

Minutes 2015 USATF Annual Meeting Houston, TX

Women's Long Distance Running General Session 1

December 4th, 2015, 8am Central

Attendees: Executive Committee: Kim Keenan-Kirkpatrick (Chair), Kathy Nary (Vice-Chair- International Competition), Mickey Piscitelli (Vice-Chair- Awards and National Championships), Nina Kuscsik (Law & Legislation), Julie McKinney (Development Chair), Darren De Reuck (National Championships Chair), LeeAnn Meyer (National Championships Committee), Bill McKee (Rules Committee), Amy Yoder-Begley (athlete)

Attendees: Lindsay Toussant (USATF), Angela Gordon (Mid-Atlantic), Joy Smith (Gulf), Chuck Kaminski (Southern Cal), Meghan Peyton (Minnesota), Brandon Chiuminetta (South Texas), Scott Slade (South Texas), Peter Ciaccia (NYRR), Chris Weiller (NYRR), Paige Biglin (OH), Kristina Miner (CT), Peggy Rowold (Ozark LDR), Mike Spine (Georgia), Mike Wickiser (Lake Erie/RRTC), Carol McLatchie (Oregon), BJ Palma (Adirondack), Valerie Jacobs (SC), Carolyn Greene (Kentucky), Phillip Travis (Southern), Sheila Courter (NJ), Bob Latham (Oregon/Men LDR), Kelly Flathers (SCAUSATF/AAC), Jim Peterson (Inland NW), Steve Taylor (Virginia/Collegiate Run Assoc), Joe Sarver (Three Rivers/LDR), Cathy Jones (Lake Erie/LDR), Brian Jones (Lake Erie/LDR), Dawn Green (Gulf/Masters LDR), Elizabeth Webb (Gulf), Jane Parks (NJ), Ann Gaffigan (AAC), Anne Shadle, Kathy Butler (CO), Joe Monks (FL), Tanesha Williams (NV), Lisa Doucett (NE), Jennifer Mortimer (NE), Chad Coley (Montana), Andy Carr (Georgia/LDR Records), Luis G. Aguilera (Border/El Paso TX), Leo Settle (Border/El Paso TX), Gene Newman (AZ), Lauren Fleshman (AAC), Joann Neal-Williams (Southwestern), Pat Goodwin (Minnesota), Chauncey Crenshaw (Arizona)

- I. Call to Order and Welcome by Women's LDR Chair, Ms. Kim Keenan-Kirkpatrick
- II. Introductions: At the Chair's request, everyone in attendance introduced themselves and explained their role within USATF
- III. Review and Approval of 2014 Minutes: Mr. Darren De Reuck made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Meyer seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- IV. LDR Awards – Ms. Mickey Piscitelli explained the awards been presented and to whom: Molly Huddle (ROYA) and Carolyn Mather (Mara Bakker Contributor)
- V. Ms. Barbara Palma discussed the suspension of certain Affiliations and the re-instatement of one. She explained the process of the NGP to select board members and that Ann Phillips would be first chair.
- VI. AAC report by Ms. Kelly Flathers: (a) MUT funding to increase in 2016 (b) discussion on 10-year limit to athlete been able to serve on AAC (c) and has to be active participant in the last 24 months
- VII. 2016 World Half Marathon Champs – (a) half marathon every other year structure (b) structure on selection of coach for team – criteria established by exec. comm. WLDR and must be involved in the sport (c) selection of team based on top 5 from 20 km Champs...Janet Bawcom has already committed to the team

- VIII. Olympic Trials course is set: one small loop then a 4-lap criterium format
 WLDR will be working with the local organizing committee
 Julie will be attending bi-weekly meetings with the LOC
 Course is set...taking out the kinks
 Athlete Hospitality – e-mail going out to athletes with itinerary guideline for 2020 OTQ
 Tent will be erected for athletes but concern of distance between tent and start line
 3 chances for athletes to run on course before Trials: Dec 27th/Jan 3rd/Jan 10th
 Race Referee - ??? will ask Laurie Boemker first then Carol McLatchie as alternate
 Look to lower the half marathon standard for the 2020 Olympic Marathon Trials
 Grammy Awards same weekend which has depleted hotel room reservations
 3 chances for athletes to run on course before Trials: Dec 27th/Jan 3rd/Jan 10th
 Kelly Flathers looking into housing athletes for Trials in LA
- IX. Darren De Reuck went through all the Championship of 2015:
 Jan 18th Half Marathon in Houston, TX...Kim Conley 1:09:44...5 ladies under 1:11 and 28
 qualified for Olympic Trials Marathon
 Feb 7th X C Champs in Boulder, CO...Laura Thweatt
 Mar 14th 15km in Jacksonville, FL...Amy Hastings
 Mar 15th Marathon in LA, CA...Blake Russell...4 “a” and 6 “b” qualifiers
 May 9th 25 km in Grand Rapids, MI...Lindsay Scherf
 May 14th 1 mile in Minneapolis, MN...Heather Kampf
 Sept 7th 20km in New Haven, CT...Molly Huddle
 Sept 20th 5 km in Providence, RI...Molly Huddle
 Oct 4th 10 mile in Minneapolis, MN – Molly Huddle
 Oct 12th 10 km in Boston, MA...Molly Huddle
 Nov 15th 12 km Final in Alexandria, V...Molly Huddle
 Kim Keenan-Kirkpatrick asked the floor to look into potential races in their associations who
 may be interested in hosting a national championship
- X. Open Discussion
- a. David Katz spoke on the course in Rio and it is almost complete...will consist of a 5 km
 look then 3 x 10 km loops and finish with a 7 km loop...part of course along beachfront
 but not official yet
 - b. Cardiff, Wales will host the World Half Marathon Champs on March 27th, 2017
 - c. Keep Associations updated on Championships if possible so they are aware of any new
 events added to the calendar
 - d. Meghan Peyton brought up the topic that selection criteria for athletes was not clear

Meeting was adjourned @ 9:30 am central

Darren De Reuck (Chairperson for Championships) signed off on the minutes