

2017 Annual Meeting and Race Walk Committee Summary Report
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12/01/17 Officials' General Meeting

- Current improvements in process for officials
 - Ability to take certification tests on-line, eliminating need to process paper answer sheets
 - Make grants available to help young officials cover costs of training & travel to meets
 - \$3000 was unclaimed for training of 'under 40' officials this year
 - Create classification of 'Jr. Officials' (under 18) who would be mentored by certified officials
 - Jr Officials are not eligible to have background screenings
- Insurance issues
 - Sanctioning events covers volunteers as well as participants and officials while they are on site
 - Liability limits are \$1 million/event, up to \$3 million, plus there is a \$10 million umbrella policy
 - Criminal acts are specifically excluded from coverage
 - Excess medical is secondary/supplemental to personal medical coverage for USATF members
 - Non-sanctioned events would/should be covered by policy held by host HS, college, facility, etc.
 - **All/any incidents must be reported** to document them for future liability claims and defense

12/1/17 Race Walk Meetings

- Site Selection meeting was a closed meeting
- Open meeting notes
 - For 50k events only, allow minimum entry standard to be met at additional events
 - Use best times to select by rank
 - Athletes do NOT have to compete at Olympic Trials to be considered
 - Top 5 who make standard at Trials are on Team, can't be bumped by someone qualifying at another event; next 5 places will be filled by rank by those who meet "B" standard
 - Standards for other distances were accepted as presented
 - Decisions of RW judges can't be over ruled
 - Accepted IAAF time penalties for Pit Lane; time varies by event distance
 - Locations for National Championships were set for all distances but 10K which had no bids

12/1/17 Masters' General Session

- Locations for Indoor Championships for 2018, 2019, 2020 were set
- Locations for Outdoor Championships for 2018, 2019 were set; decision for 2020 was deferred
 - Buffalo was proposed for July date, but could not host if in August so did not make a presentation
 - Greensboro, NC made impressive presentation, could accommodate either date
 - No site visit had been made to either venue
 - Attendees chose to have 2020 event prior to World instead of afterward
 - Selection Committee was given instructions to visit both, make decision

12/1/17 Masters' Midwest Region

- Locations for 2018 Indoor and Outdoor Championship Meets were decided for Illinois, Wisconsin, Erie
- We had no information for Michigan
- Ohio will have ours on 6/16 at Whitehall HS in Columbus
 - Suggestion was made to coordinate with OH Sr Games T & F to avoid conflicting dates, possibly have combined meet.
 - I will provide Sr. Games contact information to Dwayne
- 2018 World Masters will be in Toronto, ending on 8/2

12/2/17 Race Walk Committee Open Meeting #2

- Awards
 - **Jack Mortland** received USATF Alumni Award for publishing Ohio Racewalker from 1965-2016. He is in process of scanning/having issues scanned and posted on-line
 - **Cameron Haught:** The Henry Laskau JR Athlete (Male) trophy and 1st place in Jr. Grand Prix
 - **Taylor Ewert:** The Henry Laskau JR Athlete (Female) trophy
 - **Katie Burnett** was recognized for setting both USA and World records in 35, 40, 50K
- Rules
 - Pit Lane must be used at qualifying races for Team USA (IAAF is adding Pit Lane for ALL races)
 - JO meets will use time penalty for 3rd Red Card whether or not Pit Lane is used.
 - Made some wording changes – see full report posted on website for details
- Competition News
 - Encourage participation in WMA events with \$100-135K budget to reward top finishers
 - Junior Team USA had some major glitches on their Peru trip
 - GA Association shared how US-Canada Dual Meet was celebrated, publicized, conducted
 - VERY nice 24 page full-color program, perks for competitors, officials, volunteers!!
 - Had \$24,000 budget + lots of donated services