



USATF-Road Running Technical Council Annual Meeting-December 5, 2015

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Gene Newman

Members present:

Gene Newman-Chairman
Jane Parks-Vice Chair West Coast
Justin Kuo-Vice Chair East Coast
Mark Neal-Bulletin Board Monitor
Logan Burgess-Treasurer
Mike Wickiser-Validation Chair
Bob Baumel-webmaster
Jim Gilmer-Awards Chair
Toni Youngman-Secretary
Bruce Leasure
Duane Russell
Ron Scardara
Carol McLatchie
Mary Anne McBrayer
Robert Barnhill
Andy Carr
Steve Vaitones
Jessica Stanford
Karl Eagleman
Neale Johantgen
Eric Barror
David Katz
Demetrio Cabanillas
Roy Pirrung

- A. Introduction of Council
- B. All reports have been posted online on the USATF site's Document Library as of November 21, 2015.
- C. Report from Measurers for the Olympic Trials Marathon

Mark Neal and Ron Scardara commented on the US Olympic Marathon Trials measurements as they were two of the three measurer's.

Ron noted there were many trial measurements starting February 2015 and the final measurement was done in October. Both will be validating the course on day of race by checking all is set up correctly and then riding in the lead Vehicles.

- D. IAAF changed Rule 260.28, and replaced it with rule 260.21. The old rule stated that only the original measurer had to be on site on Day of Race. Now, the original measurer may appoint a person they trust to do the validation.
- E. Bill Roe has been working on a document to aid with validation and verification of championship races. The rough draft was presented to RRTC for final revisions. A handful of officers stayed after the meeting to accomplish this task and the revised document has been submitted to Jim Estes and Bill Roe for final production. This document will be used by the validation and verification chair to enforce IAAF rules regarding the measuring and validation of these courses.
- F. Jim Gilmer, Chaired the RRTC Award (Ted Corbitt Award) and was commended by Gene Newman for a job well done. Since awards have not been given out for a long duration, and maybe never, six recipients were give awards this year.
 - a. *The first awards were given to Tom and Mary Anne McBrayer, Wayne and Sally Nicholl, Paul Hronjak, and Pete Riegel.*

Business

- Should we add the Calibration Course number to the map page of the certification?
 - Current decision is that it will not be done, but we will revisit this discussion later. If the measurer wants to include it on the map, he may do so at this time
- Single Point Description of Start, Finish, and Turnarounds?
 - It was decided that multiple points are best, but if it is not feasible or if one point of description is very accurate, one point may be used.
- Can one certify a course that goes out and back, that has turns without restrictions at all turns?
 - For safety, the measurer should ask the Race or Course director about course restrictions. If the Director indicates that coning will be used, this must be noted on the map and measured accordingly. If the Director is not going to use coning, then the measurer must measure SPR and does not note coning on the map.
- Should a Surveyor be listed as a measurer (if they only measure calibration courses)?
 - Someone who has only measured calibration courses will not be listed as a measurer.
- Should the Date of Race be on the Certificate?
 - This will be removed.

- Should we change the Application for Certification so it's in the same order of filling out the Certificate?
 - The application has a logical order. We will maintain the application as it is. The certificate will be changed to follow the order of the application.
- Can we create an auto-fill certificate for certain entries? As an example, when one fills in the course length, elevations, and distance between start and finish, then drop and separation would fill in automatically.
 - Duane Russell stated that he has a certificate in Excel format and it auto-fills. He will submit his form to Gene so that we can reproduce for all certifiers.
- Problems with USATF Championship races in 2015 and future changes.
 - Please note item E above for details.
- Mark Neal is developing an online presentation of Open Office for Map Making. How will this be done?
 - This will be a webinar class. There will be an hour of lecture, where there will be no interruptions. Then there will be a one hour break where students may work in a lab setting and practice what they learned. Then they will come back to the webinar and ask questions and get more help.
 - This will be presented to RRTC members first, over Christmas, as a trial run, and then presented in January.


FINAL COMMENTS

1. Changes to RRTC Committee are as follows:
 - a. Scott Hubbard will retire Michigan, replaced by Mark Neal.
 - b. Bob Brennand will replace Mark Neal in Washington.
 - c. Data Officer Position has been removed.
 - d. Logan Burgess will become treasurer in January.
 - e. Jane Parks will become Registrar in June.
 - f. RRTC meeting in 2016 will be on Friday, and the new training session will be on Saturday. This will take place in Orlando.

POST AGENDA COMMENTS

1. Should we require the USATF Certified course logo on all maps being done by our Certifiers?
 - a. The Logo can only be put on legally by RRTC. This makes it easier for USATF to press charges for courses being stolen or misused. Before this can go into effect, an investigation of our restrictions of use of the logo must be conducted. Justin Kuo has a version of the Logo in Monochrome for those who cannot produce it in the correct colors.
 - b. Place a statement on the USATF Search Engine that maps may not be manipulated or modified.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 pm-noon by Gene Newman. Seconded by Bob Baumel and Jane Parks.

Signed:  Date: December 8, 2015