov 14 USA 20 km Masters M&W Race Walk National Championships – Coconut Beach, FL – Daniel Koch <racewalker@bellsouth.com>

### **Newly awarded championship for the 2011 Calendar year:**

Mar 20 USA 20 km Masters M&W Race Walk National Championships – Huntington Beach, CA - Pedro Santoni <psantoni@csusb.edu>

### **RW committee approved the Site Selection report.**

**Race Walking Records** – Justin Kuo reported that we had no open records and five junior men records in 2009. Trevor Barron set records at 5, 000m, 10,000m, and 20km; Tyler Sorensen set a 15km record, and Dan Serianni set a 25km record. The Records Committee has recommended all five be approved. Justin also gave the Masters Race Walking records report for Bev LaVeck. Eighteen records were submitted. The recommendation is that all be approved fourteen and defer four until validation and

remeasurement is completed. The four deferred records are Teresa Vaill (10Km); Jack Starr (10Km); Jack Bray (15 Km); and Jack Starr (15 Km). Motion made to approve the records report, seconded and passed by voice vote.

**USA/Canada Dual Competition Report** – Loretta Schuellin-McGovern proved a report of the competition. She said that we were able to send all five of our top women finishers from the USATF Junior Nationals. The Junior women tied 11-11 for title. However, several of our top Junior men were not able to compete and the Junior men came in second. Loretta questioned the scoring method and Vince told her that the method used was the International scoring. Discussion occurred concerning the scoring methods. Bill Pollinger mentioned that in the past we had used the X-Country method at a meet in Canada, but Vince explained we were told we were not in compliance with International rules. Vince also reported that our committee on occasion had discussed changing the procedure, but no decision had been made plus the USA/Canada Dual is an international event. Bruce mentioned that USATF rules say team scoring is done by time. Vince congratulated Loretta and Dan O'Brien on their great job working with the Junior athletes.

**Upcoming Competitions and Standards** – The following 2010 Competitions were noted: Grand Prix races were previously covered by Dave McGovern; World Cup Trials 10/20Km April 11 on Long Island; 50Km World Cup Trials Feb 7 in Surprise, AZ; USA/Canada Junior Dual Meet will be hosted in Canada in 2010 and the Canadians are tentatively suggesting the middle of August in Ottawa. The National 20/10 Km will be at Drake University in Des Moines, IA. Vince reported that the track facility has been upgraded and is very good. When he did a site visit, he was shown several options for race courses. The first option was not acceptable having a significant hill. The second option was to use University Blvd which is right outside the stadium. Vince noted that every direction you use to leave the stadium involves going up a hill. However, once athletes are on University Blvd it is flat, but little shade. The RW Executive Committee and the RW Athlete Advisory Committee both recommended the following prioritized options: 1) Use University Blvd only for the race. This would necessitate a Sunday morning Men and Women race (10 minutes difference in start times) because the city would only close the road once, or 2) Have 20Kms on the track following the traditional schedule (Women one day/Men the next). **Vince made the motion to approve, seconded, passed.** We are waiting to find out if Drake University will be allowed by the city to close University Blvd for race.

Vince then announced the proposed changes to the RW Standards. He reported that both the Men and Women's Track & Field Committees had accepted the changes and also that the RW Executive Committee had recommended the changes.

1. 2010 Olympic qualifying periods and standards:
  - 50 Km start Jan. 1, 2010. Standards: 4:45 – No "B" Standard
  - 20 Km start Jan. 1, 2011 Standards 1:36 Men; 1:50 Women – No "B" Standard
2. USATF Indoor Standards – no change recommended
3. USATF Junior Outdoor Standards – recommended qualifying time for Junior Men be adjusted to 3000m – 15:00; 5K – changed to 26:00; 10K – 55:00.  
No change recommended for Junior Women. .
4. USATF Senior Outdoor Standards – The chair recommended the following standards and gave as a rationale to provide opportunity for athletes and to encourage more attendance at the National Championship events. The new qualifying distances are age-graded equivalents to the 20Km times.

Senior Men	Senior Women
5K – 23:30	5K – 26:00
10K – 48:20	10K – 54:00
20K – 1:39:50	20K – 1:52:00

Discussion included questioning by Dave McGovern and Gary Westerfield about having a 35 Km or a 30 Km qualifying time for the 50 Km. Vince said that was a possibility and he saw

not reason not to. Ron Daniel asked if a cutoff time had been established for the 20 Kms in Des Moines. The answer was yes and the times are 1:50 for Men and 2:00 for the Women.

**Motion made to accept recommended Standards, seconded, and passed.**

**Official Committee** - Ron Daniel made the following report.

His written report was available earlier.

- 1) At the beginning of the new Olympiad, officials were asked to submit a participation sheet along with their recertification. Ron received 20 out of the 150 Master level RW officials listed. Of those, seventeen had met the criteria the RW Officials subcommittee had approved. Next Olympiad, the participation sheet will be required and included in the testing and will be returned to the association officials chair. He is currently involved with rewriting the recertification tests using questions not only from the rules but from the RW officiating handbook.
- 2) At the March World Cup Trials in Pharr, TX, Ron and Gary held a Level I seminar. Ten officials passed and are considered Level I RW officials (Names are listed in written report).
- 3) In May, Gary and Ron went to the IAAF Judges' Refreshment Seminar. The main topic was judging consistency. Group was broken in to four small discussion groups. Each of the four smaller groups reported back with two ideas: the need for language modification for Rule 230, and the need for the IAAF to develop a training video to explain what they expect of judges.

Ron also reported on the USATF Officials meeting. Sue Polansky was elected Treasurer. Certification revenues are down this Olympiad and the drop in recertification is greater than expected. Ron reported that the Officials Committee was told that the L & L Committee was removing the restriction on selection committee members being a part of the pool of officials applying for National meets. Also because more monies are available, the head official of events may have his travel expenses offset as well as receive a stipend. The Certification tests being redone will have fewer questions because of the complaint current tests were too long. Concern has been expressed that with out current certification process there is like way to maintain any control over the quality of officials certified which is one reason Ron is requiring the participation summary. The new tests will be available September 10, 2010. Ron also mentioned that Rich Schoenstein with his committee is developing "Best Practice" lists for events. Ron requested that judges who have ideas about best practices for RW judges submit them to him. We need to have our own one-page "Best Practices" list. Ron discussed with Gordon Bocock, Chair of Awards, about having an award presented for race walking. Other awards are given by officials for track, field, etc. The RW committee had discussed this last year, now he is requesting approval to formally pursue. He indicated that we would need to develop what the award is, why give it, selection process, criteria for receiving award, and that we would be responsible for funding. We would also want to consider what we would name the award. **Motion made to pursue having a RW officials' award presented through the Officials Committee, seconded and passed.** Chair appointed a subcommittee to work out details: Ron Daniel, Chair; Rod Larsen; Diane Graham-Henry; Gary Westerfield; Bill Pollinger; and Reggie Weissglas. Ron ended his report with a reminder that he was presenting a seminar Saturday for judges in Studio 6 at 3:30 p.m.

**Medical Services** - Maryanne Daniel reported that the Sports Medicine Subcommittee plans to work for increased awareness of and access to resources. There is a lot of information and resources available, but people are not accessing. The USATF website will be listing resources for Medical Services with the aim to link to the USOC's information. Also Technical Initiatives will include development of biomechanics studies in other events such as race walking.

**Substance Abuse** - Jan Price gave an oral report focusing on the need for 1) awareness of problems that are related to electrolyte imbalance, 2) awareness of prescription drug mix-ups, 3) awareness of need for athlete physicals to include the heart, 4) awareness of problems associated with vitamin overdose.

**RW Development** - Maryanne Daniel and Dave McGovern reported funding for Centers of Excellence are down the road, but we should be developing a plan in order to be ready when we do ask for funding. We also need a program to identify younger athletes and help improve their times tagged onto the older athlete program. Maryanne and Dave said that the way the Development Committee looks at needs is not the same as the way our RW committee looks at development needs. Currently we have been told we have a \$50,000 grant available, but no format or criteria on how to apply for the funds. However, the format and criteria should be coming soon.

**Senior Women's Camp Proposal** – Jolene Moore, Loretta Schuellin-McGovern, and Susan Armenta presented a written request for help funding a camp for Senior Women. Discussion about the proposal occurred. Cliff Elkins asked about having a men's camp, but the ladies explained that the men have had camps opportunities in the past, but women have not. Discussion occurred as to how to funnel money into a women's camp. People can donate to USATF Foundation with money designated for Senior Women's RW Camp or through a NARI fund that will be set up for the women's camp. A promotional piece was to be developed and given to Diane Graham-Henry for distribution to RW communities in U. S. Other ideas for helping fund the program was for associations to adopt an athlete for camp or association to place a "camp" stipend to an entry fee.

**Junior Camp** – AC Jaime said the Junior camp will held the week after Christmas in Pharr, TX. He currently has 32 juniors signed up.

**NARI Fund** – AC Jaime announced that NARI has three funds: 1) long-term fund that will hopefully build to a million dollars, 2) a Youth fund and 3) the Al Heppner Scholarship fund. They will be adding a fourth component for the Senior Women's Camp. The Al Heppner Scholarship has been given this year to two athletes. Criteria for receive award include race walk athlete must be a junior/senior in college, have good grades, and good walking times. This year's winners are Chris Tegtmeier and Miranda Melville.

**Race Walk Development Plan 2009-2012** Vince, Maryanne and Dave presented a Race Walk Development Plan. The paper is full of ideas for developing race walking. The committee is encouraged to review the plan and commit to helping bring some of the concepts into reality. As Vince and the other members of the Development Committee explained, this is not a job for just one person but a job every person interesting in the promotion of race walking. Each needs to choose a project and actively works for the completion of that project.

#### **New Business –**

Gary Westerfield reported that December 13 will be last of the races held in Central Park, NYC with Stella Cashman as organizer. Stella is retiring from conducting races. Gary asked for permission to purchase and present a plaque of appreciation for Stella. Committee approved. Bob Hickey volunteered to pay for the plaque.

Bruce Leasure explained that he is an avid reader of the race walk yahoo group and after a point of frustration by many; he encouraged people to brainstorm and send him their ideas on promoting race walking. A list of ideas is being generated and the first suggestions in not particular order are already posted on a website. He said a list of ideas/tasks benefiting race walking is ongoing, needs to be prioritized and then posted on [twincitiesracewalkers.org/ideas](http://twincitiesracewalkers.org/ideas) website. The goal is to provide ideas that can become part of a race walk strategic plan. Bruce said the reality is that if we want improvement in race walk that we will have to do the work. With that charge, people will be able to step up and volunteer for jobs listed. Bruce Leasure also reported on a video coaching proposal he is working on. It would involve the purchase of a site license with up to 50 users. Race walk athletes who are often isolated can have access to coaching. The WalkonMinnesota group is functioning as the web service and contact point. Target walkers will be elite athletes, near elite, and NAIA athletes. Coach would get paid by athlete after analysis is completed. More information will be available at [walkonminnesota.com](http://walkonminnesota.com). Bruce also explained that same type of format could be used for mentoring judges or for a walker to have a judge view his mode of progression.

After the Chair gave the committee the charge to compile dates for regional championships, the committee broke up into the four regions. Responsibility for giving the regional schedule to the Chair was assigned to Sandy DeNoon, South; Diane Graham-Henry, North; Art Klein, West; and Dave McGovern, East.

Following the regional breakout, the committee recessed.

**General Session III Dec 5, 2009 10:00a.m. Hyatt Regency E, Indianapolis, IN**

Meeting called to order by Vince Peters, Chair. Sign-in sheet verified the committee had a quorum to conduct business.

IAAF Report – Bob Hersh visited our session and reported on IAAF topics. The World Cup locations were given for 2010 (Chichen); 2012 (Russia); 2014 (China). The IAAF is currently operating at deficit level. Programs like the RW Challenge races which lose money for the IAAF are being looked at. At this point the IAAF will continue with existing programs and haven't made plans to cut any programs. However, they are looking at ways to make cuts in the budget and the RW Challenge is one program that might be cut. The Race Walks at the Berlin World Championships were an out of stadium event that were very successful. The races were held in a beautiful, historic area and provided exposure to the general public. The events were well managed and well received. The IAAF is looking at holding the race walks and marathon at other events out of stadium. As an example, Bob presented the picture of how cool it would be for the race walks to be held at the London Olympics with Buckingham Palace in the background. World Championships changed the start of the qualifying period for RW to January 1, 2010. At this time, no decision has been made for the qualifying period for the Olympics.

Question was asked about qualifying standards for the World Youth Olympics in Singapore in August of 2010. Mr. Hersh replied qualifying would be a continental basis using results from five area competitions. There is a quota of entries. The USOC competition for the U.S. will be April 3 in Texas. Only the winner will go on; entry consideration will be judged on a global basis using a formula. Most events will only have 4 boys/3 girls from each area for a total of 16 competitors. The Race Walks at the Singapore Games will only have to compete once, most of the other events the athletes will compete twice. For Race Walking the Texas meet will be a youth division meet and April 11 is our World Cup Junior race in Long Island. This split will make it more difficult for our athletes to compete in both and do as well as they can.

**Coaching Education report** – Wayne Armbrust said he had received assurance that race walking would not be overlooked in Level 1. Comment made that the slides for the Level 1 needed more information about technique. Wayne said he would send Ray slides that could be marked up for technique emphasis. Some of our Race Walking coaches are very interested in taking the Instructor course. Wayne said information about the instructor school was available. For the Level 2 school, the information about race walking in the Endurance category is supported to be current and up-to-date.

**2009 Race Walk Committee Awards** - As announced at the breakfast, the following received awards:

Teresa Vaill - Ron Zinn Outstanding Female Race Walker  
Tim Seaman - Ron Zinn Outstanding Male Race Walker  
Allison Chin - Henry Laskau Outstanding Junior Female Race Walker  
Trevor Barron - Henry Laskau Outstanding Junior Male Race Walker  
South Texas - Outstanding Association  
Jeff Salvage - Mike Riban Outstanding Contributor

2009 USA Race Walking Grand Prix Individual Awards

1st Place Male – Tim Seaman	1st Place Female - Teresa Vaill
2nd Place Male - Patrick Stroupe	2nd Place Female – Erin Taylor
3rd Place Male – Dave Talcott (tie)	3rd Place Female – Maria Michta

Ray Sharp (tie)

1st Place Junior Male – Dan Serianni  
2nd Place Junior Male – Alejandro Chavez  
3rd Place Junior Male – Matthew Forgues

1st Place Junior Female – Abby Dunn  
2nd Place Junior Female - Allison Chin  
3rd Place Junior Female – Olivia Lapham

1<sup>st</sup> Place Masters Male – Christopher Schmid  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Masters Male – Leon Jasionowski  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Masters Male – John Starr

1<sup>st</sup> Place Masters Female – Darlene Backlund  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Masters Female – Debbie Topham  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Masters Female – Jolene Steigerwalt

#### 2009 USA Race Walking Grand Prix Team Awards

##### Men's team awards

1st place - Pegasus Athletic Club  
2nd place - Shore Athletic Club  
3rd place – Maine Racewalkers (tie)  
World Class Racewalking (tie)  
Miami Valley Track Club (tie)

##### Women's Team Awards

1st Place - Pegasus Athletic Club  
2nd Place - Maine Racewalkers  
3rd Place - World Class Racewalking

#### **Unfinished Business/Wrap Up:**

1. Susan Armenta provided an update about the Senior Women's Camp. A fund will be established with NARI so that people can donate. Diane Graham-Henry indicated she would help with putting together a promotion piece to help solicit funds. Bruce Leasure pledged to match the first \$5000 donated from the WalkonMinnesota group.
2. Rules had no update and final rules packet will be presented for vote at the USATF closing session.
3. Law & Legislation had no update and final packet will be presented for vote at the USATF closing session.
4. No resolutions were presented.
5. Announcement made that "Walking with the Best"; a new book by Jeff Salvage was available.
6. AC Jaime reported briefly on the second year of the Elementary school RW program. It is going well. The elementary schools have been having some intra and interschool competitions (800m).
7. Announcements – Ron Daniel has been selected to Judge the World Juniors, Gary Westerfield has been selected to judge the World Youth Olympics in Singapore. Ron Daniel was also a finalist for the Charlie Ruter Outstanding Track Officials Award.
8. Our meetings have also been privileged to have as a guest – Ron Laird Olympic Race Walker.
9. The Chair announced the Staff Selection subcommittee would meet this afternoon before the judging meeting. Susan Randall, Athlete; Susan Armenta, Athlete; Becky Klein; and AC Jaime were appointed by the Chair to serve on the subcommittee.

The Chair reiterated to contact him about meets (especially Millrose) and also if anyone has RW athletes interested in NAIA schools. **Contact Chair Vince Peters at [mv\\_tc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mv_tc@sbcglobal.net)**

Meeting adjourned 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginger Mulanax, Secretary  
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