

## **USATF CROSS COUNTRY COUNCIL**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Friday, December 4, 2015**

**Houston Texas Hyatt Hotel**

**[2:00pm - 4:00pm](#)**

#### **Club Cross Country**

1. Bill Quinlisk reports on visiting Tallahassee Florida, site of the [December 10, 2016](#) USATF Club Cross Country Championships at Apalachee Regional Park. The course is very good and very spectator friendly and it's more than ready to accommodate 2000 people.
2. The Joint Selection subcommittee awarded the 2017 USATF Club Cross Country Championships to Lexington, Kentucky at Masterson Station Park, which has hosted two previous Club XC Championships. Timing Company will need to be reviewed the Executive Committee.
3. Spokane WA plans to bid for Cross Country Club Championships for 2018. The site is where Division II Championships at Plants Ferry Park. This is also the same site for both past Winter Cross Country Nationals and Club Nationals. It's a very spectator friendly course. Ample parking and located in the Downtown Spokane. Bid is [due by June 1, 2016](#).

#### **The Cross Country Council Annual Report**

This year's annual report is posted on our USATF website. Lehigh event had over 1,900 competitors and proved to be a very good course. Timing regarding order of finishers went well but there were issues regarding team scoring. Results were delayed until the next week.

#### **2015 USA Cross Country Club Nationals**

2015 Cross Country Club Nationals slated for [Saturday, December 12th](#) at Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.

Currently this event has 1,874 entries. Dave Schrock indicates the weather will be very favorable and more hotel room blocks have just opened up. The event will be marked well.

#### **Cross Country Championships Timing Requirements**

Mike Scott has requested Bill Quinlisk to work on the technical needs we need for timing expectations with regards to hosting our National Championship events. The USATF National office will work with the Cross Country Council so it's solely placed under the domain for

USATF to choose the timer for these Championships. Thom Hunt recommended we generate a list of approved timers to choose from for future bids and Championships. USATF must need to set up Gold Standard expectations to time our National Championships. The standard should also have timers provide timing simulations and have continual contact with USATF so everything we require from these timers is clearly communicated in a timely manner. It's preferable we also have a list of regional timers to choose from and are available for our events.

Discussion about having B teams be accommodated into A class races at our Club National Championships is under review. The question is should B-Race entries be allowed to compete at these Championships. This issue is under discussion. The B- Races will be the last race of the day. Bill Roe recommends we look into raising the standards to qualify and this will only add to the prestige of these Championships.

### **Bill Roe is now a member of the IAAF Cross Country Council**

IAAF now has a new Gender parity rule stipulating that both the Men and Women will run the 10K distance. The Men came down from a 12K to the 10K and Women moved up from the 8K to the 10K distance. Our elite Women favorably supported the Women running the same distance as the Men. Effectively in February, 2016 both the Men and Women will run the 10K distance at our February, USA Championships in Bend Oregon.

Next week before the December, Club Cross Country Championships Executive Cross Country Chair Mike Scott is planning on sending a survey via email to ask our direct participants what are their preferred distances for the Club Championships? How important is to run the same distances that both Men and Women are running?

### **Masters Cross Country Report**

2015 Masters Women Harrier of the Year is Kathryn Martin

2015 Masters Men Harrier of the Year is Pete Magill

2017 Masters Cross Country Championships at Lexington Kentucky was reviewed and the sub-committee has preliminary approved the bid.

### **Staff Selection Procedures**

Mike Scott, Eduardo Torres and Kimberly Kirkpatrick will identify current practices to select staff for our upcoming National teams. Looking for former athletes or coaches who have International experience and/or coach athletes at the International level to be selected as National Coach Leaders.