

Race Walk Executive Meeting
March 27, 2024 – 7 pm Central time

Diane called meeting to order at 7:17 pm

Roll Call

Present: Janelle Branch, Katie Burnett, Emmanuel Corvera, Maryanne Daniel, Diane Graham-Henry, David Harriman, Solomiya Login, Maria Michta-Coffey, Ed Richardson,

Absent: Jo Burrows, Nick Christie, Miranda Melville, Dan Pierce, Rich Robert

Approval of Executive Committee minutes from Annual Meeting.

Ed: Motion to approve executive committee minutes from Annual Meeting

Seconded by Katie

Motion Passed

World Athletics Race Walk Team Championships – Antalya, Turkey

Time table (attached) and Course Map (attached)

Selection of Olympic Marathon Race Walk Mixed Relay from World Athletics Race Walk Team Championship

Selection copy with clarification via Michael Nussa and Pierce O’Callaghan

Per Michael:

We are attempting to qualify a USA team in Antalya, not individual athletes. So if Team A earns a spot in Antalya, we can select any male or female to represent the USA in Paris, it does not have to be the two athletes who competed on Team A.

The language about cards was put in for fairness for the two athletes who are competing to get credit/penalty for the time they actually walk and the penalties they actually earn. Example: the male athlete earns 3 cards but earns the 3rd one on his last lap and the female athlete ends up serving the penalty. We want to ensure that the penalty is allocated to the male athlete who earned the cards, not to the female athlete who served the penalty.

Same premise as we did for Santee but just slightly different due to the nature of Antalya. So we’ll add up the time that the athletes actually walked (minus time in the penalty zone) then allocate the time in the penalty zone back to the athletes in relation to how many cards they earned instead of who spend the time serving the penalty.

U20 Championships: June 13, 10,000m on Hayward Field, Eugene, with Nike Outdoor 3,000m on June 14

Olympic Trials 20k – June 29, Springfield, OR

Start: Men: 7:30 a.m., Women 7:31 a.m.

Same course as the 2021 Olympic Trials

New Business:

Opportunity events for qualifying for Olympic Trials- 20,000 race on the track at the Athletes in Action facility in Ohio. No other opportunities currently in USA before qualifying deadline.

Penn:

Because Maria's race was postponed to April 6 due to weather, the meet entries are due April 9.

Ed motioned to adjourn

Seconded by Solomiya

Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Note: No Executive Committee Meeting Quarter 2, 2024

**Race Walk Executive Committee Meeting
September 10, 2024 – 7 p.m. Central time**

Diane called meeting to order at 7:08 Central

Roll Call

Present: Jo Borrows, Janelle Branch, Katie Burnett, Nick Christie, Maryanne Daniel, Diane Graham-Henry, David Harriman, Miranda Melville, Maria Michta-Coffey, Dan Pierce

Absent: Emmanuel Corvera, Solomiya Login, Ed Richardson, Rich Robert

Minutes

Jo: Motion to approve the March 27, 2024 minutes

Seconded by Miranda

Motion passed

2025 Standards

35k National Championship and Pan Am Cup Qualifier/ World Championship Qualifier

January 26, 2025, San Diego – Tracy Sundlun can host

(Note: waiting confirmation of 35k being contested at Pan Am Cup – mostly likely will)

Time limit for course? Tracy's decision

we do need to have a cut off for masters?

Masters national championships? Jo would love, but has to work with Tracy on it

Janelle motions for the executive committee to recommend all racers must begin their final lap by 5 hours.

Seconded by Dan

Motion Passed

For selection to the Pan Am Cup Team, assuming the 35k is held at the 2025 Pan Am Cup:

Nick motions the times of 3:13 for men and 3:33 for women need to be hit at the selection race to be considered for the Pan American Cup Team in 2025. The top four under the minimum standard at the selection race will self-select to the team. If an athlete declines, the spot will be offered to the next athlete under the minimum selection time at the selection event.

Seconded by Maria

Motion Passed

Maria motions the standard for pre-travel stipend will date back to the most recent USATF 35K championship on January 15, 2023.

**Seconded by Diane
Motion Passed**

National Indoor Championship – Date and location TBD

Can we push to make it 5000?

Diane will check.

Diane motions to approve the mile, 3000, and 5000 times as qualifiers for indoor nationals, dating back to February 16, 2024 and removing the 20k option from qualification.

Seconded by Maria

Motion Passed

Discussion about pre travel funding if the indoor event changes to a 5000. Discussion was tabled by Janelle until we have more information on if a 5000 event is possible.

Pan Am Cup 20k / U20k Qualifier– Possible early March – Location TBD

Pan Am Race Walk Cup is April 19-21, 2025, Location TBD

Maria motions the minimum qualifying times of 1:36 for men and 1:48 for women need to be hit at the selection race, and the top four under the minimum standard at the selection race will compose the 2025 Pan American Cup Team. If an athlete declines, the spot will be offered to the next athlete under the minimum selection time at the selection event.

For the U20 Team, the minimum selection times of 47:00 for men and 53:30 for women must be hit at the selection race and the top three under the minimum standard at the selection race will self select to the team. If an athlete declines, the spot will be offered to the next athlete under the minimum selection time at the selection event.

Seconded by Dan

Motion passed

U20 National Championship – Date and location TBD

5k/5000, 10k/10000

Diane motions to keep the standards the same from the 2024 championships.

Seconded by Maria

9 in favor, 1 oppose

Motion passed

Outdoor National Championship - Date and location TBD

Discussion around moving the 20k national championships out of USATF nationals if USATF Nationals are in August to give our athletes the best opportunities to walk fast and qualify for Tokyo 2025. Discussion included hosting a 20k nationals earlier in the year. One date floated was 1ST weekend in June in conjunction with an association championship. Then host the 10k/100000 national championship at USATF outdoor nationals to still have a racewalk presence in August. Note: money would follow the 20k national championships as it did in 2019.

Questions:

Do we have a date/location for the 2025 USATF Outdoor National Championships?

Should we move our 20k nationals to earlier in the year?

Would we contest a 10k nationals at USATF Nationals?

How do we qualify for NACAC? Is US sending a team? Would we use our Pan Am trials selection race or another 20k (possibly national championship 20k)?

Note: we need to revisit this event once we have more information. We also need to set a qualifying window once we have a better idea of the date of the 20k national championship

Nick Motions to keep the 5000/5k, 10000/10k and 20000/20k standards from 2023 for 20k nationals as well as a possible 10k nationals if we move the 20k to earlier in the season.

Seconded by Dan

Motion passed

New Business

Annual meetings will likely go virtual every other year due to budget constraints from USATF

A new rule is being proposed in the rules committee that racewalk judges and referees shall not judge races with immediate family members in the race or be a direct coach of an athlete in the race. Family member or coach can be in non-judging roles such as lap counter or recorder.

Judges for national champs not elites (masters, Junior Olympics) do we need to be in the selection for all national championships, especially J.O.s and youth meets?

- This complaint of abysmal J.O.s has been heard and is being taken seriously by several committees. We will all work together to ensure it drastically improves in the future.

Miranda motions to adjourn

Seconded by Maria
Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned 8:49 pm