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USATF GA Race Walk Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 13, 2018

11:00am

Farmer's Table, 3670 GA-5, Douglasville, GA 30135



Jean welcomed the Executive Committee Members and called the meeting to order

In Attendance:

- Jean Williams
- Kellie Crawford
- Peggy Curtis
- Susie Sleight

Breakfast

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting were approved.

Old Business

- Operating Procedures
 - Needs to be reviewed and updated as needed prior to 8/25 GA Association Annual Meeting; 1pm Marietta, GA
 - Updates to include Executive Committee make up and approved goals to be included in the document.
 - Positions approved in 2016 but needing inclusion in document are to include:
 - Vice Chair Administration
 - Vice Chair Operations
 - Vice Chair Communications, optional
- Committee updates to include adding the following Committee members as of August/September 2018
 - Michelle Haffner (Race Walk Coach, Official)
 - Janelle Branch, Collegiate level Racewalk Graduate of Cornerstone University; retiring from USN in August; located in Augusta, GA
 - Katie Haffner (Youth athlete, Race Walk volunteer)
- Goals Review/Check
 - Biggest Goal: Recruiting; gaining interest from Georgia schools
 - Need at least one proposed seminar from a PE teacher

- Communications/Marketing
 - Facebook – being updated several times weekly
 - Newsletters – will resume in September or October and will include flashbacks of last couple of years
 - Conference Calls will be held as needed
 - Flyers
 - USATF GA Website lists upcoming events
 - Emails
- USATF-Georgia Masters Grand Prix Series has been restructured. Tina Klein, Masters Chair will pick it up if her budget permits.
- USATF National, Southeast Region and South Carolina, Georgia & North Carolina Associations Junior/Open/Masters 1 Hour Championship will be October 28th at Furman University. We will co-host.
- Riban Award Nominees
 - Lifetime – USATF Georgia voted to nominate Michael Roth. Jean will compile his bio to be sent when requested by National Race Walk Committee.
 - Chapter – we will nominate GA Chapter
- Southeast Region Fall Championship is to be scheduled for October or November
 - Looking at dates and locations
 - Looking for locations
- USATF Georgia Budget, including Race Walk Budget
 - The official copy of the approved Association budget has not been made available at the time of meeting.
 - USATF-Georgia Board of Directors Meeting next week; Jean expects to see a copy of approved budget.
 - The copy of the budgets sent to Chairs was said to be incorrect at a meeting in June in which Kellie Crawford, Vice Chair, represented the Georgia Race Walk Committee in absentia of Jean. A corrected copy was to be sent that same week. It has not been sent yet.
- Race Walk of the Year Awards- 2017 & 2018 will be honored at the August meeting
 - Jean will send out a call for Nominees. Received nominations were discussed.
 - Athletes
 - Youth
 - Junior
 - Open
 - Masters
 - Coach/Mentor
 - Club
 - Organizer – CCYTL for 2018
- Records on hsrw.com are not yet updated.

- Community Outreach Initiatives
 - The Tenth Annual Athletes Helping Athletes 5k Run/1 Mile Walk will be held on Saturday, October 14th
 - 2018 Dia de Muertos Festival & Celebrations
 - USATF Georgia will not participate this year due to a conflict with our co-hosting of the 2018 USATF National, Southeast Region and South Carolina=Georgia-North Carolina Associations Junior/Open/Masters 1 Hour Championship on October 28th at Furman University.
 - Elementary School Clinics
- Recently Completed Race Walk Opportunities
 - Junior Olympic qualifiers
 - Invitational Meets
- Upcoming Race Walk Opportunities
 - USATF Junior Olympics; July 23-29; NC A&T; Greensboro, NC
 - AAU
 - Club Nationals, Orlando, FL
 - Nationals, Des Moines, IA
 - GA Games (All)
 - Georgia Golden Olympics (Grandmasters)
 - The event will be in Warner Robins, GA in September 26-29.
 - Athletes 50 or older may participate.
 - The Golden Olympics/Senior Games are occur in all states and is a qualifier to the 2019 National Games scheduled June 14-25 in Albuquerque, NM
 - So far, 6 Georgia race walkers qualified in other states; some in 1500m, some in 5000m, some in both.
 - Alan Moore and Joel Dubow qualified for 5000m RW at Alabama Senior Olympics in AL on May 12, 2018
 - Trenice Mullis-Moore qualified for 1500m RW in AL at Alabama Senior Olympics on May 12, 2018
 - Robert Fowler, Jerry Brinegar, and Amy Tonsits, qualified for 1500m on June 19 at South Carolina Senior Sports Classic
 - Robert Fowler and Amy Tonsits qualified for 5000m on June at South Carolina Senior Sports Classic on June 19.
 - The Performance list for Georgia's Golden Olympics is not available.
 - 2018 Race Walk Clinics
 - Continued the Pre Meet Clinics
 - Plans are to offer 1-2 Officials Race Walk Clinic with at least one Coaches Race Walk Clinic
 - McGovern Clinic is on hold due to wife having baby

- Dunamis will not be returning to GA ties year due to Lakepoint declaring bankruptcy
- Caminata – Overnight Clinic/Camp
 - Focused on Girls
 - Next Week
 - Chloe Blacknall has been invited to attend. Abigail & Katie have already attended. Peggy will notify mom. Unknown if fee involved – Jean will find out. Camp will be Wed-Fri in Greer, SC.
- AAU Clinic to be included in 2018 Junior Olympics
- Individual Clubs include race walks in their club's Practices

New Business

- Officials
- Upcoming Events
 - July/August – Junior Olympics
 - July 14 – Ian Dube Meet @ New Manchester HS (1500m & 3000m all ages)
 - July 15 – AAAG Sports Festival @ Godfrey Stadium, Decatur, GA (1500m all ages)
 - July 21 – Emerging Elite Athlete Showcase @ Mount Pisgah HS, Johns Creek, GA (1500m)
 - July 21-22 – Georgia Games @ Marietta HS (1500m, 3000m on July 22)
 - August 10 – USA-Canada Jr. Race Walk Match – might have International Invitational
 - This is 30th year of USA vs Canada Match. It will be held in Harlan's Point, Toronto, Canada.
 - Jordan Crawford made Team USA Juniors at USATF Nat'l Junior Outdoor Championship. Like when we hosted it, Jordan Crawford and all male athletes will walk 10K, girls will walk 5K.
 - August 10-12 NACAC Senior, Toronto Islands, Toronto, Canada
 - September 4-16 – World Masters Athletics Outdoor Championships, Malaga, Spain
 - September 8 – USATF Junior 20km Race Walk Championships
 - October 6-7 – AAU National Race Walk Championship, Turtle Lake, Panama City, FL
 - October 6-18 – Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires, Argentina
 - October 28 – 2018 National, SE Region and SC/GA/NC Association 1 hour RW Championship
 - November 2, 3 or 4 – Dia de Muertos Walk/Run
 - November – USATF National, SE Region & Association 10k (and other distances) RW Championship
 - Indoor Meets
 - December 29 – USATF Indoor 5K RW Championship, Rochester, NY
 - Millrose Games – 1 mile Indoor, NY, NY
 - Masters 3k Indoor – Landover, MD
 - Junior 5k, Framingham, MA
 - Race Walk Clinics

- GATFCCA Coaches Clinic (January)
 - Request for Presentation
 - Sponsor a luncheon
- Potential Bids
 - 2019 USA-Canada Junior RW Match & International RW Challenge
 - 10k Junior RW (November 2018 or February 2019)
 - 1 hour RW (2019 & 2020) – SC will help if we get it; SC has 2018; Cost is \$500-\$1000
- Preparing GA Junior Elites
 - We need to identify junior athletes who are serious about race walking
 - Once identified we need to educate interested juniors in elite meets available, necessary standards, college recruiting
- Collegiate
 - Jordan Crawford signed his letter of Intent with Missouri Baptist. Will begin school, immediately following his return from USA-Canada Junior Race Walk Match in Toronto, Canada.
 - Cassidi Jones signed with Brenau University.
 - Brenau University is the first Georgia college/university to offer race walking opportunities to its athletes since 2011 when Shorter University presented opportunity for athlete.
 - Two Brenau athletes (Deeana Joseph and Chloe Ireland) competed in 5000m race walk at the Caminata Invitational Race Walk on April 22, 2018
 - Two Brenau athletes (Deeana Joseph and Chloe Ireland) competed in the 5000m Race Walk at the Appalachian AAC Outdoor Track & Field Championship on April 27-28.
 - Cassidi signed to Brenau for Pole Vault (PV ATL) and also informed coaches that she has sprint, jumping, and 1 year RW experience. We are proud of Cassidi.
- GA Annual Meeting – August 25, Piedmont Church, Marietta, 1:00pm
 - Elections (VP Sponsorship)
 - Mike Judge is on ballot for election to continue the position in which he currently is interim Vice President.
 - Mike Judge served in this position from 2013-2015 and 2015-2017. Did not originally run in 2017, assumed role to replace vacancy at a Board Meeting.
 - RW Meeting
 - Vote on Operating Procedures
 - Present Awards
- Committee Elections 2019
 - Interested RW Committee

Adjournment @ 12:28pm