

## **DELEGATE REPORT FOR THE MOUNTAIN ULTRA TRAIL**

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From: Scott Rose, Ohio Association MUT Delegate to the 2016 USATF Annual Meeting

**Elections:** Nancy Hobbs and Howard Nippert were re-elected through acclimation to the Chair and Vice Chair of Mountain Ultra Trail Committee.

**Social Media/Marketing Report** – Richard Bolt discusses two websites used for our Mountain and Ultra Marathon Running teams; [www.usmrt.org](http://www.usmrt.org) and [www.usaultramarathoning.com](http://www.usaultramarathoning.com) and requests assistance to continue upkeep and consistent updates on them. Discusses [www.trailrunning.com](http://www.trailrunning.com) which is used mainly for calendar updates, results, and articles regarding Mountain Ultra Trail, and how Team USA related articles had 5 of the top 10 articles in 2016. Richard stated:

- There are 4,700 followers of @usmrt on twitter;
- 3,700 followers of @usaultrarunning on twitter;
- 4,000 likes on Facebook for Mountain Ultra Trail Running.

**Collegiate Running Association (CRA)** – Jon Molz of CRA explains the mission of the CRA; to promote healthy lifestyles among college students. Specific to the room the CRA promotes national championship events in mountain and trail running and offers prize money at national championship events for college students. They have had numerous Team USA qualifiers over the last three years. They will be hosting their event at the USA Mountain Running Championships in 2017 again. For more information on CRA visit [www.collegiaterunning.org](http://www.collegiaterunning.org).

**Transgender Discussion** – Bill Roe was invited to address the group regarding USATF policy regarding transgender. The USATF policy (same as IOC); a person who is transitioning from birth to chosen gender remains their classified birth gender until they complete their physical & chemical transition; they will need a physician's affirmation and certification that the process is complete when requested by the IOC. A question was raised about entry process and awards and how this policy would be triggered as the entry and awards are Male / Female. The response was that at this point the issue would likely be raised through protest at the event. In instances where an issue occurs that could affect a national championship event or team, recommended to call general counsel at USATF.

**MUT at state and regional level** – Nancy Hobbs led an open discussion on starting Mountain Ultra Trail at the state level and the process to get it started as well as the benefits that it brings.

Recommendations include

- making sure your state has a representative for MUT to stay in the loop;
- using MUT races to help a state earn accreditation with USATF;
- attaching USATF sanctions to existing events by partnering (start a series or state championship race) to garner more USATF members joining an event and to encourage current event-attendees to join USATF.

The discussions continue on the advantages of incorporating MUT at the state level as a way to increase membership and introduce new athletes into the sport both at the competitive and participatory level. The emphasis was that you don't need to start from scratch – there are often existing races willing to partner so long as the workload is not put on their shoulders. Often it is not more than getting it on the calendar, becoming part of the awards ceremony with medals or prize, and growing the championship portion of the event over time. Event does not need to be 'certified' to be an association championship, but could be used as an incentive.

**MUT National Championships** - Below is a complete list of 2017 USATF MUT National Championships.

<b>Distance</b>	<b>Race Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
100 km Trail	Bandera	1/7/2017	Bandera, TX
100 Mile Trail	Rocky Racoon	2/4/2017	Huntsville, TX
50 km Trail	Fourmidable	2/18/2017	Auburn, CA
50 km Road	Caumsett	3/5/2017	Lloyd Harbor NY
100K Road	Mad City	4/8/2017	Madison, WI
50 Mile Trail	Cayuga	6/3/2017	Ithaca, NY
Mountain	Cranmore	6/3/2017	North Conway, NH
24 Hour	North Coast	9/9 or 9/16/17	Cleveland, OH
Half Marathon Trail	Birkie	9/30/2017	Harward, WI
50 Mile Road	Tussey Mountain Back	10/??/17	Boalsburg, PA
Marathon Trail	Moab	11/4/2017	Moab, UT