



2018 USATF-Georgia Annual Race Walk Committee Meeting

Piedmont Church
570 Piedmont Road
Marietta, Georgia 30066

August 25, 2018

Minutes

- Race Walking Chair, Jean William welcomed attendees and called the Race Walk's Committee Meeting to Order at 4:12
- **In Attendance**
 - Janelle Branch
 - Kellie Crawford, Race Walk Committee Vice Chair
 - LaVonda DeWitt
 - Joel Dubow
 - Katie Haffner
 - Michelle Haffner
 - Lesley Hinz
 - Tina Klein, Masters Committee Chair
 - Gwen Loud-Johnson, Track & Field Committee Chair
 - Inez Finch (USATF President)
 - K.J. McRae
 - Lesley Hinz
 - Michael Spino, LDR Committee Chair
 - Euleen Josiah Tanner
 - Jean Williams, Race Walk Committee Chair

Chairperson Williams introduced herself and presented the committee members who were present at the meeting. New appointees were introduced.

- Janelle Branch
 - Katie Haffner
 - Michelle Haffner
 - K.J McCrae
- Chairperson Williams asked all to make a correction on the Agenda, correcting ...Minutes from 2015 to ...Minutes from 2017.
- **Approval of Minutes – Annual Meeting – September 16, 2017** Chairperson Williams, presented the minutes from the September 2017 USATF-GA Annual Race Walk Committee Meeting and called for a motion.
 - Joel Dubow made a **motion** to approve the Minutes as presented.
 - Michelle Haffner **seconded** the Motion to accept the 2017 Minutes
 - A vote was taken and the **Minutes** were **unanimously approved**.
- **Chair's Year in Review.** Chairperson Williams reported the following activities:
 - The Annual Report (distributed at the meeting and posted
 - The appointment of additional to the USATF-GA Race Walk Committee
 - Status update of the goals, operating procedures, and strategic plan
 - Clinics, meets and other activities in which race walks were included
 - Collaboration with other Committee Chairs to include the race walk in events; expand race walking opportunities; and/or to plan and execute include events in which the race walk was included.
 - Budget amount is still a little unclear and is not yet posted. Jean noted that the race walk committee postponed some activities due to the budget allotment process being delayed. As plans are made for the rest of the year, expenditures are a given.
 - Chairperson Williams reminded members that due to 2017 being an election year and general sessions running over, committee meetings were limited to approximately 15 minutes. She noted that 2017 award

recipients were never announced, therefore today 2017 & 2018 awards will be announced and awards presented.

- **Old Business**

- The increase in the number of race walking youth athletes and participating clubs
- The 2017, 2018 USA-Canada Junior Race Walk Match and potential bid for the 2019 event
- Dia de Muertos/Day of the Dead Community Outreach Initiatives
- SE Greyhounds Association "Athletes helping Athletes" Community Outreach Initiatives.
- Review of the meets that included the race walk during 2017. The number of meets now including the race walk increased, special acknowledgement for the inclusion in CCYTL Developmental Meets, Dunamis Super Meet, The TrackLab series, Meet of Champions, 1-Hour Race Walk Championship (Furman U), select Invitational Meets, and the Caminata Camp,
- Communication efforts are effective.
 1. Will reinstate the newsletter in fall.
 2. Remind texts will be implemented
- The addition of new officials and the need for additional race walk officials
- Clinics continue to be offered to athletes, coaches, officials, and parents
- It was iterated that although officials, athletes, coaches, volunteers, mentors and committee members have increased, there is still a need to recruit more people.
- Chairperson Williams reminded walkers to register for the 1-Hour RW Championship
- Chairperson Williams announced that she was working with Phil Ozell, Cindy Slayton and Ian Whatley on offering training opportunities and clinics to certified/recertified as a race walk official.
- Chairperson Williams informed the attendees that the Race Walk Grand Prix was removed from the Race Walk budget, per an agreement with Masters Chair, Tina Klein. Although still administered by the Race Walk Committee, it is now included in the Masters Budget along with the Masters Grand Prix pending funding allotment. It is a joint effort.

- **New Business**

- Chairperson Williams noted that the revised Operating Procedures includes the addition of additional Vice Chairs.
- The plan to enhance the recognition of race walking successes was presented.
 - The committee began with new categories for 2018
 - Meet recognitions using "Fitness Finders" charms will be added.
 - 2018 achievements will be grandfathered in
 - Will need someone to volunteer to take on this endeavor
- 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 importance of Promoting and marketing the Race Walk was emphasized. This include utilizing technology and social media
- The Chair informed the attendees that the Race Walk Executive Committee decided to not participate in The Dia de Muertos/Day of the Dead Celebration in 2018 so that the Georgia Association may commit to the National/SE/SC-GA-NC Associations 1-Hour race held on same weekend and co-hosted by Georgia.

- **Committee Awards.** Chairperson Williams presented 2017 and 2018 service, Record-breaking, Race Walk of the Year and Special Awards, noting that all committee members and clubs that had race walkers were asked to submit nominees. She noted that due to 2017 being an election year and the time allotted to the meeting was too short to present awards. The award recipients were:

- Abigail Quinn (Unattached) – 2018 USATF-GA Race Walk Record Breaker Award
- Abigail Quinn (Unattached) – 2017-2018 Distinguished Race Walk Performance Award
- Alan Moore (Atlanta Track Club) - 2017 USATF-GA Masters Race Walk Athlete of the Year
- Ann Hortman (Rome Sports Commission) - 2017 USATF-GA Race Walk Business/Community Partnership Award
- Brenda & Phil Logan (The Perfect Timing Group, Inc) – 2017 USATF-GA Race Walk Organization/Organizer of the Year Award
- Camryn Curtis (E-1 Track Club) - 2017 USATF-GA Junior/Open Race Walk Athlete of the Year
- Chase Curtis (Legacy Track Club) - 2018 USATF-GA Youth Race Walk Athlete of the Year
- E-1 Track Club – 2017 USATF-GA Race Walk Club of the Year
- Gary Crawford (Crawford Advertising) - 2017 USATF-GA Race Walk Business/Community Partnership Award
- Jacqui Collins (CCYTL) - 2018 USATF-GA Race Walk Organization/Organizer of the Year Award
- Joel Dubow (Atlanta Track Club) – 2017 USATF-GA Masters Race Walk Athlete of the Year
- Jordan Crawford (Legacy Athletics) – 2018 High School Race Walk (HSRW.com) State (GA) Records
- Jordan Crawford (Legacy Athletics)– 2018 USATF-GA Race Walk Official of the Year
- Jordan Crawford (E-1 Track Club) 2017 USATF-GA Junior/Open Race Walk Athlete of the Year
- Jordan Crawford (Legacy Athletics) - 2018 USATF-GA Junior/Open Race Walk Athlete of the Year

- Jordan Crawford (Legacy Athletics) - 2018 USATF-GA Race Walk Coach/Mentor of the Year
 - Joshua Sleight (Unattached) - 2017 USATF-GA Youth Race Walk Athlete of the Year
 - Katie Haffner (Blue Lightning Track Club) – 2017 USATF-GA Youth Race Walk Athlete of the Year
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 - Kellie Crawford (E-1 Track Club) – 2017 USATF-GA Race Walk Official of the year
 - Larry Wood (Atlanta Track Club) - 2017 USATF-GA Race Walk Grand Prix Special Recognition
 - Legacy Track Club – 2018 USATF-GA Race Walk of the Year
 - Michelle Haffner (Blue Lightning Track Club) – 2018 USATF-GA Race Walk Volunteer of the Year
 - Nelko Battle (Legacy Track Club) – 2018 USATF-GA Race Walk Official of the Year
 - Peggy Curtis (E-1 Track Club) – 2017 USATF-GA Race Walk Official of the Year
 - Robert Fowler (Atlanta Track Club) – 2018 USATF-GA Masters Race Walk Athlete of the Year
 - Ronndasia Coleman (E-1 Track Club) - 2017 USATF-GA Junior/Open Race Walk Athlete of the Year
 - Shorter University Track & Field Team – 2017-18 USATF-GA Race Walk Volunteers of the Year
 - Spivey Green (TriCity Youth Track) – 2018 USATF-GA Race Walk Coach of the Year
 - Tina Klein (Balanced Running/USATF-GA Masters Chairperson - 2017-2018 USATF-GA Race Walk Race Walk Crusader Award
 - Trenice Mullis-Dubow (Atlanta Track Club) – 2018 USATF-GA Masters Race Walk Athlete of the Year
 - Trey Williams – 2018 USATF-GA Coach/Mentor of the Year
 - Vaughn Williams (E-1 Track Club)– 2017 USATF-GA Coach/Mentor of the Year
- **General Announcements/Calendar-Upcoming Events.** Chairperson Williams announced upcoming race walk opportunities.
 - August 25, 2018 USATF-Georgia Association Annual Meeting/Race Walk Committee Annual Meeting, Piedmont Church, Kennesaw, GA
 - September 26-28, 2018 Georgia Golden Olympics (1500m, 3000m), Warner Robins, GA
 - September 30, 2018 USATF Open & Masters 40K Race Walk Championships, Owego, NY
 - October 7 or 14, 2018 USATF SE/GA Association Championships, Location TBA
 - October 20, 2018 Athletes helping Athletes 5K Run/Walk, Race Walk, Kennesaw, GA
 - October 21, 2018 USATF Open/Masters 10K, 20K, 30K, 50K Race Walk, Hauppauge, NY
 - October 28, 2018 Open/Masters National, Southeast, SC-GA-NC Associations 1-Hour Race Walk, Furman University, Greenville, SC
 - November 3 or 4, 2018 Dia de Muertos/Day of Dead Walk/Run/Race Walk (*Tentative Date*)
 - December 1, 2018 Emerging Elite Athlete winter Indoor-Outdoor Invite, Choccolocco Park Sports Complex, Oxford, Alabama (Register at coacho.com)
 - December 29, 2018 USATF Indoor 5,0m Race Walk Championships, Rochester NY
 - December, 2018/January 2019 USATF-GA Indoor RW Invitational, Gainesville, GA (*Tentative*)
 - February 22-24, 2019 USATF Indoor Championships, Indianapolis, IN
 - March 1-19, 2019 USATF Masters Indoor Track & Field Championships, Winston-Salem, NC
 - June 16-20, 2019 National Senior Games, Albuquerque, NM
 - June 25-30, 2019 USATF Youth Outdoor National Championship, Durham, NC
- **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Carolyn Williams
USATF-GA Race Walk Chair