



USATF Georgia Racewalk Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 12, 2017

10:00am

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

In Attendance:

- Jean Williams, Chair
- Kellie Crawford, Vice Chair
- Peggy Curtis, Secretary

Welcome & Call to Order

Breakfast

Approval of Minutes

- None to approve

Old Business

- Operating Procedures
 - Jean and Kellie have copies
 - Revisions are needed; Jean has begun making necessary changes
- Goals Review/Check
 - Failed to meet one goal: Achieving the honor of Most Outstanding Association; Failed to nominate ourselves. Can do this next year
 - All other goals were met
- Communications/Marketing
 - Facebook
 - Jean Williams is the Chair and has been constantly adding events/accomplishments
 - Robert Fowler has been assisting and has volunteered to be the Co-Social Media Chair

- Emails
 - Jean Williams has been handling
- Newsletters
 - Have been on hold; will begin again soon
- Conference Calls
 - Have continued
- Flyers
 - For special events
 - Meet Announcement
 - Officials Recruitment
- Website
 - Has continued to be updated by Jean Williams with the assistance of Webmaster, Matthew Chestnut
 - We continue to have inquiries to attend our events
- USA-Canada Junior Race Walk Match & Invitational Race Walk Challenge
 - National Report
 - Lessons Learned
 - When holding an event in Rome, GA all information needs to be submitted to every Department and the Commissioner
 - More funding needed from Nationals
 - Ideas for additional Sponsorships
 - Successes
 - Received a wealth of compliments re: job well done
 - Missed Opportunities
 - Ensure pictures are taken of overall race-walk champions, Officials and volunteers
 - Jean Williams will bring overall medals to 2017 USATF Annual Meeting in Ohio in Nov/Dec
 - Future Matches
 - Request and Recommendation made for Georgia to consider placing a bid for 2017
 - More funding needed from Nationals and Sponsorships
 - Improved screening for Officials and Certifications from the Officials Committee and Race-walk Committee
- Grand Prix Series
 - Status
 - No one qualified in the Open/Master/Grandmasters's division as they did not participate in enough events or did not meet the requirement as related to placement points
 - May have 1 Grand Master to complete the Series this weekend
 - Douglasville Moonlight Run/USATF Georgia Open, Masters & Grandmasters Distance/Race Walk Grand Prix Series (October 21)
 - Tina will present checks to Runners

- The Tenth Annual Athletes Helping Athletes 5K Run/1 Mile Walk will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017
 - Community Service Opportunity
 - 13 walkers registered as of 10/20/17
 - 3 of the walkers are actual Race-walkers
 - Jean will be in attendance
- Race Walk Officials Certification
 - Challenge to find out which Officials are Race-walk Certified
 - The System does not allow querying for Certification
 - Jean Williams will attend Technology Workshop, among Race Walk sessions, at the Annual meeting in OH, Nov/Dec
- USATF Southeast Region/SC/GA/NC Associations Junior/Open/Masters 1 Hour Racewalk Championship, 10/22/17
 - National Meet
 - Results will be sent to the National 1 Hour person to determine actual placement since the 1 Hr races occur all on the same date in different States
 - Jean Williams will officiate
 - Passed the National exam
 - Officials Committee is awaiting recommendation from a Masters Level Race Walk Judge
 - Meeting on Monday to determine Certification
 - Walkers, Officials and Volunteers are needed
- Southeast Region Fall Championship, 11/15/17
 - Location to be determined
 - Either Douglasville or Marietta; Lithia HS is under construction
 - If Douglasville: New Manchester HS, Alexander HS or Chapel Hill HS
 - Events
 - Need to finalize
 - Considering 1500m or 1600m; 3000m or 3200m; if starting from same line we can do both
 - Marketing
 - Registration
 - Awards
 - Jean Williams has medals
 - Officials
 - Cindy Slayton's list
- Race Walk of the Year Award Nominations
 - Youth
 - Katie Haffner
 - Abigail Quinn
 - L'Chelle York
 - Joshua Sleight

- Juniors
 - Jordan Crawford
 - Camryn Curtis
- Masters
 - Robert Fowler
 - Joel Dubow
- New Business:
 - Mike Riban Awards
 - Outstanding Contributions
 - Jean Williams Nominated/Recommended by two individuals: Jacquelyn Anthony and Tina Klein
 - Georgia placed their vote for Jean Williams
 - Outstanding Associations
 - Mid Atlantic wins automatically won because no other Association was nominated
 - Georgians inadvertently thought that by voting for Jean for the Mike Riban Award, that Georgia would also be nominated.
 - Georgia placed their vote for the Mid Atlantic Association
 - Community Outreach Initiative
 - The Tenth Annual Athletes Helping Athletes 5K run/ 1 Mile Walk will be held on Saturday, 10/14/17
 - Pope and Land Office (Barrett Summit Office Park), 1990 Vaughn Road, Kennesaw, GA 30144
 - 8:30am
 - 13 walkers registered as of 10/9/17 will walk a 1K
 - 100% of the proceeds from the race go directly to Southeastern Greyhound Adoption and its adoption program
 - This race is being held to raise funds to support SEGA's efforts to help former Greyhound racers. Your entry fee will be used to transport, then vet and house former racing Greyhounds until they find their forever homes. Our ultimate goal is to find forever homes for all former racers
 - Officials needed
 - Medals
 - Jean Williams will attend
 - 2017 Dia de Muertos Festival & Celebration, 10/29/17
 - Collaboration
 - Jean will meet with Tina to discuss 10/21/17
 - Application Proposal (Honorees)
 - Honoring 4 people
 - 2 Racewalkers
 - 1 Sprinter
 - 1 Distance Runner

- Ideas
 - Display will change a bit
 - Determine how to make a Racewalker stand
 - Cynthia's mom making Mexican shorts
 - Need Board with demonstration times
- Organizational Lunch & Learn (TBA trying to fit in schedule)
- Set Up (October 28)
 - 10:00am until 5:00pm
 - Need to let Jean know if you can help set up
- Dia de Muertos Celebration (October 29)
 - Altar Exhibits open from noon until 5:00p.m.
 - Altar judging will be announced at 3:00p
 - Clean up between 5:00pm and 6:00p.m.
 - Volunteers & Roles
 - Jean will set up Roles/Shifts/Coverage
 - Breaks will be work in for those working so that the events can be enjoyed by all.
- USATF Diversity & Leadership Committee Task/Request
 - National Committee is Dexter McCloud and Jacqui Collins
 - Increased participation and diversity in Racewalk
 - Need a report on National Racewalkers
 - Question posed re: paraplegics racewalking – no because of rule requirements fundamental to the sport; they can be a part of the committee
- Arbor Station Elementary Road Runners
 - Clinic
 - Set up dates
 - Vaughn, Trey, Chase, Nicholas, Jordan, Camryn and Joshua will be asked to teach walking portion of clinic
 - Resources
 - Books and DVDs received by Jean from National Office
 - Racewalk books to be donated to libraries of any school that allows us to conduct a clinic
- Run, Jump, Throw, Walk Requested
 - Schools:
 - Annette Winn Elementary
 - Arbor Station Elementary
 - Douglas County Parks & Rec
 - Eastside Elementary
 - Rome High School
 - Camp Grace; Roberta, GA – turning over to Inez' committee
 - Jean will discuss with Inez on Tuesday

- Race Walk Opportunities
 - 2017 Elite/Junior Race Walk Camp
 - 14& Older
 - Jordan Crawford
 - Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017- Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018
 - San Diego, CA
 - \$200 Grant all kids
 - \$350 total cost; need \$150 plus airfare
 - 2018 Race Walk Clinic
 - Podium Masterclass (Focus on Race Walking) and/or GA Track & Field/Cross Country Coaches Association Clinic (GATFCCA)
 - Advising GA HS Assoc; Mike Judge on committee
 - Meeting Jan 2018
 - Pre Meet Clinics
 - Continue
 - Officials Race Walk Clinic
 - Nov. 15, 2017 at Campbell HS
 - Coaches Race Walk Clinic
 - Nov. 15, 2017 at Campbell HS
 - Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (GAHPERD) Potential Presentation Proposals
 - Request to add Racewalk
 - Need Title by 10/31/17 for proposal
 - 2018 Conference
 - Share the Wealth Conference (Jan. 25-27, 2018)
 - Southeast District Workshop (early May)
 - Northwest District Workshop (early May)
 - Robert W. Moore Summer Institute (end of May)
 - Indoor Meets Race Walk Challenges (mid Jan/Feb)
 - County Inclusion of the Race Walk
 - Jean checking on

Meeting adjourned at 11:38a.m.