

USATF CLUB COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Attending:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Association</i>	<i>Affiliation / other</i>
Devon Joan Martin	New York	Central Park TC / USATF Club Council Chair
Bill Roe	Pacific Northwest	USATF LDR Division Chair / Club Council Secretary
Elliott Denman	New Jersey	Shore AC and Senior Statesman
Tom Derderian	New England	Association President / Greater Boston TC
Becca Peter	Pacific NW	Pacific NW Open Chair / Club Northwest
Bob Latham	Oregon	
Steve Vaitones	New England	Association Executive Director
Dave Johnson	Mid-Atlantic	Penn Relays Director
Kathy Butler	Colorado	
Dave Schrock	Pacific	Association President
Jonathan Marcus	Oregon	Bowerman AC
Mike Scott	New England	USATF Cross Country Council Chair
Wayne Armbrust	Missouri Valley	
Dena Evans	Pacific	New Balance Silicon Valley
Thom Hunt	San Diego	Cross Country Council Vice Chair
Dave Friedman	New Jersey	
Eric Barron	Southern Cal	Nike Run LA
Bill Chiseler	Pacific	
Kristina Miner	Connecticut	
Bill Quinlisk	Niagara	Genesee Valley, Masters LDR V-C, XC Council
Paul Greer	San Diego	USATF Cross Country Council Secretary
Karen Krsak	Ohio	USATF Associations Chair

Devon opened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. Club Council minutes from the 2014 USATF Annual Meeting were posted recently under the Document Center. Bob Latham moved and Becca Peter seconded their approval, and the motion passed unanimously.

RECAP 2014-2015

Record club turnout for open and masters at club cross in Pennsylvania. There were 1931 entries and 1758 finishers, along with just over 250 teams scoring.

For indoor club competition, the New Balance Games held a 300 and 600, giving our athletes additional opportunities to qualify for open indoor nationals. We are unsure whether the events will continue in non-World years. Millrose Games held club 4x200 (2 heats), a women's DMR, and a men's SMR. They are very supportive and they let us choose our relays.

Outdoor elite races were numerous. Icahn hosted Club Track & Field, garnering record revenue plus less expense for a one-day event meant the meet was more financially viable (but was still in the red.) A successful meet still drives development dollars and membership. There was a lengthy discussion on membership in USATF of general club members and resulting customer service concerns.

CLUB TRACK & FIELD 2016

Two locations are being considered for the 2016 Club Track & Field Nationals – Penn and Icahn. Dave Johnson, Meet Director, spoke about the Penn Relays track. The new oval has a full six lanes outside the curb, throws are below and across the railroad tracks, and steeplechase pit is now on the west end by the scoreboard (the main Penn finish is on the south straight.) A bid package is being developed. The 2016 date would be June 25, as June 26 is the closing qualification date for the Olympic Trials.

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Devon related the constant battle with Icahn, which is available on our date in 2016 (but restricted to the time schedule last year) and there is no word on 2017's availability. The 2015 contract was not received until the week before the meet, resulting in a lack of promotion.

The members present voted overwhelmingly in a straw poll to support a Penn bid.

CLUB CROSS GOING FORWARD 2016 AND BEYOND

We received a Club Cross Country update from Mike Scott. We are nearing record numbers for San Francisco. Biggest issue out of Lehigh 2014 was the scoring mess, and we are trying to address that on a long-range basis, along with usatf.tv, social media, and live results considerations. Second major issue is gender parity on race distances, which the IAAF has created at Worlds (open races both 10k) and we have addressed that at USAs in February (they will be the same). A survey will be taken of the open athletes entered in San Francisco asking their preferred distance.

The third major issue for this year is course size and – in the very near future – whether there need to be limitations on the number of teams allowed to run. Tallahassee is fine for 2016, but it is after that. Club Council policy decisions will drive Cross Country Council operation of the meet. Where do we go from here? Since Tallahassee is okay for size and Lexington is working toward being okay for 2017 (upwards of 550), we are good on size, but limited on site options unless we institute restrictions.

ADDITIONAL AREAS

Staten Island has opened the new IAAF-certified indoor track. Lauren Primerano is putting on a meet right now, and would host an indoor nationals or national invitational. Devon feels that we need to look for a West Coast site, since outdoor is on east coast for the foreseeable future.

Dave Shrock updated the 2016 regional schedule:

East region	Sunday, June 12	Icahn Stadium after Diamond League
West region	Sunday, June 19	College of San Mateo

Additional meets will support our clubs, including the Jim Bush meet in Southern California (generally the first Saturday in June) and the Shore AC / New Jersey Invite (first Sunday in June).

Having used a little more than our allowed time slot, we adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bill Roe, Secretary