

General Sessions #1 & #2

- Previous minutes approved; treasurer's report approved
 - Documents are on Annual Meeting page (I didn't find them...)
- Operating Procedures
 - Team Leader amendment approved in Session #2 after much discussion in Session #1
- Law & Legislation
 - Association Accreditation sub-committee moved from Admin Committee to Association Com
 - Committee Boards now select reps to IAAF; HQ maintains right to reject selection
- Rules
 - Rejected limiting 'championship' events to distances IAAF uses; will keep the USATF ones
 - Accepted IAAF Pit Lane for Youth & Juniors as 'may be used' but not required
 - RW Handbook will be updated with pertinent information
 - NYACK will be initial use; JO Nationals will also use them
- Budget – Line Items Include:
 - Stipends for officials to travel to championship meets
 - Reimbursement amounts based on rates HQ contracted through selected travel agency; personal arrangements may not be fully covered
 - Athlete incentives with sliding scale by performances
- Championship Events
 - Olympic Trials 50k will also be 2016 National 50k Championship
 - Olympic Trials 20k/National 20k will start/finish in front of Oregon State Capitol in Salem.
 - Special events for youth prior to event to generate excitement
 - Adopt-an-Athlete opportunity for area youth
 - Advance funds for those in World Top 50 + next 4 highest
 - Reimbursements for top 12 finishers at Olympic Trials
 - Qualifying standards are designed to ensure 'quality participation' as well as limit field if too many might want to enter
- Youth Development
 - Youth Elite camp will move from Pharr, TX to San Diego, CA area; date is Dec 27-Jan 3
 - Camp will conclude with 5k and 10k races
 - New York & Maine include RW in HS meets
 - Maine program starts at 3rd grade; 1000+ kids expected to attend clinics this year
- Elite Athlete Development
 - Funding available for those who met prior year standards
 - 4 tiers: Medalists at Olympics, at World, post-college 1-2 yrs, 'promising others'
 - Altitude training make more difference in 1500m, 5k events than in longer ones
 - Need about 4 weeks living at altitude prior to event; 2 weeks recovery afterward
 - USATF funds only those expected to place in Top 8 (podium spots); Committees may fund others
- IAAF
 - Youth is 'under age 20'
 - Now recognizes W-50k as world championship event
 - Cost for hosting World event estimated at \$1,000,000 or more
- Site Selection
 - Grand Prix year changed from calendar to Oct-Oct to match Masters' schedule & have results for Annual Meeting
 - Team scoring is available for events w/o entry standards
- Record Setting
 - Ensure course/venue is properly certified/re-certified by proper level officials
 - Ensure proper number of certified officials are present and sign off on application
- Media & PR
 - USATF Branding Book has rules about logo placements & accepting multiple sponsorships
 - Take advantage of PSA spots; send info to multiple contacts by proper deadlines
 - Tech shirts for members of US RW team have RW rules on back + example of form
 - Have lots of 'Hoopla' around events to attract participation, spectators, media

I also attended Safe Sport class, Officials General Session #1 as well as Opening and Closing meetings.