

2016 Annual Meeting and Race Walk Committee Summary Report
Barbara Hensley, Ohio Association RW Chair

General Sessions #1 & #2

- Previous minutes approved; treasurer's report approved
 - Documents are on Annual Meeting page
- Credentials
 - Alaska and Wyoming remain suspended
- Law & Legislation
 - Voted to update by-laws to allow e-mail as communication method in addition to 'snail' mail
- Rules
 - Documents are on Annual Meeting page
 - RW Officials Handbook has been updated with pertinent information for pit lane use
 - Ready to be added to RW section of Officials Resources web page
 - Need to research impact of requiring Pit Lane for JO meets
 - National RW Championships must be RW only events; this rule already applies to qualifying events
 - RW judges must have proper qualifications for athletes to apply for American records and National Championship records
- Budget
 - Four tiers of support remain for elite athletes on a sliding scale by performances
 - USATF funds only those expected to place in Top 8 (podium spots); Committees may fund others
- Championship Events
 - Jr Nationals will be June 22-24, 2017
 - LDR has (5) running events and (3) XC events scheduled so far
 - Other National Championships will be posted on website as dates/places are finalized
- Youth Development
 - Youth Elite RW camp in Chula Vista will be Dec 25-Jan 1 with Tim Seaman
 - Camp has a limit of 30 students
 - Students must be 14 or over and have qualifying times
 - Cost is \$340 for the week; \$200 grants are available for those who finished in top 6 at National meet
 - Ian Watley also conducts RW camps in South Carolina
 - He uses a treadmill with (4) security type cameras to display video on TV screen to provide real-time feedback to athletes to help refine RW form
 - He has posted a series of training videos at www.tinyurl.com/walk2020
- 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'
- Ultra and Mountain Running
 - Committee wants full support for teams entering international events
- IAAF
 - The battle to allow women to enter the 50K RW has been won; however, they have same standard as men (but lower time standards than men for all other events).
- Site Selection
 - Annual meetings for 2017-2018 will be in Columbus, Ohio
 - Annual meetings will be in Reno, NV for 2019-2020
- Record Setting
 - Course length verification prior to events where records may be set will speed process to certify records
 - It is also necessary to ensure proper number of certified officials are present and that they sign off on records applications
- Media & PR
 - The Oregon Association reported great success in attracting spectators to the Olympic Trials 20K RW.
- RW
 - Ron presented Chairman's Awards to several people; Jack Mortland was the first on this list for his research and work to publish Ohio Race Walker monthly for 50+ years
 - Cameron Haught was awarded the Henry Laske Jr Athlete Award and the Jr Male 2nd Place Plaque for the RW Grand Prix
 - John Nunn was elected to succeed Ron as National RW Chairman
 - Michael Roth maintains RW portion of website and the RW Grand Prix information
 - NC, SC working w/ HS Coaching Assoc to add RW to state championships
 - New Balance Outdoor RW changed from 1 mile to 3000m to give HS athletes that distance experience