

Race Walk Executive Committee Meeting

September 28, 2022

Minutes

Diane called meeting to order at 7:15 PM CST

Roll Call: Janelle Branch, Katie Burnett, Nick Christie, Emmanuel Corvera, Maryanne Daniel, Diane Graham-Henry, David Harriman, Solomiya Login, Miranda Melville, Maria Michta-Coffey, Dan Pierce, Ed Richardson, Rich Robert

Absent: Jo Burrows

Approval of June 6 and 13th Minutes-

Amendment: Change Miranda Melville's name spelling in March Minutes

Ed: Motion to approve the March 30, 2022 Minutes as amended

Seconded by Dan

Motion Passed

2023 Standards

Note: Standards are generally approved at the Annual Meetings. This will be too late for the 60 days prior to the January 35k Championships. The 35k must be posted on USATF site by November 15.

We need to determine qualifying procedures for the Pan Am Racewalk Cup, World Championships, and Pan American Games. Especially important tonight is the 35k qualifying to ensure it is on the website in the allotted amount of time. Suggested format:

- Top 3 place, 4th with standard within qualifying window
 - Youth top 2, third with standard within the qualifying window

Only trials place finish should determine international team. Extra spots will be determined by order finish at trials

What about DQ/DNF/DNS?

Must enter and complete the race?

Do we disqualify people who were disqualified? If we don't, we may be misplacing people on the world athletics list who could compete

Submit 4 people for the teams with one as the alternate. That way if someone ahead is removed from the WA list, we have a shot at more athletes being selected for the races.

Now federations submit those they are NOT sending, not who they are sending. We need to remove who needs to be removed. Should not be submitted if you don't go to nationals/qualifiers

We don't currently have anyone with the auto- we select based on trials race
Pan am cup has no standard

35K at Pan Am top finisher who elects to go- m/f
Honors system- NO way to enforce fitness from January trials to fall race

DNF vs DQ: If DNF or DQ should equal a DNS for consideration of international team placement, especially since we do not have anyone with an auto qualification through another avenue such as current world champion. Having a strong set of rules and expectations is better even if you are sick or something

Can we even make these decisions before hearing from High Performance?

- Yes, we can make our standards anything we want and bring it to them at the October meeting

Suggestion that for the Pan Am Cup, the travel team standard MUST be walked at the trials event. Cannot use previous time to be considered if standard is not met in the trials event.

Dan Motion to only use the ranked order of finishers from the selection events for the selection of the international teams

2nd by Katie

Motion passed unanimously

Domestic Event Standards

Indoor USATF Nationals: Feb 17-18 Albuquerque, NM

In 2022 we had multiple ways to qualify for the indoor nationals (5k, 3k, mile, 20k) Do we want to keep those options?

- Does it hurt to have multiple ways to qualify?
- Note: Pre event travel funding is only available to entrants with a 3,000 time
- Only downfall is those who qualify with the mile may not be able to go that pace for the 3k
- men who raced at indoors in 2022 did do well even if qualified with the alt distances

- May as well keep the 3000, 5000, mile, 20k eligible

Decision:

Qualifying Standards for the 2023 Indoor Nationals will remain the same as 2022. The Window begins 1/29/2022, and the closing date is yet to be determined. However, pre-event travel funding will only be available to those who qualify in the window yet to be determined by high performance.

35k Championships: January 15, 2023, Santee, CA

- Can we approve the 35k qualification criteria without the full committee?
 - Yes, we can, its is our job to do so.

Suggestion to remove A/B standard and use the B standard for qualification and selection to international events. Agreed on from group.

We must have a qualifying entry for USA national prize money. Should we include a 20k? Instead of a standard, can we suggest a cut of time?

- If we must have standards for entry, they should be very generous to include as many people as possible who want to try the event and try to earn prize money while doing it.

We may not need qualifying standards. We didn't in the past, so we may not need them moving forward. Let's wait to see if they require them this year

- But we need to have them ready so if they do decide we need them we have them available and as many athletes as possible are able to qualify for the race.

Decision

35K National Championship qualifying standards were set according to the 2022 qualification plan to include a 20k and 35k entry standards. Will hopefully not be required but it is ready if needed by the National Office.

2024 Olympic Trials Standards should be established now so people know what they need to hit to qualify.

- Diane Will check with High Performance next month

U-20 National Championships- Date and Location TBD

Qualifying times will remain the same as in 2022. Qualifying Window TBD

Outdoor Nationals- Eugene Date TBD

Entry standards remain the same as in 2022, Qualifying Window TBD
World Championships and Pan Am Game

New Business

RW not on calendar on USATF website. Is hearing complaints from Walkers and from Race Directors

Link to USATF webpage which is difficult to navigate to from the main page.

<https://usatf.sport80.com/public/widget/6> Meets are often found there, but some still are not showing throughout the year.

Race directors need to contact Diane directly if they have problems with national office or if they need help ensuring their events are listed on the website.

The 20k Pan Am Racewalk Cup Trials are likely to be held March 4th or 5th in New Mexico. Ed and Diane are working to finalize the details prior to officially announcing the date or location.

Adjourn

Miranda- Motioned to Adjourn

2nd by Diane

Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned 9:12 PM CST

**Race Walk Executive Committee Meeting
November 7, 2022**

Minutes

Diane called meeting to order at 7:04 PM CST

Roll Call: Janelle Branch, Katie Burnett, Jo Burrows, Nick Christie, Emmanuel Corvera, Maryanne Daniel, Diane Graham-Henry, David Harriman, Solomiya Login, Miranda Melville, Maria Michta-Coffey, Dan Pierce, Ed Richardson,

Absent: Rich Robert

- **Pan Am Race Walk Cup and alternatives for 35k and 20k**
 - State dept will not currently allow us to Nicaragua
 - Athletes will have a performance opportunity. Will find out more at exec committee meeting at the annual meeting
 - Moved from Nicaragua? Apparently not. If it shifts we will be prepared to go
 - 20k trials- nm is trying to get clearance. Weekend of March 11 and 12. Will have more info soon. Katie is going to be looking into Oregon and ed will look at Arizona

- **35k Bronze event and Prize money allocation – Tracy Sundlun suggestions**
 - \$10000 in prize money
 - Performance scores
 - Encourages athletes to enter event they are the best at

Note: Bronze level event is for 35k, 20k, 10k, 5k

- **Team Selection for Worlds and Pan Am Games**
 - Worlds- selection events, top 3. 35K Cutoff is May 30
 - USATF will submit the top 4 from place finish at the event, WA will come back and say who was selected based on rankings. FINISHERS IN THE TRIALS RACE ONLY
 - 20k trials race= USATF nationals in Eugene in July, 35k Santee January
 - Federation notified on Aug 5th of those selected
 - Pan Am
 - 35K Top male and female, 20k top 2
 - Qualifying window- Jan 1, 2022- September 18 2023
 - Selection info on website by Nov 15

- **Millrose Games 1-Mile Race Walk – National Championship**
 - Jeff Salvage has sponsor for Milrose for 2 years
 - Prize money tbd....waiting on sponsor

- **2023 Standards**
 - Propose 35k and 20k standards for the 35k OT and the 20k standards for the 20k OT

- **Rules items – Dan Pierce**
 - Add note about use of 5000 vs 5k etc
 - Only applies to outdoor distances
 - Good for points
 - If insufficient number of umpires are assigned to racewalk, the judges become umpires

- **New Business: Development and recruitment**
 - Natos and Rich Robert will be going to Club XC Championships
 - Diane has plan for xc skiing groups

- **Adjourn**
 - Katie- Motioned to Adjourn
 - 2nd by Diane
 - Motion Passed

- **Meeting Adjourned 8:10 PM CST**

**2022 USATF Annual Meeting Race Walk Executive Committee Meeting
Orlando, FL
Thursday, December 1, 2022**

Meeting Called to order at 10:03 am EST

Roll Call

Present: Janelle Branch, Katie Burnett, Jo Burrows, Diane Graham-Henry, Solomiya Login, Dan Pierce, Ed Richardson, Cody Risch (Representing Nick Christie in discussion, but not voting) Rich Robert

Not Present: Nick Christie, Emmanuel Corvera, Maryanne Daniel, David Harriman, Miranda Melville, Maria Michta-Coffey

Non-Participating Observers: Deb Bridges (Oregon), Ron Daniel (Connecticut), Ngozi Fitzpatrick (unknown), Ray Funkhouser (Virginia), Leeanna Gray (Connecticut), Faith Hogan (SCA), Cassandra Osterloch (New Mexico), Ron Salvio (West Virginia), Brian Stoble (Ozark), Robyn Stevens (AAC/Pacific), Marie VerMeer (Oregon), Reginald Weissglas (New York),

Discussion of competitive opportunity to replace Pan Am Race Walk Cup – Michael Nussa

**Moved up in agenda to ensure proper time could be given to Michael Nussa if he needed to leave the meeting or other agenda items took longer than expected*

- Michael Nussa presented the plan for athlete grants in lieu of racing opportunity at Pan Am Cup scheduled in Nicaragua. National is still finalizing details but as of now the top 4 performers at the selection race for the 35k and the 20k (January in Santee and March TBD) will receive a grant to participate in an international race opportunity of their choosing. The USATF budget will be passed at this meeting and we will have a better idea of the specifics of the funding after that.
 - **Questions from the committee for Michael:**
 - Can they each choose their race or does everyone need to go to the same meet?
 - Michael- Yes, they can choose their own. Does not need to be with other grant recipients
 - What about U20 athletes? Will they receive a grant and should we have a trials race for them even if they don't?
 - Michael No they will not receive a grant, but we will still host a trials race for them for the race experience and an opportunity to qualify for other meets in the summer such as outdoor nationals.
 - Is this a reimbursement or a grant
 - Michael- It is a grant, not a reimbursement and will be the same for everyone.
 - If an athlete qualifies in both the 20k and 35k (top 4 in both selection races) would they qualify for one grant or two?

- Michael and Diane- They would receive only one. It is in lieu of one team trip regardless if they qualify for both distances. It is likely that if they qualify in both they can decline one of the “team” spots so an athlete finishing 5th in a race could potentially receive the grant as well. This detail will be worked out once the funding is settled.

No one had further questions, so we will wait to hear from Michael about more details following the annual meeting.

Approval of September 28 and November 7 Minutes

Dan: Motion to approve both minutes

Seconded by Katie

Motion Passes

Ratify Pending Racewalk Records

Note: Master’s racewalk records go through the master’s committee represented by Jo Burrows.

Ed- Motion to ratify records are presented

Seconded by Katie

Motion Passes

Confirm 2023 Standards

Has USATF set the funding window for Indoor Nationals?

Michael- Starting this year we are getting rid of the funding window for all events. The RW committee sets your own qualifying window and that will also be the travel funding window instead of having two different windows to juggle.

Typo in Outdoor qualifying window. Should read June 30 2023.

Will make both changes and re-upload standards to documents library before voting in general session tomorrow.

Dan: Motion for executive committee to recommend standards with discussed corrections to the full committee in tomorrow’s meeting

Seconded by Katie

Motion Passes

New Business

Rule Changes Proposals

This committee does not vote on these, but we do discuss them. These are the changes discussed in our last meeting regarding the verbiage

Rule 1: Add note about use of 5000 vs 5k etc

- Only applies to outdoor distances
- Good for points

Rule 2: If insufficient number of umpires are assigned to racewalk, the judges become

umpires

Dan explained each rule fully and the exec. committee agreed to move him to the beginning of the full racewalk committee meeting tomorrow to ensure he could take final vote back to rules before rules meeting was adjourned.

Dan also discussed LDR committee's discussion on their lap counting rule regarding how many athletes each lap counter can be responsible for. The decision would affect racewalk, but we do not have any further info and will await Dan reporting back if any changes from current practice materialize

Championship Mile at Milrose

Jeff Salvage is trying to have championship mile at Milrose. This is tricky because it would be a USATF event at a non-USATF meet. Ed has been working with Jeff on the language to help ensure both USATF and Milrose are able to agree on the terms. If this does materialize it could mean that Penn could host the 5,000 national Championships because they currently have the same issue of being an outside entity hosting a USATF championship event. More details to come as they are available.

20K Pan Am Cup Trials Race (still being contested although we won't be traveling to the Pan Am Cup as described above).

Jo- Has a friend in Mobile who may be willing and able to host the event even with the short notice. Discussion about the short turnaround time, but Jo is going to reach out to her friend this week and see if they can get it going in time.

Adjourn

- Janelle- Motion to adjourn the meeting
- 2nd by Katie
- Motion Passes

Meeting Adjourned at 10:59 am