



2016 USATF-Georgia Annual Race Walk Committee Meeting

Smyrna Community Center, Smyrna, GA
August 20, 2016

Minutes

- I. Race Walking Chair, Jean William welcomed attendees and called the **Meeting to Order**
 - II. **In Attendance**
 - Jacquelyn Anthony, Race Walk Committee Secretary
 - Marco Belizaire
 - Jordan Crawford
 - Kellie Crawford, Race Walk Committee Vice Chair
 - Peggy Curtis
 - Jimal Deas
 - Joel Dubow
 - Andy Eggerth
 - Steve Hubbart
 - Tina Klein, Masters Track & Field Committee Chair
 - Gwen Loud-Johnson, Track & Field Committee Chair
 - Terry Ozell
 - Celeadonia Turner
 - Jean Williams, Race Walk Committee Chair
- Chairperson Williams introduced herself and presented the newly appointed Committee.
- III. **In Memoriam.** Chairperson Williams asked that the attendees take a moment of silence in memory of Jim Stroup, former President of the Walking Club of Georgia and USATF member.
 - IV. **Presentation of Minutes – Annual Meeting – August 15, 2015.** Chairperson Williams, presented the minutes from the August 2015 USATF-GA Annual Race Walk Committee Meeting.
 - V. **Chair's Year in Review.** Chairperson Williams reported the following activities:
 - The change in the USATF-GA Race Walk Executive Committee since the 2015 Election of Officers
 - The appointment of additional to the USATF-GA Race Walk Committee
 - The increase in the number of race walking youth athletes and participating clubs
 - The number of meets now including the race walk has increased, special acknowledgement for the inclusion in the Dream Mile, The TrackLab series, Crystal League Series, select Invitationals, and the University of West Georgia/Oval Street Productions Talent Identification Combine.
 - The addition of new officials and the need for additional race walk officials
 - Financial expenditures and needs were noted.
 - VI. **Old Business**
 - Chairperson Williams reminded all to review the Race Walk Committee Strategic Plan that was included in the first newsletter and to send comments to the Chairperson so that it can be updated
 - Review of the meets that included the race walk during 2016.
 - Jim conducted several clinics. The number was not available. Other clinics were held by Jean Williams and athletes prior to meets that included the race walk.
 - Chairperson Williams reported that the Association/Southeast Championship was not held in 2015. Williams shared the Committee's plan to revive the meet in October, 2016. Steve Hubbart commented that he was pleased to know that the championship would again be held. He informed us that 2015 was the first time in the history of hosting the Association and Region Championship that the event was cancelled.
 - It was iterated that although officials, athletes, coaches, volunteers, mentors and committee members have increased, there is still a need to recruit more people.

VII. **New Business**

- Chairperson Williams noted that it is time to review the Operating Procedures and to update the document.
- The rationale for the Enhancement of the Committee was explained. The committee now includes athletes (Youth, Open, Masters), a club coach, a race walk parent, and a list of resources.
- The plan to recognize race walking successes was presented
- The need to increase a variety of activities and experiences in the race walking community as well as other communities with the purpose of promoting, education and recruiting.
- The first issue of the newsletter was presented. All who wanted a copy was asked to e-mail the Chairperson.
- The chair declared that she would like to take the lead of one of her mentors, Track and Field Chair, Gwen Loud-Johnson, in hosting one or more Lunch Y Learn.
- The importance of Promoting and marketing the Race Walk was emphasized. This include utilizing technology and social media
- Chairperson Williams announced that she was working with Cindy Slayton and Ian Whatley on offering opportunities to certified/recertified as a race walk official.

VIII. **Committee Awards.** Chairperson Williams announced and/or presented service, Record-breaking awards, and Race Walk of the Year Awards, noting that all committee members and clubs that had race walkers were asked to submit nominees. The award recipients were:

- Jim Norvill – Outstanding Service and Commitment to the Race Walk in Georgia Award
- Abigail Quinn – National Record-Breaker
- Nathaniel Grimes – National Record-Breaker
- Joshua Sleight – National Record-Breaker
- Jordan Crawford – Male High School Record holder/breaker according to hsrw.net
- Camryn Curtis – Female High School Record holder/breaker according to hsrw.net
- Pamela Hudson Williams – Race Walk Event Organizer of the Year
- Abigail Quinn – Female Youth Race Walk Athlete of the Year
- Jordan Crawford – Male Youth Race Walk Athlete of the Year
- Alan Moore – Masters Race Walk Athlete of the Year
- Vaughn Williams – Club Race Walk Coach of the Year
- E-1 Track Club – Club with Race Walkers of the Year

IX. **General Announcements/Calendar-Upcoming Events.** Chairperson Williams announced two upcoming events

- October 2 - USATF-Southeast/Georgia Race Walk Championships
 - 800m Fun Walk
 - 1500m Race Walk
 - 3000m Race Walk
 - 5000m Race Walk
 - 10000m Race Walk
- October 29 – USATF-Southeast/South Carolina One-Hour Race Walk Championship

X. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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USATF-GA Race Walk Secretary

Jean Carolyn Williams
USATF-GA Race Walk Chair