

2012 USATF Annual Meeting - Notes

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1. Women's Track & Field

1. Relected Sue Humphrey as chair. She ran unopposed.

2. Women's LDR

1. They are looking at moving championship road races from stand alone events to coincide with major road races already in existence. The motivation behind this is that it will help bring more fans out, make the events less expensive to put on, and give the events a higher profile.
2. Approved changing the designation of open athlete from 14 and older to 16 and older to match the designation used by men's LDR.
3. Discussed travel funding for developing athletes coming out of college. The current program has age requirements for the funding since it is focusing on developing athletes. There was discussion on whether or not the cut off is too strict. The subcommittee that sets these rules will discuss it separately. It was suggested to the athletes that to get supplementary funding they should contact race directors of individual events that they are interested in competing in because they often have funding for developing elite athletes to come.

3. Race Walking

1. Passed a motion to require that an athlete who has been chosen as a staff member for any event, shall not compete in any trial race for such event, inclusive of any other event that is competed on the same day as the trials race, regardless of its designation or distance. The purpose of this is to make sure that the staff member is able to perform all the important functions necessary at the trials race.
2. Defeated a motion to require the team staff selection committee to be one athlete, one coach, and 3 non-athletes and non-coaches. Discussion focused on the fact that this would limit the number of voices that would be able to share an athlete's perspective of what they are looking for in team staff. One athlete present noted that it would limit the committee to only one male athlete or one female athlete and it is important to have the perspective of both genders represented during team staff selection.
3. The Executive Committee is required to have at least 25% athletes chosen by athletes. The committee consists of 12 members, three of which are athletes chosen by athletes. However, the chair is permitted to appoint up to 3 new members to the committee. A motion was passed to require the chair to appoint one additional athlete chosen by athletes to the committee if any additional members are appointed to the committee.