

AGENDA

USATF-GA Race Walk Committee

Thursday, April 13, 2018

10:00am

Thumbs Up Diner, 5935 Stewart Pkwy, Douglasville, GA 30135

Welcome & Call to Order

In Attendance:

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

Breakfast

Approval of Minutes

Old Business

- Operating Procedures
 - Still needs to be updated and approved
 - Updates include the committee make up and goals.
- Goals Review/Check
 - Increasing Collegiate Race Walk connections
 - Truitt McConnell University (Cleveland, GA) wants to add Race Walk
 - Brenau University (Gainesville, GA) has added the race walk. Two athletes competed in the conference championship.
 - Enhance school physical education programs with race walking units
 - Working on this. Making contact with schools.
 - Butch Soles of Arbor Station Elementary is interested in learning.
- Jean plans on putting in proposal to Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (GAHPERD) to have a session at one of their conferences.
- Communications/Marketing
 - Facebook
 - Robert Fowler is assisting with the update of our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/USATFGeorgiaRaceWalk/>
 - We continue to be active with High School Race Walk site
 - We continue to communicate via Emails

- Newsletters will resume in near future
- Conference Calls will be held as needed
- Flyers re upcoming events, recruitment of officials, etc. continue to be distributed
 - North American Racewalk Institute (NARI) brochures are distributed to coaches, parents, and athletes at meets.
- USATF Georgia website includes upcoming events, results of all meets in which Georgians participate, goals, committee members, etc
- 2019 USA-Canada Junior Race Walk Match & International Race Walk Challenge
 - 2018 Match will be held on the Toronto Islands, Toronto, Canada on Aug 10 in conjunction with the August 10-12 NACAC Sr. Championship
 - Georgia has been asked to submit a bid for 2019 event
 - Event is open to athletes who are under the age of 20 on August 10.
- Grand Prix Series
 - The Race Walk Committee will not sponsor the series for 2018
 - Jean will check to see if Tina has funds to include in the Masters series
- Officials Certification, Re-certification/training
 - Phil Ozell has asked if we can host another certification clinic
 - Jean will look at Apr/May; possibly May 6th or 20th at Alexander HS or Deer Lick Park
- USATF National, Southeast Region and South Carolina, Georgia & North Carolina Associations Junior/Open/Masters 1 Hour Championship will be October 28 at Furman University
 - Walkers will be encouraged to participate
 - A few Georgia officials needed
 - Volunteers will be needed
- Southeast Region Fall Championship
 - Events
 - Marketing
 - Registration
 - Officials
- Race Walk of the Year Awards
 - 2017 nominees discussed. Awardees to be recognized in near future.
 - 2018 potential candidates discussed

New Business

- Mike Riban Awards (Lifetime Award)
 - Outstanding Contributions
 - Georgia's Nominee – Susan Heiser-Whatley
 - Outstanding Associations
 - Georgia will nominate an Association
- Community Outreach Initiative
 - The Tenth Annual Athletes Helping Athletes 5k Run/1 Mile Walk will be held on Saturday, October 14th

- Arbor Station Elementary Road Runners
 - Clinic
 - Peggy discussed with Coach Soles, he hasn't gotten back to her on setting up a date
 - Resources
 - Presenters
 - Books/DVDs/Brochures
- 2018 Dia de Muertos Festival & Celebrations, Date TBA
 - Plaza Fiesta
 - Near Druid Hills
 - We will host a Race Walk
 - Tina will organize a run
 - Date TBD (October 28th or Nov 1, 2 or 3)
 - The group already has \$10,000 donated from sponsors in Mexico
 - Calavera Medals will be distributed
 - Tshirts to be supplied by sponsor
 - Entry Fees and Profits to be further discussed
 - Current event locations: Santa Fe, CA, MX
 - Timer will be covered by sponsor, mytiminginc, in Sandy Springs, GA
 - Should be of little cost to us, maybe \$500

Upcoming Race Walk Opportunities

- 2018 USATF Elite/Junior Race Walk Camp (December)
- Caminata Walk
 - April 22nd, 9-10:00am
 - Greenville, SC
 - 3k/5k Race Walk
 - Officials Needed
 - Qualifies for USA/Canada meet
- Meet of Champions
 - May 19th
 - Marietta HS
 - Youth/Juniors/Open
 - Medals Top 3
 - Age groups:
 - Open 7-14 & 15-18, 19-29 (proposed by Mike Judge)
 - Masters
- Mark Trail Invitational
 - Memorial Day Weekend
 - Discover High School

- USATF Association Open/Masters T&F/LDR/RW Championship
 - June 9th
 - Barron Stadium, Rome, Georgia
 - 3000m, 5000m & 10000m Walks
- USATF Georgia Association Junior Olympic Championship
 - June 21-24th
 - Rome, GA; Barron Stadium
 - 1500m & 3000m Walks
- USATF Region 4 Junior Olympics Championship
 - July 5-8th
 - Rome, GA; Barron Stadium
 - 1500m & 3000m Walks
- GA Games
 - July 21-22; Race Walk is currently scheduled for Saturday, July 21 instead of the historically Sunday date
 - Marietta HS
 - Jean is checking on date with Jacqui Collins
 - 1500m & 3000m Walks
- USATF Junior Olympics
 - July 23-29
 - NC A&T; Greensboro, NC
 - 1500m & 3000m walks
- Golden Olympics
 - Will include the 1500m and 5K races
 - Begins on Sept. 26th in Warner Robbins, GA
 - 50+yo
- Dunamis
 - Returning to Georgia? Jean will check
 - If so, need to make sure walkers in High School are listed as high schoolers so results can be imported to ga.milesplit.com
- 2018 Race Walk Clinics
 - Pre-Competition Clinics will continue at meets
 - Officials Race Walk Clinics will be held with certification clinics
 - At least one Coaches Race Walk Clinic will be held
 - McGovern Clinic – We plan on hosting
 - Athletes Pay Fee of \$175 for weekend (Friday-Sunday) clinic
 - Includes spaghetti dinner and a race
 - We find location
 - Jean will contact Dave to get potential dates
 - Dave McGovern handles most Marketing and any special guests
 - USATF-GA RW Committee will also advertise event

- Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Potential Presentation Proposals
 - 2018 Conference
 - Share the Wealth Conference
 - Southeast District Workshop (early May)
 - Northwest District Workshop (early May)
 - Robert W. Moore Summer Institute (end of May)
- Indoor Meets Race Walk Challenges (January/February)
- Goal to advocate for inclusion of the Race Walk in County and State Endeavors

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Curtis, Secretary
USATF-GA Race Walk Committee