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
  - T-shirts 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 9\textsuperscript{th}
  - 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. 26\textsuperscript{th} 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