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Opening Session

Wednesday, November 30, 2005

WELCOME

Past President Pat Rico introduced current President Bill Roe who called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed delegates, observers and distinguished guests. The theme for the 2005 Annual meeting is "Our Time" and the presenting sponsor is Sport Court.

NATIONAL ANTHEM/ WELCOME FROM THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Michelle Kruger, the head women's coach at Episcopal High School of Jacksonville sang the National Anthem. Rod Larsen, President of the Florida Association, welcomed all to Florida.

QUORUM

A quorum was established by verifying the attendance of at least one member of the Adirondack, Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Gulf, Hawaii, Indiana, Inland Northwest, Kentucky, Long Island, Maine, Metropolitan, Mid-Atlantic, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, Nebraska, New England, New Mexico, Niagara, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Ozark, Pacific Northwest, Potomac Valley, San Diego, South Texas, Southern, Southwestern, and Virginia Associations, the NAIA, NJCAA, RRCA, and Running USA and International Athletes Tiombé Hurd, LaTanya Sheffield, Virginia Miller, Jenny Craine, Matt Hemmingway, Kip Janvrin, Gary Morgan, Jearl Miles-Clark, Jamie Nieto, Jon Drummond and Sandra Farmer-Patrick.

ORGANIZATIONAL SERVICES REPORT

Walter High, chair of the Organizational Service Committee reported on credentialing issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Approved the minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting December 1, 2004 and December 5, 2004. **APPROVED**

NECROLOGY

Those in attendance were asked to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of those who have served the sport and are no longer with us. Bob Hersh paid special tribute to Jack O'Reilly and Bill Roe paid special tribute to Mark Springer.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

During his address, President Roe unveiled USATF's new Mission Statement and Purposes:

Mission: *To lead the sport of Athletics in the United States and maintain the primacy of USA Track and Field in global athletics.*

Purposes:

- 1) Champion the rights, privileges, opportunities and well being of athletes
- 2) Achieve sustained excellence of professional athletes and coaches
- 3) Promote and practice diversity in all aspects of operations
- 4) Eliminate performance enhancing drug use in Athletics
- 5) Develop interest and participation in the sport of Athletics at all levels and ages
- 6) Generate public awareness, appreciation, and support for Athletics and for USATF
- 7) Create opportunities for athletes and Athletes' events
- 8) Generate sponsorships to aid this corporation in fulfilling its purposes and duties

President Roe also encouraged his audience to contribute to the leadership of the sport in the US at all levels.

CEO REPORT – STATE OF THE SPORT

During his annual State of the Sport address, CEO Craig Masback emphasized the Annual Meeting theme, "Our Time." Masback noted that USATF flourished in many areas in 2005, pointing out that Team USA athletes achieved record medal totals at multiple championship events, and that the organization's inaugural Visa Championship Series of network televised track and field events was the organization's best TV series ever in a post-Olympic year. He also mentioned that USATF's highly successful "Be A Champion" program has given elite athletes a vehicle to demonstrate their "unparalleled commitment to the community."

In the year ahead, he resolved to:

- Build the USATF brand by promoting the sport and its stars.
- Identify and support the stars of the future and take our high performance development efforts to a new level by creating a strategic plan for every event, holding ourselves accountable for how well we are serving our athletes and finding new resources

- Promote excellence in coaching. The new relationships with Connor Sport Court and Gill will allow us to take our Coaching Education Program, already the world's best, to a whole new level.
- Grow USATF resources.
- Promote youth fitness and physical education. We have pledged to support the continued expansion of the "Be A Champion" program, which is already recognized as a leader in the youth fitness and anti-obesity effort in America. Our role in the National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity, gives us an immediate opportunity to influence federal legislation and work with other organizations on the fitness issue.
- Continue to do the right thing with respect to the issue of performance enhancing drugs in sports.
- Redouble efforts to strengthen our relationships with the IAAF, the USOC, the school and college community and the Indianapolis community

IAAF REPORT

IAAF Council member Bob Hersh gave an update on IAAF issues and introduced Lamine Diack, President of the IAAF.

President Diack praised the work of USATF and its volunteers. He noted that the United States has an excellent system for discovering and encouraging young athletes and that the U.S. high school and colleges offer a tough competitive environment, which encourages world-class talent to emerge. He paid special tribute to the work of Craig Masback.

USOC REPORT

Executive Director of Elite Athlete Programs Mike Conley reported that relations with USOC were good and negotiations regarding program support for 2006 were proceeding well.

USATF FOUNDATION

Bill Roe reported on behalf of Tom Jackovic, executive director of the USATF foundation and Bob Greifeld, president of the USATF Foundation that the foundation made its first two major grants in 2005. The first was to the New York City Armory's "City Kids" youth track and field program and the second was for the USATF's "Be A Champion" program. The Foundation is committed to supporting programs that help grow the sport from youth to masters. President Roe encouraged contributions to the foundation.

HALL OF FAME

Bill Roe reported that the USATF Hall of Fame class of 2005 includes Earlene Brown, Jim Fuchs, Wes Santee, Fed Wolcott, Roger Kingdom, Mike Powell and John McDonnell. He thanked all the members of the various screening panels for their hard work throughout the selection process.

KEN DOHERTY MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

Bill Roe announced that Joseph Turrini was the recipient of the 2005 Ken Doherty Memorial Fellowship. He will be researching a project entitled "Dash for Cash: American Track Athletes and the Creation of Professional Track & Field".

PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

Throughout the meeting, Bill Roe recognized outstanding contributions to USATF though by awarding President's Awards to:

Reggie Lewis Track and Field Center – Host of the USATF Indoor Championships and Reebok Boston Indoor Games

Winnie Eggers – long time contributor and official
Alan Kolling – Law and Legislation Committee member

Vince Peters – athlete, youth and race walk coach, official, USATF Board member and committee leader

JoAnn Grissom – Two time Olympian, masters athletes, track & field official, member of national team staffs, high school coach

Larry and Nancy Seifert – Youth Athletics advocates

Dr. Norbert Sander – President, New Balance Track & Field Center in New York City

Colgate Women's Games – the nation's largest women's track and field series

Elizabeth Phillips – Chair of Women's LDR and long time contributor to the women's running community from the Metropolitan Association

Erika Baxter – Youth Athletics, USATF Associations and cultural exchange advocate, and event organizer

Cedric Walker – outstanding contributor to team management, relay program and youth programs from Niagara Association

Fred Finke – LDR Division Chair and event organizer

BUDGET

Ed Koch, USATF Treasurer and Larry James, Chair of the Budget Committee, reported that the budget process was proceeding well and invited anyone interested to attend a Budget 101 class to learn about USATF budgeting.

RULES

John Blackburn, Chair of the Rules Committee gave a preview of the rule changes being considered and invited anyone interested to attend the Rules Committee meetings to provide input.

LAW AND LEGISLATION

Jim Murphy, Chair of the Law and Legislation Committee gave a preview of the Bylaw changes being considered and invited anyone interested to attend the Law and Legislation Committee meetings to provide input.

Meeting was recessed at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Cannon
USATF Secretary

Closing General Session

Sunday, December 4, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Roe at 8:30 AM.

QUORUM

A quorum was established by verifying the attendance of at least one member of the Maine, New England, Adirondack, Niagara, Connecticut, New Jersey, Mid-Atlantic, Alabama, Potomac Valley, Three Rivers, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Indiana, Ohio, Lake Erie, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ozark, Southwestern, Missouri Valley, Nebraska, Colorado, Southern California, Inland Northwest, Pacific Northwest, Pacific, South Texas, Central California, Arizona, and South Carolina Associations, the NAIA, RRCA, and Running USA and International Athletes Kip Janvrin, Gary Morgan, Jenny Crain, Brian Johnson, Kristin Heaston, Danny Everett, Lauryn Williams, Curt Clausen, Antonio Pettigrew, Connie Price-Smith and Allen James.

REPORTS

Organizational Services: Walter High, chair of the Organizational Service Committee reported that the Arkansas, Iowa, Michigan, West Virginia and Wyoming associations had failed to submit required documents. AAHPERD, Catholic Youth Organization, National Disability Sports Alliance, National HS Athletic Coaches association, the US

Association for Blind Athletes, Wheelchair Sports, USA and the YWCA of the USA did not pay dues in 2005. Virginia Beach is recommended as the site for the 2010 Annual Meeting. **MOTION:** Approve the report of the Organizational Services Committee. **APPROVED**

Sports Committees: The chairs of all sports committees announced the locations of upcoming championships awarded within their committee meetings.

Cross Country Resolution: Beginning in 2007, the senior team compositions for the IAAF World Cross Country Championships will be the following: *for men, 9 members with 6 to score and for women, 6 members with 4 to score.* This was decided at the November 2005 IAAF Council Meeting. This inequality in men's and women's team size is totally unacceptable to the membership of USATF. **MOTION:** USATF is not in support of the IAAF Council's decision to have 9 men, with 6 to score and only 6 women, with 4 to score as team sizes competing at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships. We firmly believe that equal numbers should be represented for the senior men's and senior women's teams. **APPROVED**

2006 Budget: Budget Chair Larry James and Lauryn Williams presented the 2006 budget. **MOTION:** Approve the 2006 Budget as published. **APPROVED**

Law and Legislation: Jim Murphy, Chair of the Law and Legislation Committee presented the Recommended Actions and Changes to the Bylaws. **MOTION:** Approve the Law and Legislation Report as published. **APPROVED**

Rules: John Blackburn, Chair of the Rules Committee, presented the Recommended Changes to the Rules. Items 90 and 91 were pulled from the report. **MOTION:** Approve the Rules Report (except for items 90 and 91). **APPROVED**

Rules Item 90 was amended to read: Effective 1/1/2011, the Masters Long Distance Running Committee shall conduct and supervise a program for long distance running for all athletes over the age of ((40)) 35. Through 2010, the age limit will be forty (40) years old.

Rules Item 91 was amended to read: Masters: The Masters classification shall be limited to athletes who are at least ((forty (40))) thirty-five

(35) years old on the first day of the meet. Through 2010, the age limit for Masters Long Distance Running will be forty (40) years old.

MOTION: Approve Rule Items 90 and 91 as amended. **APPROVED**

Records: Justin Kuo presented the report of the Records Report. **MOTION:** Approve the published report of the Records Committee. **APPROVED**

SAVING RESOLUTIONS:

1. USA Track & Field approves the acts and actions of the national officers, Executive Committee and the Board of Directors from the previous year;
2. That the standard bank resolutions be approved for opening, closing, and changing signatures on bank statements and signing notes, and
3. That such resolutions be made an official part of the minutes. **APPROVED**

STAFF ACKNOWLEDGMENT: The national staff was asked to come forward and be congratulated for the outstanding work that they do.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. **APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Cannon
Secretary USATF

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, November 30, 2005

WELCOME

President Bill Roe called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and welcomed the Board.

ATTENDANCE/QUORUM

Attendance: Bill Roe, Lynn Cannon, Ed Koch, Pat Rico, Brooks Johnson (voting for Stephanie Hightower), John Chaplin, Vince Peters, Fred Finke (non-voting), Glenn Latimer, Elizabeth Phillips, Norm Green, Alan Roth, George Mathews, Linda Phelps, Bob Hersh, Linda Melzer, Sandra Farmer-Patrick, Tony Cosey, Jon

Drummond, Antonio Pettigrew, Kim Keenan-Kirkpatrick (for Jackie Joyner-Kersey), Rose Monday (for Erica Wheeler), Jack Hazen, Mark Bockelman, Allan Steinfeld, Jeff Darman, and David Greifinger (non-voting).

Excused: Dee Jensen and Erica Wheeler

Staff: Craig Masback, Jim Elias, Mike Conley, Andy Martin, Jill Pilgrim, and Duffy Mahoney

Invited speakers: Lamine Diack, Amadeo Francis, Nick Davies, Travis T. Tygart and Dale Neuburger

Guests: Fred Baer, Bob Bowman, Bruce Colman, Dick Connors, Evie Dennis, Charles DesJardins, Danny Everett, Rex Harvey, Darlene Hickman, G. Larry James, David Katz, Marilyn Mitchell, Helio Rico, Margaret Sheehan, Anne Timmons, Jay Warwick, Ken Weinbel, Jack Wickens, and Mark Winitz

A quorum of Board members was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Approve minutes for the October 15-16, 2005, meeting. **APPROVED.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bill Roe referred to his written report in the Annual Meeting Reports Book.

CEO REPORT

CEO Craig Masback referred to his written report and commented that the Annual Meeting registration was close to a record level of 1,050 registrants.

ORGANIZATIONAL SERVICES REPORT

Walter High, Chair, gave a preliminary report regarding organizations and associations that were out of compliance for membership or voting privileges for the Annual Meeting.

PRESENTATION BY IAAF PRESIDENT, LAMINE DIACK

IAAF President Lamine Diack addressed the Board at length. In his remarks, he stressed the value of having all countries working together with a common vision for the sport. He offered compliments to USATF on its work and the passion and enthusiasm of its many volunteers. He expressed a desire to continue attempts to bring major competitions to the US. He answered questions from Board members.

PRESENTATION BY USADA GENERAL COUNSEL, TRAVIS TYGART

USADA General Counsel, Travis Tygart made a presentation on behalf of USADA. USADA is a private organization dedicated to protecting the rights of athletes, sport and society by providing education, research, testing and results management for doping control in the U.S. Travis answered questions from Board members.

BUSINESS PERFORMANCE PLAN

Dale Neuburger, PROS Consulting, LLC, distributed a report entitled "Business Performance Plan – USA Track & Field." This study, initiated by the USOC, compared "best practices" of model non-profit organizations with the current operating standards of USATF and made recommendations based on their analysis. In his comments, Mr. Neuburger stated that USATF measured up quite well.

LAW AND LEGISLATION

Bill Roe requested that anyone who had concerns related to the 2004 election issue attend the Law & Legislation committee meeting at Noon on Thursday, December 1.

FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION: The Budget Committee is authorized to hear appeals, make modifications, and present a budget for final approval at the Sunday, December 4, 2005, General Session. **APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

1. **MOTION:** The Budget Committee is authorized to hear appeals, make modifications, and present a budget for final approval at the Sunday, December 4, 2005, General Session. **APPROVED.**

Sunday, December 4, 2005

WELCOME

President Bill Roe called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and welcomed the Board.

ATTENDANCE/QUORUM

Attendance: Bill Roe, Dee Jensen, Lynn Cannon, Ed Koch, Pat Rico, Brooks Johnson (non-voting), John Chaplin, Stephanie Hightower, Vince Peters, Fred Finke (non-voting), Glenn Latimer, Elizabeth Phillips, Norm Green, Alan Roth, George Mathews, Linda Phelps, Terry Crawford,

Bob Hersh, Linda Melzer, Sandra Farmer-Patrick, Tony Cosey, Antonio Pettigrew, Dexter McCloud (for Jon Drummond), Kim Keenan-Kirkpatrick (for Jackie Joyner-Kersey), Angie Taylor (for Erica Wheeler), Jack Hazen, Allan Steinfeld, and David Greifinger (non-voting)

Excused: Erica Wheeler

Staff: Craig Masback, Jim Elias, Mike Conley, Jill Pilgrim, Duffy Mahoney, Gina Miller, and Sandy Snow

Guests: Fred Baer, Rubin Carter, Danny Everett, Rex Harvey, Darlene Hickman, G. Larry James, Lionel Leach, Marilyn Mitchell, Warren Ring, Mary Rosado, Lloyd Stephenson, Jay Warwick, Lauryn Williams, and Mark Winitz.

A quorum of Board members was present.

ORGANIZATIONAL SERVICES REPORT

Walter High reported that the Organizational Services Committee recommended that the Professional Athlete's Association and the Youth Track Coaches Association be approved for membership. **MOTION:** The Professional Athlete's Association (PAA) is accepted as a 5E1 member of USATF. The PAA requested no voting rights. **APPROVED.**

MOTION: The Youth Track Coaches Association is accepted as a 5E2 member of USATF. The Youth Track Coaches Association will have one vote in the Youth Committee and one vote in the General Session. **APPROVED.**

It was noted that the Master's LDR, Youth Athletics, Associations, and Athlete's Advisory committees will be conducting elections in 2006, as well as IAAF nominations' elections.

LEGAL UPDATES

- 1) Jill Pilgrim, Director of Business Affairs & General Counsel reported on pending grievance and litigation proceedings:
 - Recently received an election protest in the Nevada Association
 - The August 2004 election in the Southern Association was found by an NABR panel to be invalid. Organizational services and Andy Martin will have a difficult task of figuring out how to hold a new election in hurricane ravished Louisiana.
 - In the case of Vernon Smith in the Southern California Association, various entities were notified of Mr. Smith's expulsion by a letter from Craig Masback.

Discussion over controversy resulting from victim's parents writing to news media that USATF is not doing enough to get the word out about Mr. Smith.

- A hearing has been held in the grievance of the United Stars Track Club against the Youth Committee (and others). Awaiting a decision.

- 2) Jill invited Board members to nominate individuals to serve on the National Athletic Board of Review for 2006-08 term.

EEO Report

Craig Masback distributed an Equal Employment Opportunity report dated December 2005. The data indicates that the percentage of women and minorities among USATF staff compares favorably to the EEOC data representative of the overall workforce in the Indianapolis area.

2006 BOARD MEETINGS

The Board will conduct a conference call on Sunday, January 29, an in-person meeting on Saturday and Sunday February 25-26 (in conjunction with the Indoor Championships in Boston), a conference call on Sunday, May 7, an in-person meeting on Saturday- Sunday, June 17-18 in Indianapolis, a conference call on Sunday, September 10, an in-person meeting on Saturday-Sunday, October 14-15 in Indianapolis, and in-person meetings on Wednesday, November 29, and Sunday, December 3, in Indianapolis. Among the specific scheduled topics, a report from the Ethics Committee will be made in February and membership fee increases will be discussed in June.

REPORTS

Coaches Advisory Committee

Terry Crawford reported that the Coaches Advisory passed the following resolution:

- Whereas, the USOC directive is "Athlete-Centered, Coach-Driven, and Science-Based,"
- Whereas, the athletes have all developed through their relationships, instruction, and support of their coach(es),
- Whereas, nearly all of these coaches are affiliated with educational institutions that provide the resources (facilities, competitive schedules, travel, medical care, etc.) in excess of \$500,000,000 annually toward the development of their athletes who comprise the vast majority on our national teams, and
- Whereas, the coaches are personally and passionately committed to the growth and

development of the sport of track & field at all levels,

Therefore, we request and expect the Coaches Advisory Committee will be provided with:

- 1) Our rightful representation, place, and voice on all appropriate USATF committees, and
- 2) Budgetary support which is consistent with the role of coaches in accomplishing the mission of the USATF and the USOC.

There was concern expressed by Craig over the name change and legal issues with our name. We will not accept a name change for purposes of USTCA until this issue has been resolved.

Athletes Advisory Committee

Sandra Farmer-Patrick reported that the AAC is pleased with the creation of the PAA and its membership in USATF.

High Performance Division

Brooks Johnson, High Performance Division chair offered thanks to USATF staff.

Master's Track & Field

George Mathews, Master's Track & Field Committee chair on behalf of his committee expressed concerns about the potential restructuring of the Board in its implications for master's programs.

Officials

Linda Melzer reported on the super clinic conducted by Alan Bell, received great feedback from the athletes and including participation by Amadeo Francis. We may be looking at a future exchange program. She also reported making progress on the "youth movement."

IAAF Council Member

Bob Hersh reported that he was very happy to have been able to re-connect with the federation after missing most of the 2004 sessions due to the Council meeting conflict.

Race Walking

Vince Peters thanked Brooks and Duffy for their time this week, as he now sees light at the end of the tunnel of race walking development. Race Walking has a full Grand Prix schedule in place for 2006 and several championships awarded for 2007. He also thanked Amadeo for work on the Pan Am Race Walking Cup, and progress in NACAC, where there will be Under-17, Under-20, and Under-23 events in 2006.

Youth Athletics

Linda Phelps reported that the Youth Athletics rumor mill was alive and well, and encouraged members to contact her or vice-chair Lionel Leach if there are items floating around out there. She thanked Duffy and Stephanie for their assistance with the World Youth team. She also thanked Bill, Andy Martin, and Liz Turner Suscha for help with the AAU calendar project, which was approved by Youth Athletics committee yesterday.

Associations

Alan Roth reported that two cities are vying for the 2006 Associations Workshop, Pittsburgh and Richmond, for August 19-20. He reported that Skip Stolley was elected chair of the Club Council yesterday. He also noted that Jeff Martin would be the chair of the Background Screening Committee (*note*: there will be two alternate chairs, an at-large member and two alternate at-large members, and an athlete member and two alternate athlete members.) Finally, he mentioned that America's Running Route, a new feature on our web site this past Wednesday, already has nearly one thousand stored maps.

Bill thanked everyone for their attendance and productivity. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Cannon, USATF Secretary

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

1. **MOTION:** The Professional Athlete's Association (PAA) is accepted as a 5E1 member of USATF. The PAA requested no voting rights. **APPROVED.**
2. **MOTION:** The Youth Track Coaches Association is accepted as a 5E2 member of USATF. The Youth Track Coaches Association will have one vote in the Youth Committee and one vote in the General Session. **APPROVED.**

Athlete Support Meeting

December 3, 2005

Sue Humphrey (sitting in for chair Sandra Farmer-Patrick) called meeting to order at 4:15pm.

Attendance: Lynn Cannon (Athlete Support Committee Member), Nicole Whitman (Athlete), Monica Cabbler (Athlete), Richard Robert (Coach), Joseph Allen (Athlete), Sue Humphrey (Athlete Support Committee Member), Sandra Farmer-Patrick (Athlete Support Committee Chair/AAC Chair), Julie McKinney (Athlete Support Committee Member), Angie Taylor (Athlete Support Committee Member), Jay Warwick (USOC Rep.)

2005 Athlete Support Programs - Sue Humphrey welcomed everyone and gave a quick overview of 2005 Athlete Support Programs and answered any questions pertaining to those programs. The athlete support programs consist of 10 different categories:

Travel Allocations (Indoor and Outdoor)

USA TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE MONEY

Post-Collegiate Special Assistance Fund – compose list of PC athlete's prize money over the year (2001-2005). A tracking system to see how much money they make.

Venture Performance Pool

Elite Athlete Hardship Fund – thought about switching review period for hardship applications to October.

Operation Gold Grants

Tuition Assistance Grants – request feedback from the USOC

USOC Elite Athlete Health Insurance

USATF Sports Accident Insurance

Olympic Job Opportunity Program

2006 Athlete Support Programs - Provided a handout of all the approved 2006 programs; all of the programs criteria's were listed except for the **Operation Gold Grant and USATF Sports Accident Insurance.**

Open Discussion – Nicole Whitman talked about how there are not enough USA events for the Triple Jump. Joe Allen wanted to know the status of the hardship application he submitted but the committee told him that will be discussed in a closed session with other committee members.

Jay Warwick wants me to add him to the distribution list of USATF publications such as (Elite Beat, EA Handbook, Fast Forward, etc.)

Action Items – (closed to public) Elite Athlete Health Insurance Appeals and Hardship Fund Applicants. (The athlete Support Committee reviewed appeals and applications)

Eahi appeals - Sandra mentioned inserting something about maternity into the criteria for appeals. She also talked about having slots available for hardship athletes.

The committee set a deadline for Eahi applicants to enroll for the 2006 Eahi roster. In early January we will send certified warning letter to athletes reminding them of deadline. Request a roster from Viola Cruz (USOC Eahi administrator) to see who hasn't enrolled. Remove athletes from roster who missed deadline. Offer open slots to remaining athletes on the appeals list in order of ranked appeals, based off the set criteria for appeals.

Lynn talked about prioritizing the remainder of the athletes on the appeals list. Go into more depth. See details below...

OG/WC Medalist – date of OG and WC (sort in order of most recent to past dates).
2005 US Outdoor Nationals – in priority order - finalist, best bet, target, development, 2004 rank.
2005 World Ranks – in priority order
2005 US rankings- in priority order – best bet, target, development

EA Hardship Fund – the committee reviewed the applicants and wanted Beka to follow up with a few athletes to request additional information. The committee also wants to define in more detail what a hardship consists of. They want the athletes to be more specific in what their hardship is whether it's medical bills, bad track season due to injury, etc. They also want the applicants to submit documentation to support their hardship (i.e. if medical bills send documentation to show balance, etc.). After I receive additional information set up conference call so the committee can decide on how much they will award each athlete.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Audit Committee

December 2, 2005

Agenda 1. The Committee started the meeting by discussing what we had learned from our previous Travel Cash Management interviews and written materials.

Agenda 2. Following an interview guide the Committee spent most of the remaining meeting time interviewing Mike Conley and Jim Elias and then we discussed what we learned from the interviews.

Agenda 3. The Committee decided to continue with the remaining half dozen interviews. Our goal is to finish all interviews prior to the end of January 2006.

Agenda 4. We did not have time to develop a final Report outline.

Budget Committee

December 2, 2005

Committee members present: Philip Greenwald, Julia Emmons, Don Berry, Larry James, Ed Koch, and Curt Clausen (late arrival)

National Office Staff Present: Jim Elias and Gina Miller

Observers present: Nancy Kuyoth (Indiana), Robert Moore (Adirondack), Don Austin (So Texas)

Ed Koch initiated a discussion regarding a topic that had come before the L&L Committee. Linda Melzer (Officials representative) had proposed to the L&L Committee that all bid documents for National Championships should include a provision that the LOC provide housing and possibly ground transportation for all Officials at the meet. Ed suggested that, as a compromise, the bid documents remove the words "if any" from the section of the bid document that discusses what housing, if any, will be provided. He voiced that this compromise would address the issue. Ed moved for this change, Larry James seconded and the committee unanimously approved. Ed will take this approval back to the L&L Committee.

Jim Elias reviewed the one page budget to be presented to the membership in Sunday morning's closing session.

Phil initiated a discussion about the presentation/breakout of the budget into “functional” categories vs. the current presentation. He was concerned about areas like LDR reflecting their true total cost. Jim discussed how there are LDR costs scattered throughout the budget including International Teams and how he has prepared reports of this information for various purposes in the past. He indicated that he could prepare a full P&L of certain areas if it would be helpful. Larry wrapped up the topic by stating that the budget committee should put budget presentation and the “gap between reality and perception” on their agenda for future discussion to generate ideas to better communicate the budget and financial records to fill that gap.

Don Austin raised a concern about Masters not getting back from the organization what they pay in memberships. Jim stated that the facts presented were incorrect and summarized the organization’s economics on membership revenue. Further, Masters Committee and Championship costs are funded by sponsorships and programs, not membership dollars. Ed recommended that we use the Association Workshops as a vehicle of educating folks in this regard. Larry closed the discussion.

MUT Appeal: Anne Lundblad (athlete), Howard Nippert (athlete), Fred Finke, and Nancy Hobbs made an appeal to increase funding for MUT programs. Nancy summarized the teams programs and accomplishments over the past several years. Anne and Howard summarized their experience and discussed their personal financial investment. Several questions ensued regarding how funds are expended and other possible sources of funding. The Budget Committee then went into closed session for discussion. The Committee discussed past conflicts of interest with the Mountain running programs securing a footwear sponsorship that conflicted with our Nike relationship. Jim Elias mentioned that Mike Conley had agreed to fund \$2,000 from the International Teams budget for the international 100K championships in 2006. Julia moved that \$2,000 be moved from International Teams to fund the 100K championships. Ed seconded and the Committee unanimously approved. The \$2,000 will be moved from line 154 to line 68. Line 68 will be renamed the 100k Ultra Championship.

The meeting was adjourned.

Diversity & Leadership Task Force

December 3, 2005

Dr. Evie Dennis, chair, opened the meeting with a brief explanation about the charge of the Diversity & Leadership Task Force. There was a handout to encourage discussion and suggested ideas for the future. The handout was compiled by Radium Guess, EPO Consultants and facilitator for the Board of Directors for 2005.

Dr. Dennis has been involved since 1968 in the track and field Olympic movement, and has always been in the forefront. The Olympic Committee charged all sports Federations in 1978 to service diverse groups according to the Sports Act. USATF is pleased that the USOC has gone on record that USATF leads the way in this area. The fact remains that we still have a lot more work to do.

People in the room were then asked to introduce themselves.

The saying: “Go where you are invited and stay where you are welcomed” does apply in our diversity quest. We need to make sure that not only is USATF inviting to all people but that we can provide an atmosphere that would make all those invited want to stay and become an active part of USATF both nationally and locally.

Craig Masback, CEO of USATF, joined briefly to add to our discussion. Masback said that we had a crisis in our organization. There was not a pool of people of diverse backgrounds to supply our needs. We are now beginning to invite people to play a part. We need leaders and a pool for more people to draw from. By the activity in this direction, USATF is making strides. The USOC is very pleased with track and field as we are one of the more diverse sports federations and the USATF numbers helps the USOC look good.

Along with attracting more diverse members, we need to do a better job of mentoring. USATF is concerned with having role models not only to attract people to USATF but to change people’s perception of who can assume leadership roles.

One of the members, from the National Officials Committee, had compiled statistics that demonstrate that we have slowly increased our

diversity in our Officiating area. We still have a long ways to go and it is a very slow process. Perception of who can be involved and can be considered for leadership roles is extremely important. Again it shows that mentoring is vital! Role models are vital to this process. USATF must be willing to “fast track” some of our NTO’s for visible positions that would enhance the role model aspect. The mentoring process is currently in place but it is necessary to design a program that would foster greater involvement.

Dr. Dennis looked at the progress in 2005: there was a Diversity and Leadership Workshop session at our Association Workshop at Indianapolis in August, and there were two sessions at the Board of Directors meetings, one in Boston conducted by Radius Guess and the other at the June meeting. USATF President, Bill Roe, has endorsed this program and its funding for resources as he realizes the great importance to our organization.

Highlights of discussion:

- ÿ American Airlines: Took steps to educate employees, and employee Resource groups. They met with the Senior Staff each month—RESPECTING DIFFERENCES. There was “o” tolerance. There are books, videos and one-on-one education.
- ÿ Modeling and mentoring time and time again is very important in coaching, in all sports, and at all levels.
- ÿ Customer service organizations must be willing to make whatever strides to do what it takes to pave the way for promoting leadership and encouraging diversity in the workplace.
- ÿ Can’t control people but can control Culture.
- ÿ It was pointed out that we need a “Billy Mills” to tap other ethnic groups such as the African American, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and the Native American Indians to involve them. We need a good working diverse group.
- ÿ People need to be tapped now to look to the future. We can help people develop the necessary skills and provide opportunities within the committees.
- ÿ There are USATF & IAAF elections that will be coming up in the next 2 years, we need outreach for officers to run for those positions.
- ÿ We must take into consideration that many people due to financial restraints, children, and

available time might not be ready now but with mentoring they can be in the near future.

- ÿ Some programs, like the USOC Operation Gold were helpful in the amateur, grass roots Olympic movement. We need something similar for diversity awareness.
- ÿ Quotas are not discussed or a concern to us. Human resources are available and will help strengthen the cause. All available resources should be utilized.

What is the culture of USATF—we should strive for a stew, NOT a melting pot. A stew consists of distinct and separate vegetables, many distinct ingredients and spices that work together to make a delicious presentation and sustain life. We need distinct individuals, both male and female with unique personalities, talents, ages and abilities that work together to help make USATF beneficial to all people in our sport.

The charge for all present was that since all of us are mentors, we need to get involved either nationally, regionally and/or locally at the Association level; we can all make a difference if we work together.

Respectfully submitted by:

Darlene Hickman

Ethics Committee

December 3, 2005

Agenda 1. Pete reviewed his Board Presentation which he was not able to give. The presentation was rescheduled for Boston Board meeting.

Agenda 2. The Committee reviewed the Code Venting letters and incorporated agreed to recommendations into the new Code of Ethics.

Agenda 3. The Committee then reviewed possible implementation items including Whistleblower requirements.

Youth & Family Fitness Task Force

December 2, 2005

This year we are fortunate to have Susan Hazzard as our guest to aid in the discussion of the future potential of joining with the “Be a Champ”

Program. Many people who attended the meeting saw the “Be a Champ” Program as a good fit with what we would like to do on the Task Force. There was good discussion and a potential for future involvement. Ms. Hazzard and I will discuss in the near future what part that Youth & Family fitness Task Force could play.

In the past, the Task Force discussed that our direction would be a clearing house to direct people to programs and curriculums that we had reviewed to reassure those patrons that high standards were maintained, and contacts and additional resources were available. Currently there are numerous web sites for teachers, parents and coaches to go to for curriculum ideas, and lesson plans. USATF does not have to fulfill that role. Discussion then centered on what roles could USATF assume that were not be filled at this time. There were many ideas expressed and some highlights were:

- ÿ Contact PE Central web site for curriculum ideas. This is a web site already set up and available now.
- ÿ This Task Force needs to be pro-active and send things out to people.
- ÿ “Track In A Box” was a great program, it did not last long enough to service enough people and only serviced club organizations.
- ÿ Check out the NCAA web site called Track phi Track.
- ÿ There must be a tie-in to the Presidents Physical Fitness Program.
- ÿ There should be a tie-in to the YMCA program.
- ÿ Kids ESPN and Nickelodeon are other resources to be aware of.
- ÿ There should be a funding source through organizations: e.g. American Diabetes Association and others.
- ÿ There are free lesson plans out there available through programs like Run Jump & Throw.
- ÿ This group needs to work closely through the USATF Associations Committee.
- ÿ There are grants available, we need to write the grants to start being proactive and start or resume some of the programs that had been successful.

The feeling of the group of people present is that we need more work in fundraising in order to be effective. We need a pro-active program in which we reach out to people rather than having people come to us.

The group also concluded that all of us still need to encourage USATF members to work with the school boards in our associations and local communities to help get physical fitness or physical education back into the school systems. Many felt that if enough elementary and middle schools had some form of physical fitness program or physical education in their curriculum that the high schools would respond to the need to find a place for the children and fulfill the demands of the parents for athletic involvement.



High Performance Programs

Men's Track & Field

Friday, December 2, 2005

The meeting, which was chaired by John Chaplin, began at 4:09 pm with the approval of the 2004 meeting minutes.

Vice Chair Harry Groves then announced the election of coaches and head managers for all national teams for 2006.

World Indoors: Ernie Gregoire (Head coach)

John Carlos, Mike Holman, Brad Hudson (Assistant coaches)

Thomas Johnson (Head manager)

World Juniors: Robert Weir (Head coach)

Harvey Glance, Linda Lanker, John McDonnell, Boo Schexnayder (Assistant coaches)

Ken Brauman (Head manager)

Great Britain dual meet: Dennis Mitchell (Head coach)

NACAC-under 23: Tim Hickey (Head coach)

Alan Collatz, Gary Morgan, Randy Waggoner (Assistant coaches)

Doug Wells (Head manager)

World Cup: Pat Henry (Head coach)

Hal Connolly, Lance Deal, Ron Warhurst, Tim Weaver (Assistant coaches)

James Li (Head manager)

Standards Chair Bob Podkaminer then reviewed the men's standards for the national Indoor and Outdoor Championships for 2006. He noted that there was a change in the indoor 3000m standard (from 8:03.50 to 8:04:50), the intent being to qualify a larger pool of individuals. He also noted that there was a new IAAF rule for the hurdles in combined events for juniors, and that although the junior standard was based on the 39" barrier, we would retain a qualifying standard for 42" barriers. It was moved, seconded and carried that Podkaminer's report was adopted by the committee.

At that point, John Hemmer then announced that the Golden South Classic Association had awarded Steve Simmons a Lifetime Recognition Award. Mr. Simmons was present in the room and accepted the award from Coach Ken Brauman.

The chair then reported on the discussions held during the MTF's Executive Committee meeting regarding the Coaches Bonus policy change. This policy provided for payment of USATF stipends to coaches whose athletes attain a significant level of

performance each year. Concerns had been raised about the coach's responsibility and liability for an athlete who tested positive for prohibited substances. The broad recommendation was to preclude a coach from participating in the Coaches Bonus program if any of their declared athletes have tested positive for a prohibited substance within the previous twelve months.

The chair then led a discussion on several aspects of National Team Selection. First, regarding the relays, any athlete who qualifies in the 100 or 400 events automatically qualifies for inclusion in the relay pool. Second, with regard to selection to actually run on the relay team, the chair indicated that the final decision would always depend on the head coach, where a dispute between the relay and head coaches exists. Bob Hersh subsequently clarified that the new IAAF rule change was intended to address concerns over funding of individuals for relay teams. This was less a problem for large teams such as the United States, and more for smaller countries that might seek to add additional team entrants through the relay pool and thereby increase the overall number of athletes required to be accommodated for major international competitions. He indicated that nothing had yet been finalized for 2008, and that as of now any 6 team members could be named to the relay pool, assuming they had already qualified to be on the team. Hersh was urged to retain our prerogative of naming the maximum 8 athletes in total to the relays, four being named as reserves.

Duffy Mahoney then briefed the committee on the National Indoor Championships, again scheduled at the Reggie Lewis Center. He noted that since the Marriott Copley Place was fully booked for that weekend, the meet hotel would be the Boston Park Plaza hotel. Duffy discussed the qualifying rounds for the meet and noted that the meet would be televised both days, ending just before 6:00 pm each of the last two days.

Joe Gentry spoke briefly regarding the officials' selection process for the indoor and outdoor national championships. He noted that there was a total pool of 284 male officials and 82 female officials considered for both meets, but only eleven Afro Americans and no Hispanic officials selected. He urged members to encourage competent officials to apply, especially those from underrepresented groups.

Duffy Mahoney then briefed the committee on the team selection process for the NACAC-under 23

meet. The same system that was used two years ago would be employed; drawing age eligible collegians from Track & Field's published rankings. Duffy also noted that the outdoor nationals would be held in Indianapolis Wednesday through Saturday, June 21-25 and that the track would open for practice on June 19.

The meeting concluded at 5:00 pm because the High performance Staff Selection committee was scheduled to meet to select the head coach and head manager for the Big Three meets (Olympics, Worlds and Pan American Games for 2007 and 2008). Results for those selections, pending ratification by the USOC as appropriate, were as follows:

Head Olympic Coach:	Bubba Thornton
Head Olympic Manager:	James Li
Head Worlds Coach:	Pat Henry
Head Worlds Manager:	Ralph Lindeman
Head Pan Ams Coach:	Stanley Redwine
Head Pan Ams Manager:	James Williams

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Kolling
MTF Secretary

Women's Track & Field

Meeting # 1 -- December 1, 2005

Called to order at 4 PM by Stephanie Hightower, Chair

Move to approve 2004 Women's Track and Field Meeting Minutes; Seconded by Evie Dennis
---Approved unanimously.

Chair reviewed the revised agenda and other issues.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Chair presented some special awards from Women's Track and Field:

- Lifetime Achievement Award: Deanne Vochatzer
- Junior Program: Rita Somerlot
- Service Awards for leading 2005 international teams:
 - World Championships: Sandy Fowler
 - Pan American Juniors: Mary Ayers
 - DecaNation: Rich Torrellas

2005 INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

The Chair engaged in a discussion of the various teams that represented the United States in 2005.

The great successes this year were due to dedicated athletes and staff. The major competitions were:

- IAAF World Outdoor Championships
- Pan American Junior Championships
- DecaNation
- World Youth Championships

Pan American Junior Championships –

Danny Williams, Asst, Coach

The competition took place in Windsor, Ontario. Speaking of volume, the team took home 57 medals! There was no issue with curfew due to early staff intervention. The assigned AAC Rep proved to be a benefit. This team was a great bunch of kids. One of them, Natasha Hastings, was on her 5th Jr. Team! Lessons: Medical issues must be addressed early. We need folks (staff) who can pick up and go and do any job necessary.

World Youth Championships –

Wendy Truvillion, Athlete Liaison

Wendy was the extra set of eyes on this trip. The competition took place in Morocco with the team performing well with the 163 nations represented. The meet has an "odd" relay with each athlete performing 100-200-300-400. It was a wonderful cultural experience as well. One comment: We must work closer with the selection process in that Youth Committee to field better teams. The athletes come from the previous years Junior Olympics! Both Duffy Mahoney and Stephanie feel that we should take the best *current* available athletes, not some whose proof of fitness is 11 months old. The "kids" were culturally acceptable...everyone else dressed like us.

DecaNation – Rich Torrellas, Head Manager

DecaNation represented a new concept in track and field. Utilizing the decathlon events but with 10 different athletes, men and women, prize money, and a 30,000 strong crowd, the French Federation pulled off a 20 event competition (plus three special events) in four and a half hours. The fanfare, publicity and knowledgeable fans made this a competition one that even our Olympians enthusiastically wanted to attend again. The FFA (Federacion Francais D'Atletisme) did a fine job at housing and transportation of our athletes, even at the furthest airports from Paris. This year the Head Manager (myself) had only 6 days to prepare

and hit the ground running. With little notice, the athletes competed well, some with near misses at beating athletes who just came off a great World Championships. This competition, as of this writing, has been made a part of our 2006 competition calendar.

Sandy Fowler, Head Coach of the 2005 World Championships was unable to attend and present. Competition results can be found at USATF.org.

IAAF UPDATES STEEPLE IN 2008

2008 Olympic Trials -- Stephanie Hightower

The 2008 Olympic Trials were awarded to the Oregon Track Club to be conducted at University of Oregon. The decision was not easily reached with great bids from both Eugene and Sacramento, the two finalists. In the end, the offers of the Oregon Track Club pushed the decision in Eugene's favor. The Chair expressed her appreciation to Eugene and Sacramento for setting the standard for all future Olympic Trials bids.

Staff Selection -- Stephanie Hightower

Women's Track and Field continues to lead our sport and is continually evaluating the staff selection process to keep up to date. We cannot use 20th century parameters with a 21st century team. Things must evolve. The Chair spoke about service and dedication a team. This must be all encompassing when a staff member takes a trip with a United States Track and Field Team. We will not compromise our athletes. Athletes must feel confident in their staff.

Athletes Advisory -- Sandra Farmer-Patrick, AAC Chair

Spoke briefly about the needs of the AAC constituency in having appropriate staff appointed that could service the athletes properly. A set of criteria has been created by a subcommittee within AAC for this purpose. Sandra expressed her appreciation of the Eugene bid for the Olympic Trials indicating that it offered more competitive opportunities to developing and elite athletes.

USOC -- Dr. Evie Dennis, USOC VP

Dr. Evie spoke about some people in the room, tales of teams, including Brooks and our exalted Women's Track and Field Chair. She also spoke about restructuring of the USOC and how that might impact USA Track and Field.

USATF is the leading sport (athletics) in the USOC. The bulk of our medals come from track and field and swimming. Evie heads the Restructuring Committee. It is most important that we be proactive, not reactive. The primary focus of the USOC is medals. Thus far we have been successful in providing them.

IAAF -- Anne Timmons, XC/LDR Rep.

The size of teams is an issue at the IAAF regarding the competitors at the World Cross Country Championships. The meet has been altered to a one day format. The proposal from the IAAF to have UNEQUAL teams:

9 men, 6 score

6 women, 4 score

Anne proposed that USATF express support for a return to an equal format with the following statement:

"USATF is not in support of the IAAF Council's decision to have 9 men with 6 to score and only 6 women with 4 to score as team sizes competing at the World Cross Country Championships. We firmly believe that equal numbers should be represented for the senior men's and senior women's teams."

Proposal...seconded...so moved.

---Approved unanimously.

High Performance -- Brooks Johnson, High Performance Division Chair

Brooks, as is his trademark, did not mince words. He spoke about the importance of managers on international teams. They are logistical specialists. Funding to USATF from the USOC is based upon the medal count. "Warm and fuzzy" will not cut it anymore. Results based upon skilled hard work are the parameters that engender results. Additionally, the athletes now have measuring and evaluating devices (science) that are immensely important for progression. These are available. Let's use them.

2006 Indoor and Outdoor Championships -- Sandy Snow

The National Indoor Championships will take place February 24-26, 2006 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston. The online entries, schedule, standards should be on the web by January 1, 2006. Due to scheduling, there is a new hotel: Park Plaza

The National Outdoor Championships will take place June 22-25, 2006 at IUPUI in Indianapolis. It will also be the site of the 2007 National Outdoor Championships. Athlete blocks and rooms are

already on hold. Sandy and the LOC are working on warm-up and training facilities.

All needed information will be available on the USATF website.

Meeting #2 - December 2, 2006

Rules – Bert Lyle

Amazingly short-winded but, as usual, entertaining with the proper points being made and understood. See notes.

Staff Selection – Stephanie Hightower

Stephanie asked for ratification of the 2006 selected staffs.

2006 TEAM STAFF SELECTIONS

NACAC – July 7-9, 2006

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Head Coach: Barbara Edmondson

Assistant Coaches: Delisa Walton-Floyd
Rose Brimmer
Marsha Horan

Head Manager: Kim Keenan-Kirkpatrick

World Cup – September 16-17, 2006

Athens, Greece

Head Coach: Mark Timmons

Assistant Coaches: Connie Price-Smith

Sandra Farmer-Patrick

Chandra Cheeseborough

Delethea Quarles

Head Manager: Manny Batista

USA vs Great Britain – August 2006

Birmingham, Great Britain

Head Coach: Kathleen Raske-Sperry

World Junior Champs – August 15-20, 2006

Beijing, China

Head Coach: Rose Monday

Assistant Coaches: Kerry Lane

Qingyi Zheng

Rhan Sheffield

Sharifa Barksdale

Head Manager: Cedric Walker

Evie so moved.

---Approved unanimously.

BIG THREE STAFFS

World Outdoor Championships

Head Coach - Amy Deem

Head Manager - Diane Wholey

Pan American Games

Head Coach - Connie Price Smith

Head Manager - Julie McKinney

Olympic Games

Head Coach - Jeanette Bolden

Head Manager - Rich Torrellas

Moved and seconded.

---Approved unanimously.

COMBINED EVENTS STAFF

USA vs. Germany

Kevin Morehead, Tanya Lee

Moved, seconded.

---Approved unanimously.

**Proposed Indoor and Outdoor Standards --
Stephanie Hightower**

In the unfortunate absence of our representative to the Standards Committee, the proposed standards arrived as the meeting was underway with no time for review and commentary. It was proposed by the Chair that the Executive Committee of Women's Track and Field be given the power to review and revise the proposed standards if necessary. Moved and seconded.

---Approved unanimously.

Women's Development – Sue Humphrey, Chair

There is now a three tier grouping of events to which funding will be distributed.

Medal Events

Best Bet Events

Development Events

Funding will be dependent upon the numbers of medals won. Development programs are important to enhance and continue our success in the Medal and Best Bet events. Development Events are important but not at the expense of the others. As Brooks has already stated, there is no more "warm and fuzzy".

Heptathlon – Dr. Craig Poole, Chair

Summits were help once again to evaluate the Heptathlon and its best athletes and what would be needed to further enhance the event. Nutritional analysis test feedbacks have been helpful to athletes in the heptathlon. Each event within the heptathlon has an individual biomechanist. At this point there seem to be world wide detractors from a woman's decathlon.

Where there is a decathlon for women, the interior events have been flip flopped with the men's.

Juniors – Rita Somerlot

The concern for many coaches of Junior's was the early AM start for them when they were competing on the same site and days as the Seniors. There was a drop in numbers attending the Junior Championships in 2005.

Some athletes cannot come or are uninformed about the meet. It has been beneficial for the juniors to see the seniors compete. It is a good process but may not happen in the Olympic year. It is better for them to compete on their schedule versus being inserted between senior events. Any concerns by coaches should be addressed to the Junior commission.

Officials – Dee Jensen

The Officials Committee is working on increasing the numbers of people to enter referee status. These are open book tests with some open ended questions where the manner in which a candidate would handle a situation will determine his score and ability to be assigned. More officials are needed at a younger age. The age of the current official's pool is HIGH. Recruitment is important.

IAAF Women's Committee – Dee Jensen

One of important things that occurred in 2005 is that women met with the coaching commission. The training of women should be incorporated within coaching education. Another issue that is being pushed is to have women's team equal the men's again, pin pointing the cross country dilemma. The IAAF also expressed a concern with all male staffs leading women's teams, especially juniors.

IAAF – Bob Hersh

There will be a Council Meeting at the 2008 World Indoors in Valencia, Spain. There will be an expanded qualifying window for the Heptathlon, Race Walk, Marathon and Decathlon.

There should be a class called IAAF. 101 so people understand how it works, how we interact, etc. Women's representation within the IAAF was discussed and approved at the Council Meeting -- 3 of 28 will now be council members (up from 2). In the Congress itself, 1 country equals 1 vote. "Stuff" gets done in the corridors and countries work as a team. This is what allows communication to be accomplished. Communicate a lot

Records – Bob Hersh

Recommend approval of listed record submissions except to defer 3, 7, 8 and 12. Approve everything else.

Law and Legislation – Cliff Wiley

Brevity is not indicative of the work done by the committee. There were 65 proposed changes. (see handout). Stephanie discussed the voting process last year indicating it was her feeling that there was disenfranchisement of the USATF members. This must be reviewed for all future elections.

Coaches Advisory – Kathleen Raske

Terry Crawford was re-elected as Chair of the committee with...

Fred Harvey, Vice Chair

Kim Duyst, Treasurer

Kathleen Raske, Secretary

A task force was established to look at restructuring and coaches advisory's role within the organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Torrellas, Secretary

Women's Track and Field Committee

RACE WALK COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 1

Meeting was called to order by Chair at 10:15 a.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum.

The minutes from the 2004 Annual Convention were approved as written.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chair – Vince Peters has been a very energetic Chair during 2005. He has represented race walking at every level in USATF from the Board of Directors to event officiating. His annual report clearly indicated that the Race Walking Committee is in a unique situation because we do not have an established feeder program. Despite that, our task is the recruitment and development of athletes from beginner through international elite level. We have a responsibility to educate high school and college coaches about the specific techniques of race walking. Finally, we must ensure that sufficient officials meeting IAAF requirements are available to conduct our domestic and international

races. Vince concluded with the charge that Race Walking must develop funding levels that can finance the recruitment, development, training and competitive programs needed.

Chair also reported that USATF would probably provide \$10,000 - \$15,000 funding and that the Grand Prix for 2006 has been funded the same as 2005.

Treasurer – Sean Albert was not available but Vince gave a report. The Committee has functioned within its budget for 2005 and would be spending all monies allocated to the Committee.

Secretary – no report

Vice Chair – Steve Vaitones reported that he took over jobs that Vince passed on to him. He continues to be Junior Team Coordinator. He worked with the Junior Camp held in Maine that was very successful. Camp ended with the Junior National 5K. Camp had support from running committee in Maine and had local media coverage. He also maintained contact with National Office (Duffy Mahoney). Steve also worked with Standards and Rules.

Guest – Amadeo Francis, Senior Vice President of IAAF and head of NACAC, was welcomed to our meeting. Mr. Francis indicated he enjoyed listening to our discussions. He reported the Pan American Walking Cup will be held in Brazil. The event will be a prelude to the Pan American Games also held in Brazil. One concern for race walking is that only the United States has an ongoing program, the rest of the Caribbean, Central America, and Canada have relatively no program, and Mexico's program is having problems. As he explained for some reason the English-speaking Caribbean is not interested in race walking. Much work went into getting the IOC to reaffirm the place of race walking in IOC events. Questions asked of Mr. Francis included: How can we get federations to support their athletes who might be living in the United States? Also why do federations host events and provide too short of notice to be able to send athletes?

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Organizational Services – Ginger Mulanax reported that organizational services had met on Wednesday before the convention began. She read a list of associations who still had issues with their delegations that should be worked out. If the

Associations fail to work out the problems, they will not be allowed to vote on committee matters.

Rules – Steve Vaitones led the discussion about proposed rules changes mandated by IAAF changes. Item 32 – allowed use of transponder timing systems in race walking events not held entirely within a stadium – recommended by the committee.

Items 80, 81, 82, 83 – These items would amend rule 230 to conform to IAAF Rules.

Discussion concerned whether race walking needed to follow the lead of the IAAF in our national, regional, or local races. Concern expressed that the proposals needed to be amended and simplified. The following actions were taken concerning proposed Rules.

Item 81, Committee recommended amending the wording to– “At International Selection Competitions, the Chief Judge ... the special circumstances described in 230.3f.” Gary Westerfield was to simplify the wording about when the Chief Judge should judge, the role of an assistant Chief Judge, and when the Chief Judge can disqualify in the last 100m of the race for USATF races. Item 82 and 83 (adding “competitor who collects refreshments from a place other than a refreshment station is liable to disqualification by the Referee.”) recommended. Steve will report back after the rules meeting.

Law & Legislation – Ray Funkhouser reported that he wanted the committee's views on various items before he went into the first L&L meeting. The Race Walk Committee took the following action on: Committee discussed and recommended Items 10, 13, 14, 15, 39 and 49.

- Item 10 broadens the power of the USATF constituency to make nominations.
- Items 13, 14 and 15 all deal with election procedures.
- Items 39 and 49 deal with membership and residency issues.
- Item 26 discussed and rejected by committee.
- Item 28 was discussed. Committee recommended adding a RW representative since we have concerns with layout of courses.
- Item 37 which gives the Board the power to raise dues and fees was discussed and rejected by the committee.

Officials support items were discussed with the committee recommending that as much support as possible should be encouraged.

Meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m.

Friday, December 2

Meeting was reconvened at 8:25 a.m. A quorum was present and Chair called the meeting to order.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONT'D

Associations – Mike Roth reported on the proposals to increase in dues. Mike recommended that Associations or individuals contact Karen Krsak at n2track@aol.com to express their views. He explained the primary purpose of the proposed increases is to cover the half million dollars spent currently on membership costs that come from other USATF revenues. Recommendation was to buy as many years of membership as you can afford when renewing in 2006.

Site Selections – Mike Rohl reported that Race Walk Committee is in the second year of a 3 year site selection calendar. Major changes for 2006 are:

- Women’s Mile and Men’s 3000m Championships
January 28, Findley, OH.
- (Reminder - this is a Senior championship with qualifying standards and gives exposure of elite race walking to college coaches)
- One Hour Championship October 15
Waltham, MA
- 15km Championship August 6
Minneapolis, MN

See total 2006 site selection calendar below under Grand Prix Report.

US Canada Dual Meet Report – Mike Rohl reported meet was held as part of NACAC race on Long Island. Conditions were very hot and Mike, as coach, worked with athletes on ways to handle the heat. Mike reported that Paul Kern, Manager, was outstanding and recommended him for other team staff positions.

NCAA Division Coaches Initiative – Mike Rohl gave a presentation to Division I, but no response. Division III got same presentation, was interested but said they need to get the 200 and 3000 in before adding race walk. Division II also got same presentation - 36 coaches said yes and 4 said no. Division II indicated that race walk should be

included. The schedule is that on July 15, 2006 a proposal to add the walks will be presented to the Management Council of NCAA. Two years from that point the walks will be added as championship events. Currently we are working on obtaining some funding from Amadeo Francis, Women’s Sports Foundation and USATF to help defer the initial cost of sending RW athletes to NCAA national champions. Another aspect is official support which will need to be in place in 2 years also. Mike recommended that race walk judges check their area for Division II schools and to be available to help judge invitational races.

Grand Prix Report – Mike Roth reported on the 2005 Grand Prix t. He also presented the rule changes to 2006 Grand Prix. The basic changes concern how the \$4200 in prize money will be distributed. 2006 USA Race walking Grand Prix schedule:

Event	Location	Date
USA 30 km	Chula Vista, CA	1/15/06
USA Mile (W)	Findlay, OH	1/28/06
3,000m (M)	Findlay, OH	1/28/06
USA Mile (M)	New York, NY	2/3/06
USA 50 km	Clermont, FL	2/12/06
USA 3,000 m (W)		
5,000 m (M)	Boston, MA	2/25-26/06
USA Team Trials – World Cup		
	Hauppauge, NY	4/9/06
USA 10 km	Niagara Falls, NY	6/3/06
USA 20 km	Indianapolis, IN	6/24-25/06
USATF Club Champs 5,000m		
	Azusa, CA	7/15/06
USA 15 km	Minneapolis, MN	8/6/06
USA 40 km	Ocean Township, NJ	9/10/06
USA 5 km	Kingsport, TN	10/7/06
USA 1 Hour	Waltham, MA	10/15/06

Records – Justin Kuo reported there were no submissions for Open records and 13 submissions for junior race walk records. Items 3, 4, and 6 were approved with corrected times. Items 2 and 12 provisionally approved subject to course validation. Item 7 deferred because of problem with course. Others deferred for various other needed validations. Committee approved records as amended. Masters Race Walk records report was also presented for informational purposes.

50 km Race Walk Championship – Don DeNoon reported that course has been measured and certified. Weather cooperated, but did get a little warmer at end. Course is not a closed course, so had some traffic at the end. Course has 10m rise.

This event will be held on the same course for next two years. Course will be kept open for final finishers.

Pan American RW Cup – Don DeNoon, Head Coach, reported on the event held in Lima, Peru. Staff for event was Don DeNoon, Maryanne Daniel, and Richard Robert. Richard’s fluency in Spanish was very beneficial. Richard Robert also commented indicating the #1 thing a manager needs is information. Local committee did a good job of providing general information about Lima, but nothing on necessary things like housing, etc. The name of the team hotel was available only about a week before event. Richard used his law enforcement contacts to secure airport pickup and drop off.

World Championship Report – Jack Hazen reported on the World Championship in Helsinki. The staff division of responsibility gave him twenty-five 800m and up athletes to keep track of. The walkers seemed to be isolated in sense they didn’t have much support. Many other athletes had their own personal coaches. Getting to know the walkers was a pleasure and Jack felt he was able to provide needed support for our walkers, i.e. finding a good training area. Overall the US team won more medals than ever before. In the Race Walks, Teresa Vaill dropped out early in race due to an injury. In 20K Men John Nunn and Tim Seaman walked close to their ranking coming into the race. In 50K Philip Dunn had an uphill finish into the Olympic stadium and finished 23rd well above his ranking of 37.

Substance Abuse Education – Alma “Jan” Price reported on the importance of getting the information out about supplements. Disagreement exists from many sources about use of supplements. Alma has been attending hearings and asking questions in order to provide RW with the most current information.

Athletes for the Disabled Committee – Chair has recently appointed A C Linnerud to represent the Race Walk Committee on the Athletes for the Disabled Committee. A C reported on attending his first committee meeting. The committee works with all disability groups. Topics discussed at the committee meeting included the success and non-success in recruiting athletes.

Rules revisited – Following the Rules Committee review and discussion of all 90 items, Steve Vaitones reported the two items of most concern to

the Race Walk Committee were handled in the following way. Item 80 (cautions and paddles) was approved with the change of wording from “can not” to “shall not.” The discussion of having multiple paddles was eliminated and can be brought back up next year which is a rules year. Item 81 (disqualifications) was approved as amended with Gary’s modifications. Final version will be available Sunday morning in rules packet.

Standards – Steve Vaitones reported that no need exists to tighten or expand qualifying times in order increase or decrease the size of competitive fields at national championships and the standards will stay the same as previous years – Men 1:36 Women 1:48 (20 km). In the September 12th RW Committee conference call, the Committee discussed having qualifying standards for U23 at 5 km and 10 km distances. The Men’s and Women’s Track and Field Committees did not go along with having developmental standards because meet in Indianapolis is not a development meet. However, U23 entrants can appeal to get into meet if they achieve the U23 standard. Basically to get a U23 athlete into the meet if he or she met the standard is to appeal to Chair Vince Peters. Appeals can only be approved if the athlete is already entered in the meet. (*U23 standards per September 12th Executive Board Minutes – U23 Men 5 km 22:20 10 km 46:00; U23 Women 5 km 25:30 10 km 52:00.*) Other standards for national championships listed in Convention Reports booklet and remain same as previous years.

2007 World Championship standards have been established for Osaka, Japan:

Men	A	B
20 km	1:23:00	1:24:30
50 km	4:00:00	4:07:00
Women	A	B
20 km	1:33:30	1:38:00

Qualifying period will be 1 September 2005 through 12 August 2007. Changes in number of qualifiers will improve our chances of sending more athletes to events. Additional athletes who have made the A or B standards, up to a total of 3 athletes, can now be sent. Trade off is that while we have opportunity to send more athletes we will have fewer competitions that can be used as a qualifying event. Race Walk Committee through our national office will have the 50 km in Clermont, FL; the World Cup Trials in New York; and the 20 km in Indianapolis approved as IAAF qualifying events. Committee has set aside \$2500 of committee money to get the required judges to the meets.

Gary Westerfield made a motion that a functioning, ongoing committee of RW officials meet at the convention. **Motion approved.**

Action Item: Addition to the agenda for next year - RW officials committee. Chair reported that he gets the list of officials applying for meets. Vince gathers a committee that includes officials who have not applied to work meets and athletes to review applications and make recommendations to the Official's Committee.

Selection to the USA 2006 World Race Walk Cup Team will be based on the rank order of finish in the Trials competitions. The Trials competition for the 50 km shall be on 2/12/06 in Clermont, FL. The Trials competition for the men's and women's open 20 km and junior 10 km shall be on 4/9/06 in Hauppauge, NY. Qualifying standards:

Men 50 km – 4:45:00

Women 20 km – 1:48:00

Junior Men 10 km – 51:00

Men 20 km – 1:36:00

Junior Women 10 km – 55:00

Open Men and Women teams have four members, Junior teams have three members. Discussion centered around the possibility in the future of having qualifying standards for the World RW Cup similar to the World Championship only not as tight.

Development – Maryanne Daniel reported that when the development committee met, Race Walk had to report that we had no development programs funded. Despite the frustration of being rejected for funding, the Committee is working to secure funding from other sources. We have ten different programs we are seeking funding for:

1. Talent ID camps looks more hopeful and appear to have support from the national office. Committee is asking for \$8000 to put Talent ID program into effect. Plan is to assess and identify 10 men and 10 women, provide mini RW technique clinic, and match athletes with a training program and a coach.
2. Funding for support for Junior Camp support.
3. Olympic Training Center support, but it isn't going to happen.
4. RW judging support.
5. NCAA Race Walk Championship Support
6. Athlete Summit
7. Technical Support and Outreach Program for Coaches
8. Ongoing coaches support for Talent ID Athletes
9. Coaching stipend

10. NCAA Race Walk Championship Enhancement Grant.

Coaching Education – Wayne Armbrust reported that he had reviewed the coaching education material for Level 1 and 2 with Troy Engle. Level 1 has race walking in it because the coaches want it. Wayne feels the key to improving RW in the US is to educate the coaches. Coaches need to feel they are competent to coach Race Walking and encourage the coaches to put their best long distance athletes into Race Walk. Coaching Education committee members are very supportive of having race walk included in the curriculum.

Medical Subcommittee – Maryanne Daniel reported committee is talking about providing additional elite athlete medical support, such as massage therapy. Maryanne is asking elite and emerging elite athletes to contact her and provide 1) a Race Walk resume; and 2) where they live. She will then work to match a massage therapist who would work free or a reduced cost with the athlete. She can be contacted at ctracewalk@sbcglobal.net

2006 Staff Appointments announced – 2006 World Cup Head Coach - Tom Eastler; Manager - Bill Pollinger; Asst Coach - Susan Armenta. US-Canada Dual Meet Coach – AC Jaime; Manager – Heidi Hauch

Meeting recessed at 12 noon.

Friday, December 2

Committee reconvened at 2:20. Quorum was established. Meeting was chaired by Secretary.

Equipment and Facilities Subcommittee

Vince appointed Dale Mulanax to attend the subcommittee meeting at this convention. Subcommittee discussed course certification procedures that have impact on the Race Walk community. Those procedures have already been discussed and associations hosting meets are provided with necessary requirements.

Officials – Members of our committee who also attended the official's committee meetings reported interest in discussions about liability and accountability. General discussion ensued with the conclusion that each person who officiates should investigate these issues more thoroughly.

AAC – Allen James reported that a Professional Athlete Association was being created. He also reported that the IAAF has recognized that no other country has an athlete advisory group like the AAC. A reminder that athletes are the vital component in what we do at USATF.

Ethics Committee – Allen James has been appointed as a member of a new independent committee of the Board of Directors. One of its roles is to create an ethics statement. Committee has also been looking at what constitutes a conflict of interest. He reports that USATF wants to be proactive with ethics and conflict of interest. They have been having monthly conference calls. Plan is having a document for presentation at the March Board of Directors meeting. The approach will be that the document would apply to the organization as a whole.

Scientific Services – Sports Psychology topics were geared to how coaches can stimulate training of a major event. Basically, a plan needs to be developed, coach and athlete must believe in the plan and the plan must be executed. Athletes will need help adapting the plan and refocusing or transitioning to next goal. Ultimate issue is that the athlete's support system must be intact at all levels. The closer the athlete gets to the ultimate goal the harder it is to stay in contact with his or her support system. A coach should teach the athlete personality traits that will allow the athlete to adapt. Teach work ethic, passion and use modeling as a ways to instill the desired traits.

Two books on coaching were highly recommended: Whale Done!: The Power of Positive Relationships by Kenneth Blanchard, and others (this is found under leadership) and Inner Strength: The Mental Dynamics of Athletic Performance by Dr. Ralph Vernacchia.

Pan-American Cup Trials Update – Gary Westerfield reported that in 2006 the event would be one week later. It will be a 2000m course. Order will be reversed – women then men. For US athletes, the entry form will only be an online entry.

IAAF Report – Bob Bowman stated his report was in the convention booklet. The IAAF is in the process of establishing a procedure to recertify technical officials and judges. Currently the United States has one Level III judge – Ron Daniel and five Level II judges – Bob Bowman, Darlene Hickman, Gary Westerfield, Elliott Denman and

Bob Hickey. The U.S. needs more Level II judges. A seminar is being planned that will provide the necessary training for new Level II judges. Gary Westerfield, Ron Daniel, Bob Bowman with Amadeo Francis are in process of setting a date and location. Current criteria for attending the Level II seminar is a maximum age of 50 and have USATF master level experience as a judge. The two day seminar includes lectures and testing. Area events that require three IAAF Level II and III judges are USATF track and field championships and International Trials races. Various issues concerning judging were discussed.

IAAF Bob Hersh added to Bob's IAAF report. His IAAF Council Report is also in the Convention booklet. Since there might be an opportunity for qualifying September 1, 2006 for 2008 Olympics, USATF Race Walking Committee should have any races we might want to be considered qualifying races on the IAAF calendar by January 31, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS

Cheryl Sunman reported that the 20 km Race Walk Championships in Indianapolis in 2006 would be in and out of the stadium with finish in stadium. Junior 10k races would be on the track.

Wayne Armbrust raised the issue about needing a proof of fitness for athletes going to international competitions in light of the expanded qualifying times. Discussion occurred with no action recommended.

Regional Meetings – The four regions broke up into regional meetings to develop regional race walking calendars. Each region is responsible for sending Vince a finalized calendar of their regional events by December 31, 2005. Responsible person in each region is:

East – Maryanne Daniel
South – Bert Pickell
North – Diane Graham-Henry
West – Dave Snyder

Meeting recessed at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 3

Meeting reconvened at 10 a.m. Quorum was established and Chair called meeting order.

Committee Awards:

Ron Zinn Outstanding 20 km Male Athlete –
Tim Seaman

Ron Zinn Outstanding 20 km Female Athlete –
Teresa Vaill
Ron Zinn Outstanding 50 km Athlete – Philip Dunn
Mike Riban Outstanding Contributor Award –
AC Jaime
Outstanding Association – Long Island
Henry Laskau Junior Outstanding Female Award
– Maria Michta
Henry Laskau Junior Outstanding Male Award –
Zach Pollinger
Chair Special Award for Service –
David Baldwin, Maine Association

Maria Michta was also presented with the 2005 Al Heppner Scholarship award by Maryanne Daniel. As a point of interest, the 2005 Master RW Award for Females was presented to Teresa Vaill and for Males to Ray Sharp and Paul Johnson.

The RW Executive Committee's decision that starting in 2006 to only have one male and one female Ron Zinn Outstanding Race Walker of the Year was reported. Also starting in 2006, the Henry Laskau Junior Award will be handled by RW committee in same manner as other awards.

Judging Mini Training – Recording Training was presented by Ron Daniel on proper recording techniques. Handout is available for anyone who would want it. Contact Ginger Mulanax gmulanax@hotmail.com

Hour Walk Organization – Assignments and car pooling arrangements were given so that all persons interested were able to get to the One Hour Championship held at Bolles High School Stadium in Jacksonville.

Respectfully submitted

Ginger Mulanax, Secretary



Developmental Group

Men's Development Executive Committee

December 1st

Present: Larry James-Chair, Manny Bautista-Secretary, James Williams-Sprints Chair, John McNichols-Hurdles Chair, Chris Somerlot-Throws, Scott Hall-Multi events, Brad Hackett-Former Chair, Duffy Mahoney-National Office

Duffy introduced the members of the coaching staff at the Olympic Training Center at Chula Vista, they include: Todd Henson, who has been there for some time, Bud Rasmussen- who will oversee the throws, Tony Campbell who will oversee the sprints/hurdles, Al Joyner who will oversee the Long Jump, Triple Jump, and High Jump. Joaquin Cruz will help with the middle distances but was hired by the Paralympics.

Larry thanked Brad Hackett for all the years of service and stated that he will continue to be used as a resource.

Larry explained the budget for the coming year. He explained that Sue Humphrey set up the budget for the coming year since there was no Men's Development chair at the time of submitting the budget.

Larry explained with the help from Brad Hackett the money allocated for 2006. The money is about the same: \$215,000 for development, which comes from the High Performance Division. That money comes from the USOC and is tied to medal count at the Olympics and World Championships. This year the money is there, last year money was not available until May 15th. This year there is \$150,000 from USATF available for the Developmental events to try and move up to the Target events. Idea is to try to help the emerging elite athlete with the money that is available.

Duffy gave a report on medal charts. Idea is to hold to the medals we already have in certain events (Best bets) and increase the medal count in events where we show promise (Target events).

Chris Somerlot suggested that maybe it would be a good idea to include decathletes in the throw competition with the Finns.

There was a short discussion regarding sports science, Chris Somerlot commented on how the he

the discuss group is happy with the biomechanics group but the javelin group would like different people to help them in this area.

There was a short discussion on conference calls. These are the people who usually participate in the calls, the High Performance Executive Committee and Chairs of the Development group. These include, Larry James, Sue Humphrey, Brooks Johnson, Mike Conley, Duffy Mahoney, Harmon Brown, Al Schmitt and Fred Fink.

Larry explained that it is important to demonstrate who attended the projects what was done at the project and how the participants fared in major international competition.

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 am

Joint Men's and Women's Development Meeting

Brooks Johnson opened the meeting and explained briefly the High Performance Concept. It should be athlete driven, coach centered, and science/technology based. Explained how USATF has put in \$150,000 on top of last year money.

Duffy Mahoney gave a report. Duffy explained how the Chinese have made great progress and are gearing up for 2008. As a group need to look at the emerging young athlete such as the World Junior Athlete or the World Youth Athletes.

Duffy explained the Best Bet, Target, and Development system. Best bets or the event in which we usually win medals. Target events are the events that we sometimes win medals. Development events are events that we rarely win medals. Duffy explained that best bet events need to be protected, performance in target events need to be improved and developmental events need to move into target events. Bottom line, need to mine more medals.

Duffy also spoke about the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista. Athlete's need apply to Duffy. There are different types of use. There is the use of facilities for off site athletes. There is short term use up to 90 days if space available. If athlete ranked in the top 15 US performance list they stay for free. This includes room/board and sports science. If athlete is in the top 20 in a

target event they are also free. Top 25 athletes per event on the Dye Stat Scholastic list are free as well as coaches. Duffy also let everyone know who the staff is at the training center. Todd Henson is in charge of the pole vault, Toney Campbell is in charge of sprints/hurdles, Al Joyner is in charge of the jumps, and Bud Rasmussen is in charge of the throws. Joaquin Cruz will assist in the mid distance; he is hired through the Para Olympics. A sports science coordinator will be named soon.

Duffy closed with his statistical information on medals won at World or Olympic Championships. He stated that if an athlete is not in the top 25 world performance list by the time the athlete is 25 years old, they are not going to get to the podium. He said we must invest in development.

BROAD EVENT REPORTS

Sprints

James Williams - Men: Much of the work was with the relay program. The committee went farther down the performance list to give more athletes a chance to compete. Also took some athletes to the Mid Summer Classic.

Danny Williams - Women: Sent people to sprint summit to learn and work on top end speed. Danny said the sprints had a good year and many people helped in the success.

Orin Richburg - Relays: there was six meets total where 103 men and 65 women participated. Of the 25 medalists at the World Championships 16 participated in the relay program during the 2005 season.

Hurdles

Kathleen Raske - 100m Hurdles: is the best event on Duffy's charts, currently looking at younger upcoming athletes.

LaTonya Sheffield - 400m Hurdles: group is using the summit in Las Vegas and was glad to see the 400 hurdlers in the relay pool.

John McNichols - Men: He spoke about the Las Vegas Summit and about the High Performance Centers, where athletes are filmed at the US Nationals the able to view the races and have Dartfish analysis. There is a need for more help with the Mid Summer Classic. Sue Humphrey mentioned that the Mid Summer Classic could be moved to prior to the Nationals.

Distances

Rose Monday - Women: The goal is to try to get more people on the podium and add a bigger science base. Spoke about the upcoming summit in Las Vegas and the new technology that would be unveiled.

Gordon Thompson - Men: The group is now working with the women. This year's big project was the biomechanics project done at Baylor that will be shown at Las Vegas. The summit is December 13-15.

Race Walks

Maryann Daniels - Women: Explained how there is no development program and that the residency program at Chula Vista has been dropped. There is no race walk feeder program; group is trying to develop a talent I.D. program.

Philip Dunn - Men: Explained that the talent I.D. program will target lower level distance runners and recruit them and try to make them into race walkers.

Jumps/Combined Events

Scott Hall - Men: Many of the projects will be held in December and January. Bob Fraley is in charge of the Pole Vault and has some projects lined up including the vault summit. Scott also spoke about the large group of people that help with the Decathlon group there was a Decathlon at the Mid Summer Classic. The High Performance Center video was used at Nationals but is hard to view after 12 hours of competition.

Craig Poole - Women: Group will use a nutritionist as part of the science component, will also add a sports psychiatrist along with a biomechanist. The group will host a summit in Tucson in Mid January.

Throws

Rita Somerlot - Women: Hand some athletes funded to meets. The group would like to have a better schedule set up for this years meets. A summit was held in November.

Chris Somerlot - Men: The men are looking for some new single event chairs. We had a good summit in November. The throw group had a dual meet with Finland this summer prior to the World Championships. This group would like to create more domestic opportunities.

Craig Masback - USATF CEO

Dropped in and thanked development for all the work they have done and all they have accomplished even with the lack of funds. The marathon medals won in Athens were a result of the work on the Development Committee.

Mike Holman - Junior Camp: A report was give summarizing the Coach's Learn by Doing Camp held in Chula Vista this past summer. This was the first time this was held. Coaches were required to put together a mesocycle with four microcycles at the end. This was followed with a questionnaire in the spring to see if it helped. Would like to expand the camp, this is for High School Coaches, would like to have 10 per event.

Sue Humphrey: The difference between a best bet event, a target event and a developmental event. She also explained how A/B standards were used to invite athletes and coaches to summits, meets based on performance.

Sue then explained funding for the development events. There 26 developmental events 15 women and 11 men's. USATF will fund \$150,000 for these events 2006. This \$150,000 is above what the USOC gives us. The break down is as follows: Of the \$150,000, \$10,000-\$15,000 will be set aside for special projects. \$67,000 will be set aside for men's development and \$67,000 will be set aside for women's development.

Meeting was adjourned.

Sports Medicine & Sports Sciences Committee

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Diversity in the training room – Ross Flower, Ph.D Business Section

B. IAAF Medical Committee – Harmon Brown, M.D.

Dr. Brown reported on the recent changes in doping control from the IOC, the IAAF, WADA and USADA. Dr. Brown is editor of the second addition of the IAAF Medical Manual, which is currently being revised. He gave us a copy of excellent recommendations for international travel as a team physician, which he wrote.

C. Sports Science Committee – Harmon Brown, M.D. Dr. Brown discussed the relationship of the High Performance Committee and the Sports Medicine and Sports Science Committee. We will continue using Dartfish for coaching support at selected national and international competitions. We will begin a new relationship with Baylor Medical Center using state of the art filming for biomechanical analysis. Baylor and USATF will begin a project using protein and genome predictors and indicators for enhanced performances. We will continue working with Dr. Ben Levine to apply altitude training when indicated.

Ralph Vernacchia, Ph.D. and Rick McGuire, Ph.D. reported on the Sports Psychology Service Program

Mark Troxler, D.O. reported on changes in the doping control programs.

Jack Ransone, Ph.D. discussed Medical Services Committee activity.

Dr. Adams presented a report on Athletics with Disabilities for Michael Frederickson, M.D. who was unable to be present.

Nominations for medical staff for international competitions for 2006 were voted upon.

Alan Roth discussed a stretching research project.

The meeting was adjourned.



Long Distance Running Division

Men's Long Distance Running Executive Committee

December 1, 2005

Attendees: Executive Committee Members: Glenn Latimer (Chair), Keith Dowling (Vice Chair), Mark Winitz (Secretary), Philip Greenwald (Treasurer), Dan Browne, David Coyne, Ian Dobson, Peter Julian, David Martin, George Regan, Allan Steinfeld

Guests: John Bysiewicz, Tony Cosey, Scott Christensen, Greg Cunningham, Jim Estes, Fred Finke, Alonzo Fuller, Patricia Goodwin, Will Graustein, Jack Hazen, Wendy Johnson, Brian Jones, Bob Larsen, Bob Latham, Duffy Mahoney, Robert Moore, Gary Morgan, Al Morris, John Purnell, Scott Simmons, Tomy Sitton, John Tolbert, John Tope, Jack Wickens

ACTIVITIES

Men's LDR Chair Glenn Latimer convened the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

- 1. Introductions:** The Chair introduced new committee members Ian Dobson and Peter Julian, representing athletes on the committee. He then reviewed several highlights of men's LDR competition in 2005.
- 2. Housekeeping:** Several matters related to convention expense reimbursements to Executive Committee members were discussed.
- 3. Professional Athletics Association:** The Chair described the formation of the Professional Athletics Association that would represent the interests of professional athletes as a USATF member organization. He encouraged elite long distance runners to speak up and participate in this association.
- 4. Team USA Distance Project:** Jim Estes reported that LDR has been seeking funding and sponsors for the Team USA Distance Running Centers, seeking support from corporations and events. The national office has not been conducting efforts in this respect. The Twin Cities Marathon has stepped up to support the centers and the Houston, Chicago, and New York City Marathons are coming on board.

In addition to direct support for the centers, funds will be used for "summit" meetings and clinics for coaches and athletes, and team incentives to support men's teams in targeted international competitions such as the Chiba Ekiden. In addition, plans are in the works to field our best U.S. men's team possible at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships by offering stipends to team members for both making the team and actually competing in the event. These objectives for athlete performance are consistent with the objectives in the LDR Division's Strategic Plan.

- 5. International Competition Review (2005):** Men's team reports were presented for the following competitions: 2005 IAAF World Half Marathon (Edmonton) reported by Allan Steinfeld, 2005 IAAF World Cross Country Champs (France) reported by Ian Dobson, 2005 North American 5K Team Challenge (Chula Vista) reported by Peter Julian, 2005 Chiba Ekiden (Japan) reported by Tomy Sitton, 2005 World Cup Marathon at IAAF World Track & Field Championships (Helsinki) reported by Jack Hazen.

David Martin reported on the summit for the World Cup Marathon team and coaches, hosted by the Hansons-Brooks Distance Project. It is difficult to attract our top marathoners for this team because it does not provide a big pay day unless you win the team title. Bob Larsen commented that other countries do not send their "A" teams for the same reason. Much discussion followed with Dan Browne and others contributing. Allan Steinfeld suggested that funding for a top U.S. men's team might be obtained through USA Distance Project efforts.

- 6. 5,000/10,000 Meters:** Fred Finke prefaced this report by commending the spirit of cooperation between LDR committees during the past year. In addition, our athletes have been very responsive. A proposal has been submitted to move the 5,000m and 10,000m men's events on the track from the oversight of Men's Track & Field to Men's LDR, although the prospects of either are unlikely.
- 7. 2008 Men's Olympic Marathon Trials:** Requests for proposals are out. Expressions of interest are due back December 9. Official bids are due January 9 with selection of the host targeted for mid-April, 2006. The preference

is for a criterium, loop course. An advisory committee composed of elite athletes, media representatives, event directors, and coaches will review the bids and make a recommendation to a site selection committee.

8. **Alternate Qualifying Standards for Olympic Marathon Trials:** A motion and second were made to add the following qualifying standards to the current sub-2:20 (A standard)/ /sub-2:22 (B standard) marathon distance standards for the Trials: Track marks of sub-13:40 (5 km)/ sub-28:45 (10 km). *Carried unanimously.*

Ideas for Trials prize structure, and possible training stipends for athletes who make the 2008 Olympic marathon team, were discussed. Consensus: Any athlete who qualifies for the 2008 U.S. Olympic marathon team and runs a Spring 2008 marathon after the USA Olympic Trials Marathon race will not be eligible for a training stipend.

9. **Cross Country:** Allan Steinfeld provided a preview of the 2006 USA Cross Country Championships/World Team Trials (New York City, Feb. 18-19, 2006). Peter Julian provided a preview of the 2007 USA Cross Country Championships/World Team Trials (Boulder, CO, Feb. 10, 2007).
10. **2005 Men's LDR Awards:** Mark Winitz announced the winners of the three annual awards bestowed by Men's LDR (see MLDR, Session 2, below for details).
11. **Men's LDR Election:** A motion was made and seconded to conduct an election for the position of Men's LDR Committee Chair at MLDR Committee, Session 1 (Friday, December 1) for a three-year term 2006-2008. Nominations to be accepted from the committee floor. Unanimously passed. Glen Latimer has been serving as Interim Chair.
12. **Men's LDR Championships Subcommittee:** Bob Latham and Scott Simmons are the new members of the subcommittee, appointed by the Chair. 2005 MLDR Championship awards were discussed. Regarding club championships at MLDR National Championships, the committee agreed that hosts should have an option, not an obligation, to host USATF club competition (in addition to individual competition).

13. **LDR Strategic Plan:** The status of the draft LDR Strategic Plan will be addressed by the LDR Division Executive Committee.

14. **Law & Legislation, Rules:** David Coyne reported on proposed L&L items of interest to LDR.

15. **Finance/Budget:** Item deferred to general MLDR committee meeting.

16. **Associations:** Same.

17. **Coaching Education:** Same.

18. **Development:** Same.

19. **Additional Business:** An LDR initiative to require athletes competing in the U.S. to possess a license as proof of an out-of-competition drug test was introduced. The license, which is at the conceptual stage, is a key strategic objective in LDR's Strategic Plan.

U.S. Men's 20 km Championships (New Haven 20 km): John Bysiewicz briefed the group regarding upgrades and improvements to the event.

Closed Session: The Chair called a closed session at 11:25 a.m. and guests were asked to exit the room. Topic of session was MLDR Championships.

The open meeting reconvened at 11:43 a.m. Topics related to MLDR Championship awards were briefly discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Men's LDR – General Sessions

Attendees:

The following individuals attended one or more of the MLDR sessions: Glenn Latimer (Chair), Keith Dowling (Vice Chair), Philip Greenwald (Treasurer), Mark Winitz (Secretary), Andrew Allden, Ryan Borque, Norman Brand, Trent Briney, Don Chapin, David Coyne, Scott Christensen, Alex Cuzzo, Jeff Darman, Ian Dobson, Kenneth Ellis, Alonzo Fuller, Robert Geiger, Pat Goodwin, William Graustein, Kevin Hanson, Jack Hazen, Kent Hoffmeyer, Barrett

Hopper, Thom Hunt, Brian Johnson, Brian Jones, Peter Julian, Bob Larsen, Bob Latham, David Martin, Frank Miklaucic, Teddy Mitchell, Robert Moore, Gary Morgan, Al Morris, Jim Peterson, George Regan, Ian Seecof, Donald Shepan, Scott Simmons, Allan Steinfeld, Phil Stewart, Elinor Tootle, John Tope, Clint Verran, Jack Wing.

Guests: John Blackburn, Keith Brantly, Greg Cunningham, Rob DeFilippis, Charles DesJardins, Mark Driscoll, John Erickson, Jim Estes, Patrick Glover, Paul Greer, Carl Grossaro, Bob Hersh, Greg Hipp, Nancy Hobbs, Linda Honikman, David Katz, Kevin Moorhead, Gene Newman, Howard Nippert, Roy Pirrung, Peter Rea, Ken Robichaud, Bill Roe, Mark Schwartz, Mike Scott, Tomy Sitton, Lloyd Stephenson, Joe Vigil, Jack Wickens.

Session 1 - December 2

The meeting was called to order by Chair Glenn Latimer at 10:10 a.m.

Attendance

Secretary Mark Winitz briefly reviewed the criteria for committee membership and voting. A motion was made and seconded to appoint George Regan as an At-Large member of the committee through the 2006 calendar year. ***Motion passed.***

The Chair introduced the members of the Executive Committee, Championships Subcommittee and Men's Team Selection Subcommittee.

MINUTES FROM 2004 AND 2005 AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the Men's Long Distance Running (MLDR) Committee from the 2004 USATF Annual Meeting. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

The MLDR agenda for the 2005 USATF Annual Meeting was accepted with two amendments which added the following items for discussion: athlete drug licensing and Road Running Information Center record keeping.

MEN'S LDR CHAIR ELECTION

The Secretary asked for nominations for the position of MLDR Chair to serve for a three-year term 2006-2008. Glenn Latimer has been serving as Interim Chair. Glenn Latimer was nominated by Allan Steinfeld; seconded by Bob Latham. There were no additional nominations. Latimer

was elected by acclamation. Two members from Organizational Services sat in to monitor the election.

2005 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS REPORTS:

Team Leaders

2005 Chiba Ekiden reported by Tomy Sitton (Team Leader). The U.S. men's Bronze Medal performance was its highest placing ever at the event. (Additional reports deferred to later in agenda.)

Law and Legislation Report

David Coyne discussed proposals being considered in the Law and Legislation Committee which could have a direct impact on MLDR. He reported that athletes had formed a Professional Athletics Association to advocate their interests and they were seeking status for the association as a USATF member organization.

Kevin Lucas (Secretary, Niagara Association) discussed L&L item 28, which he had authored, regarding new responsibilities and makeup of the Road Running Technical Council. Pete Riegel (former Chair of the RRTC) spoke in favor of keeping the current Council's responsibilities and makeup. Various discussions for and against. MLDR voted **not** to support this item.

Item 49 (residency rules for championships) was also discussed. The group was generally in favor of geographically cohesive club makeup in championships. No specific recommendation for or against was proposed.

Following discussion of L&L item 65 (regulation/authorization of athlete agents), MLDR voted not to support it.

David then briefed the committee regarding the USOC's business practice recommendations to USATF and restructuring of the organization to take place over the next several years.

Men's LDR Awards: Mark Winitz

The recipients of the awards traditionally given out by the MLDR Committee were announced (nominations were taken, and voting conducted, by e-mail prior to the convention). The award winners are:

Scott Hamilton Award:

Bob Latham (Oregon Association)

Robert E. Decelle Award:

Mebrahtom Keflezighi

H. Browning Ross Merit Award:

Bob Larsen

Bob Latham and Bob Larsen made short speeches of appreciation. Joe Vigil spoke about Bob Larsen's accomplishments, commenting that he has contributed at every level of the sport.

OLYMPIC MARATHON TRIALS PROCESS AND UPDATE

Jim Estes, Glenn Latimer discussed the process and schedule for the selection of the 2008 Olympic Marathon Trials site/host (see MLDR Executive Committee minutes above). USOC requirements for the event were stated. The qualifying times/standards for the Olympic Games have not yet been set by the IAAF.

To date, three U.S. men have met the sub-2:20/sub-2:22 men's standards for the Trials, during the one-day window at the 2005 U.S. Men's Marathon Championship (Twin Cities). The qualifying window opens again on January 1, 2006 and remains open until 30 days prior to the Trials.

The Chair explained the Executive Committee's recommendation to add the following additional qualifying standards for the Men's Olympic Marathon Trials: sub-13:40 5,000m and sub-28:45 10,000 meters. Peter Julian commented that these marks should be considered "B" standards because they don't necessarily translate to a sub-2:20 marathon. Chair Latimer pointed out that this may be a moot point because some hosts roll out the red carpet (entry AND travel) for "B's." Clint Verran mentioned we should be encouraging young track athletes to run a marathon; we want to encourage inclusion. The Chair said if someone meets these standards at 5,000m/10,000m, then the Trials event will certainly pay their way. Alan Steinfeld agreed. A discussion regarding the relative merits of having "A" and "B" standards versus a single standard ensued. Bob Larsen and several others pointed out the value, sense of accomplishment, and prestige in obtaining an "A" standard.

Peter Julian made a motion, seconded by Teddy Mitchell, to adopt a men's Marathon Trials standard which specifies a sub-2:22 (marathon), sub-13:40 (5,000m), or sub 28:45 (10,000m) as qualifying standards which will earn an athlete a spot at the Marathon Trials. No "A" or "B" marks will be specified. Motion was unanimously passed. Note: Upon further consideration, this decision

was overturned by the MLDR Executive Committee (see Executive Committee Minutes, December 3 - Special Session above).

The committee recessed at 12:05 p.m.

Session 2 - December 2

The meeting was called to order by Chair Glenn Latimer at 2:05 p.m.

Rules Report: Norm Brand

The report covered suggested changes to competition rules as submitted to the Rules Committee which are of interest to, or pertain to, LDR. The committee took action on the following rules items:

Masters (Item 91, Classifications, IAAF 69) — Motion and second to recommend against. ***Passed.***

Transponder timing, road records (Item 88, IAAF 278. 279) — Recommendation to support with the following further revision: "...unless it was timed solely in accordance with Rule 165." (Note: Further action was taken on the item; see below.)

IAAF Report: Bob Hersh

The qualifying window for the 2007 IAAF World Championships Marathon in Osaka, Japan has been expanded (began September 1, 2005). In addition, he is hoping that the qualifying period for the 2008 Olympic Games marathon will open on September 6, 2006.

The first 20 (men and women) at the Berlin, Boston, Chicago, London, and New York City Marathons will be considered by the IAAF as having achieved the "A" standard for Osaka.

The IAAF World Half Marathon Championships have been changed to the IAAF World Road Running Championships to allow for other distances hosted by interested cities. Event is still on the edge with the IAAF losing money on it. Sponsors would not care if this event was off the IAAF program. 2006 event will be a 20K in Hungary in October.

2007 IAAF World Road Running Championships have been awarded to Udine, Italy. The distance will be half-marathon.

Records Report: Linda Honikman

MLDR provisionally approved the following road records for ratification pending course validation completion scheduled for December, 2005:

(1) M open 20 km 58:42 Abdi Abdirahman 28 AZ
NewAlliance New Haven New Haven, CT
09/05/05

(2) M open 20 km 58:57 Meb Keflezighi 28 AZ
New Haven Savings Bank New Haven New
Haven, CT 09/01/03

Additionally, approved the following record:

(3) M a/comers 25 km 1:13:27 Simon Wangai
(KEN) Fifth Third River Bank Grand Rapids, MI
05/14/05

All other items were deferred pending application or more information.

Mountain, Ultra, and Trail (MUT) Council

Report: Nancy Hobbs (Chair, MUT Council) provided a brief review of 2005 mountain and trail championships and world events. She deferred reporting on ultrarunning to the MUT representative from MLDR (see MLDR Session 3). Reported that she hoped more Associations would start MUT programs.

Substance Abuse: Jim Peterson presented the substance abuse report. He discussed Law and Legislation items related to doping and WADA requirements. He also discussed reasons for both optimism and pessimism in relation to the fight against illegal performance enhancing drugs.

Association Athlete Development Program:

Brian Jones provided an overview of USATF AADP in 2005. Six of nine MLDR Championships provided AADP support to athletes. The goal is to have all MLDR Championships participating in the program. He emphasized that the Associations must submit their pool of athletes that they have selected for AADP status in a timely manner, providing sufficient notice so the athletes can be accommodated at each participating Championship. A discussion regarding the qualification and selection procedures of athletes for AADP events transpired.

The Chair expressed the desire to include only athletes who have true developmental potential in the program. Discussion ensued whether or not to tighten qualifying standards.

IAAF/Transponder Timing: David Katz (USATF Representative to IAAF Technical Council) discussed technical aspects related to transponder timing and technology advances related to accuracy and suitability for use in road races where potential records are at stake. A motion was made and seconded to reconsider the committee's earlier vote supporting Rules Item 88 (Transponder timing, road records, IAAF 278, 279) and the IAAF's lead not to accept transponder systems for any record set in road racing. The motion was tabled.

International Team Selection Criteria: Glen Latimer -- Motion and second to accept the MLDR 2006 national team selection process and criteria (as provided in the committee members' packet, see exhibit) for the following 2006/2007 events:

2006 IAAF World 20 km Road Championships
2006 North America 5 km Team Challenge
2006 Chiba International Ekiden
2007 IAAF World Championships Marathon
2007 Pan American Games Marathon

...with the following amendment:

IAAF World 20 km Road Championships (5 positions): Automatic selection: One (1) slot offered (based on rank order of finish) among the top 3 finishers at the USA Half-Marathon Championships, and one (1) slot among the top 3 finishers at the USA 25 km Championships, and two (2) slots among the top 3 finishers at the USA 20 km Championships, final position(s) will be offered based on performance list, 1/1/2006 through 9/10/2006. (At-large selection remains the same.) *The motion passed.*

2005 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS REPORTS (CONTINUED):

TEAM LEADERS

2005 IAAF World Half Marathon (Edmonton) reported by Allan Steinfeld (Team Leader). Despite bad weather and technical/logistical challenges imposed by event organizers, the USA men's team finished in 6th place (highest placing ever at this event).

2005 World Cup Marathon at IAAF World Track & Field Championships (Helsinki) reported by Jack Hazen (Team Leader). The USA men's team finished 4th place (highest placing ever at this event). To help prepare for this event,

both the men's and women's teams attended a Marathon Summit conducted by Dr. David Martin and hosted by Hansons-Brooks Distance Project.

The committee recessed at 4:05 p.m.

Session 3 - December 3

The meeting was called to order by Chair Glenn Latimer at 2:00 p.m.

Committee Appointments: Glenn Latimer recommended the following individuals to represent MLDR on other committees: Philip Greenwald on Rules Committee and Mark Winitz on Club Council (within Associations Committee). Motion made per the above. *Passed.* Glenn expressed many thanks to Norm Brand who has capably served as the MLDR representative on the Rules Committee for many years, and is stepping down from that post. Norm's involvement with MLDR began in 1969.

Road Record Keeping: Glenn Latimer – With the expiration of USATF's contract with the Road Running Information Center for record keeping, a discussion focussed on transitioning the task. The Chair said that issues subsequently emerged regarding who would pay for record keeping in the future, and who would "own" the data. The Chair said he felt that MLDR should not be paying for this service. Phil Stewart said he felt that USATF should be the "holders" and the "custodians" of LDR record data. Mark Winitz expressed that from a public relations and media relations perspective, keeping accurate and current records and performance lists, and having them readily accessible to the public, is fundamental for any professional sport. No further discussion, pending a report from Jim Estes in the upcoming LDR Division meeting.

Sports Science and Medicine/Development Reports: David Martin – Dr. David Martin informed the committee that Development has earmarked \$6,700 in 2006 for an LDR-related clinic/summit. He suggested that LDR might conduct an altitude training clinic/camp in the summer, possibly at Flagstaff, AZ. Bob Larsen indicated that Mammoth Lakes could also be considered as a potential site. The Chair proposed a task force composed of Keith Dowling, Peter Julian, and Peter Rea to examine clinic/summit

themes and locations, and to come back with a recommendation. A motion carried to this effect.

Cross Country Report: Mike Scott (Chair, Cross Country Council) summarized very successful cross country championships in 2005. He also previewed upcoming championships in 2006-2007. Increasing prize money purses at the U.S Cross Country Team Trials/Winter Championships, and heavily making prize money awards contingent upon competing at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships, should help draw our strongest athletes to compete at Worlds. The IAAF would like to see the U.S. host the World Cross Country Championships in 2008 or thereabouts.

Team USA Distance Project: Glenn Latimer Over the past year, a concerted effort has been made to increase funding for the five developmental teams/training centers, and to secure grants for elite development projects. Major events are now providing funding per a five-year commitment.

Rules Report (continued): Norm Brand Tabled Rules Item 91 removed from the Table for further discussion. Continued discussion regarding Rules Items 89, 90, 91 pertaining to lowering the classification of Masters to age 35, including amendments acceptable to the Rules Committee regarding date of effect. Norm Brand said that these changes were adopted into the IAAF rules because of recommendations from World Masters Athletics.

Bob Larsen commented that it made little sense to drop the Masters age for long distance runners, who in the longer distances, often don't reach their peak until their 30s. David Coyne commented that the IAAF rules changes reflected another example of the IAAF adopting rules designed for track and field that affect LDR. John Blackburn (Chair, Rules Committee) explained that USATF typically adopts IAAF rules changes unless there is a very strong agreement within USATF not to do so. Again, MLDR expressed strong displeasure with the referenced Rules Items as amended by the Rules Committee.

Mountain, Ultra, and Trail (MUT) Council Report (Continued): Roy Pirrung, and Howard Nippert provided a report of 2005 Ultrarunning National Championships and the 2005 IAU 100K World Cup.

Associations Report: George Regan reported that the Associations Committee is planning a study in 2006 on the effect of pre-run stretching on injury rates. He also detailed the USATF membership fee increase recommendations in relation to membership restructuring and reported that a final decision will be made by the USATF Board in June following further input.

Running Routes, an Associations Committee project, is up and running. The USATF Club Marathon Relay Championship will be at the Colfax (Colorado) Marathon in 2006. The Club Council (within Associations Committee) has been operating and Skip Stolley was elected as Chair.

Coaching Education: Scott Christensen reported on the Coaching Education Committee's projects related to the area of endurance events. Scott Christensen has developed a 2-hour Coaching Education program about the sports science of the marathon distance.

MLDR Championships/USA Road Circuit Events (2006): Glenn Latimer, Bob Latham, Scott Simmons -- Glenn Latimer acknowledged the hard work that Hank Brown (MLDR Championships Subcommittee Chair) has contributed over the years, and in 2005, to coordinate and oversee MLDR road national championships. Hank is stepping down from the position at the end of the year. Bob Latham and Scott Simmons will Co-Chair the Championships Subcommittee moving forward.

Committee members were referred to details regarding the USATF MLDR 2006 Championships in their packet (see exhibit).

The MLDR championships for 2006, in chronological order, that are currently awarded are:

- 1/15/06 Half-Marathon—Houston Aramco Half-Marathon, Houston, TX \$21K
- 3/11/06 15 km—Gate River Run, Jacksonville, FL \$23.5K
- 4/15/06 10 Mile—Papa John's 10 Miler, Louisville, KY \$26.5K
- 5/13/06 25K—Fifth Third River Bank Run, Grand Rapids, MI \$10,600
- 5/21/06 Marathon Road Relay—Colfax Marathon, Denver, CO \$7.5K
- 9/4/06 20K—New Alliance New Haven 20 km, New Haven, CT \$19K

- 9/10/06 5 km – CVS/Pharmacy Downtown 5 km, Providence, RI \$15K
- 10/1/06 Marathon—Twin Cities Marathon, Minneapolis, MN \$69K
- 11/4/06 10 km—Food World Senior Bowl 10K, Mobile, AL \$30K

TBA
8 km

The combined U.S. men's prize purse for 2006 championships is \$222,100.

Budget/Fiscal: Philip Greenwald distributed the MLDR budget summary as of 10/31/05 (see exhibit). He reported that MLDR had requested \$18,000 for its administrative budget, and the Budget Committee granted it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update reports were submitted regarding Law and Legislation Item 28 (Road Running Technical Council), Item 65 (Authorization of Athlete Reps), and Item 49 (Residency Rules for Championships). No further action taken by MLDR.

Chair Glenn Latimer adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mark Winitz, Secretary

December 3, 2005 - Special Session

ATTENDEES

Executive Committee Members: Glenn Latimer (Chair), Keith Dowling (Vice Chair), Mark Winitz (Secretary), David Coyne, Ian Dobson, Peter Julian, David Martin, George Regan, Allan Steinfeld

Guests: Fred Finke, Teddy Mitchell, John Tope

ACTIVITIES

Men's LDR Chair Glenn Latimer convened the special meeting at 6:30 p.m.

1. **2008 U.S. Men's Olympic Marathon Trials Qualifying Standards:** The Chair reopened for reconsideration the agenda item relating to the 2008 Olympic Marathon Trials, specifically, the following action unanimously passed in the MLDR General Session 1, December 2, 2005:

Action: Adopt a men's Marathon Trials standard which specifies a sub-2:22 (marathon), sub-13:40 (5,000m), or sub 28:45 (10,000m) as qualifying standards which will earn an athlete a spot at the Marathon Trials. No "A" or "B" marks will be specified.

The Chair explained that upon further discussion of this action in an LDR Division Executive Committee meeting, it was determined that it was impractical to expect a Marathon Trials Local Organizing Committee to assume the cost of travel/lodging expenses for an estimated (based on previous Trials) 45 men who qualify between 2:20 and 2:22.

Following further discussion, David Coyne moved, Allan Steinfeld seconded, that MLDR adopt the following standards previously recommended for the 2008 U.S. Men's Olympic Marathon Trials:

- Marathon Distance Qualifying Marks: "A" Standard: Sub-2:20; "B" Standard: Sub-2:22
- Additional Qualifying Marks: Track sub-13:40 (5K) or sub-28:45 (10K) - "B" Standard

No further discussion. Motion unanimously passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mark Winitz, Secretary

Women's LDR Executive Committee

Executive Committee - Thursday, Dec. 1

Present: Jenny Crain, Kelly Flathers, Nancy Hobbs, Linda Honikman, Kimberly Keenan-Kirkpatrick, Nina Kuscsik, Will Lindgren, LeeAnn Meyer, Kathy Nary, Elizabeth Phillips, Mickey Piscitelli, Janet Robertz

Elizabeth P. welcomed and thanked the members of the executive committee for all of their help and support throughout the year. She praised our athletes for their high level of support by participation in our slate of 2005 National Championships.

Kathy N. confirmed that our athletes have been invited to the Chiba, Beijing, and Yokohama Ekiden races and the North American Championship and added that there was a possibility that more head-to-head competitions may be added to the calendar. She also confirmed a new event, the 1st IAAF World Road Running Championships to be contested on October 8th in Debrecen, Hungary. The distance would be 20 km. There was consensus regarding the good timing as our Sept. 4th 20 km National Championship race would serve as be a good athlete selection race for the new event. Unfortunately, that October weekend this is the same weekend on which the Twin Cities Marathon and Tufts will be contested.

Jenny C. pointed out that athletes usually plan their entire year in advance and when you have 3 events on the same weekend you cannot help but dilute the quality of the team. She described an athlete's annual plan as a juggling of national representation, international visibility, and earning a living.

Jim Estes, our LDR person on staff with USATF, joined us to describe the Distance Project as a support program to fund already existing programs and as a reserve fund for special programs. He reported on a firm monetary commitment at the Silver Level from the Twin Cities Marathon. He also mentioned the possibility of the Distance Project helping to fund developmental track meets including races of 3000 meters and longer. He confirmed that we will be using the term "Olympic Trails" in our selection race and indicated that letters had been sent and bids are due back January 9th, 2006.

Elizabeth discussed the possibility of requiring foreign athletes to get an annual USATF license in order for them to receive prize money from races they run in the US. The consensus of the committee was that foreign athletes should be subjected to random out-of-race drug testing and race day testing as are our US athletes. Nina Kuscsik enlightened the group regarding the definition of a Professional Athlete as one who is listed in the top 25 in the world in their event and/or is earning 50% of their annual income from competing in their sport. This definition was crafted by the P.A.A. (Professional Athletes Association.)

Fred Finke, LDR Division chair, addressed the issue of medical personnel required for

international competitions. He discussed trainer vs. massage therapist vs. team doctor as to what is most needed in which circumstances and from whose point of view. He concluded by saying that he was impressed by the spirit of cooperation which exists among the chairs and members of the three LDR committees.

Meeting adjourned at 10 am.

Friday, Dec. 2

Elizabeth introduced the members of the committee and their areas of responsibility.

Mickey Piscitelli called for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2004 USATF Annual Meeting. The motion was made by Will Lindgren and seconded by Nancy Hobbs. Will Lindgren reminded the group of our slate of 2006 National Championship and that the winner of the Twin Cities Marathon (our National Marathon Championship race) and our USA Running Grand Prix winner was Nicole Aish who is now a member of the WLDR Executive Committee. He also mentioned that Zika Palmer was our 2nd place finisher at the Twin Cities Marathon. He reviewed the list of national Championship races already awarded for 2006 as Gate River Run in Jacksonville on March 11th, the Colfax Marathon Road Relay (Club Relay) in Denver on May 21st, the Hospital Hill Half-Marathon in Kansas City on June 3rd, the New Haven Road Race 20K on September 4th, the Twin Cities Marathon in Minnesota on October 1st, and the Tufts Health Plan 10 km in Boston on October 9th. Will then proposed 2 additional events for approval as 2006 National Championship races. LeeAnn Meyer made a motion to accept the 5/3 River Bank Run 25 km on May 13 as our 25 km National Championship Race and the CVS Pharmacy 5 km on September 17th as our 5 km National Championship. The motion was seconded by Bill McKee. *It was approved.*

Will continued by suggesting 3 additional events for approval as 2007 National Championship races. Nancy Hobbs made a motion to accept the Gate River Run 15 km on March 10, the 5th 3rd River Bank Run on May 12 and the CVS Pharmacy 5 km on September 16th. The motion was seconded by Kathy Nary. It was approved.

Lastly, Will propose 2 races for consideration as 2008 National Championship races. Discussion

ensued regarding dates and possible conflicts within the Olympic Trials qualifying window. Bill McKee made a motion to accept the CVS Pharmacy 5 km bid for 2008. The motion was seconded by Rose Schlewitz. *Motion approved.*

Bill McKee, WLDR Rules Committee liaison, informed the group regarding discussions taking place within the rules committee on the topic of transponder timing and how it could/should effect official winning times and places. Discussions focused on changing the language “winning time” to “times and places.”

David Katz informed the group about the need to understand the difference between “transponder times” and “chip” or “net” times and discussions taking place regarding whether or not to accept records based on transponder times. He also informed those assembled that the IAAF had lowered the age-group designated “masters” age from 40 to 35 years of age. This incited much discussion with questions such as “Are we obligated to use that definition for our National Championships?” “Is USATF obligated to align our definition with that of the IAAF?”

The majority of the group assembled was not in favor of changing the definition of “masters” to include athletes 35-39.

Fred F expressed his approval of the three (3) LDR committees’ ability to respectfully “agree to disagree.”

Nina K, L&L, reported on the discussion as to whether or not the athlete representatives (agents) are required to have professional liability insurance. The language currently states that they must disclose to the athlete they represent whether or not they have insurance. The question as to whether or not they need to be bonded was discussed. Discussion ensued.

Kathy Nary summarized the results from our 5 international competitions. They were the Beijing Ekiden in China on April 10th in which our team took 4th place out of 6 teams, the IAAF World Marathon Championship in Helsinki, Finland on August 14th in which our team finished 6th, the IAAF World Half-Marathon Championship in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on October 1st in which our team finished 9th, the North American Team challenge in Chula Vista California on October 23rd in which our team finished 2nd and the Chiba Ekiden in Japan on November 23rd in

which our team finished 9th. She also mentioned that two of the performances were personal best records for two of the athletes.

Zika Palmer, women's coach for the Chiba Ekiden, and Kim Keenan-Kirkpatrick, Team staff for endurance events at the IAAF World Marathon Championships both shared their experiences at their events.

Recessed at 11:59am

Women's LDR General Sessions

Friday, Dec. 2

Kim Keenan - Kirkpatrick reported on discussions taking place within the Athletes Advisory Committee This included clearing up the notion that it is the P.A.A. which decides the definition of professional athlete, and not USATF. She also relayed the message that athletes want more fiscal opportunities such as stipends and jobs.

Julie McKinney stepped up to fill in for the vacancy created by Juli Henner's resignation and reported on discussions within the High Performance Programs Division.

Julie reminded those assembled that the goal of High Performance is to develop athletes to win Olympic medals. She described the three (3) categories of events into which funds are channeled as "best bet," "target", and "developmental."

She described a testing program which had recently been held at Baylor. Selected athletes, including our own WLDR executive committee member, Jenny Crain, were tested at a variety of race paces and condition. There are thoughts that the Baylor facility may become an official testing site for USATF athletes.

She described the need to have the coaches that have "cracked the code" in terms of Olympic medal success to share their knowledge with other coaches. Julie also informed the group that in 2 weeks a free and open to the public program will be held in Las Vegas. Coach Larsen will be there discussing coaching techniques. The hope is that many of our athletes will benefit from the success of a few.

Guest Alan Roth, General Competitions Division and Associations Chair, spoke about gathering real data to determine whether or not stretching before a run is truly helpful. He envisions USATF as a font of new knowledge about this topic. Survey forms will be sent to individuals. EMMES, a consultant firm will do pro bono work on the statistical analysis. Alan also declared American Running Routes now available on www.usaft.org. It allows one to search for a variety of running routes in a particular city. It is an asset for travelers looking to run in a city new to them as well those staying at home but looking to plot new and exciting courses from a variety of locations.

He explained Dartfish as a means of taping a performance and of providing immediate feedback to both coaches and athletes regarding what went right or wrong during their sporting event.

Nancy Hobbs, MUT Chair, urged more Associations to get involved with the MUT program within their LDR division. She suggested that individuals would have a good start in terms of joining the MUT Council by hosting a MUT Association Championship and then perhaps eventually host a MUT National Championship race. She named the slate of races already set for 2006 and also spoke about some creative fund-raising in terms of attempting to support the 2 national teams.

She applauded TEVA for their continuing national sponsorship which enabled athletes to travel to world championship competitions.

Irene Herman recapped the success of the Aug. 26-28 Associations workshops in which 50% of the discussions focused on Long Distance Running.

President Bill Roe as well as Elizabeth Phillips, Glenn Latimer, and Rev. Dr. Norman Green, Jr. and Jim Estes were in attendance at the weekend event and able to speak to the attendees regarding LDR issues. Emphasized was the importance of media in promoting a race. All attendees left with helpful hardcopy notes and a CD of USATF logos.

She reported that Skip Stolley was acting as the temporary Chair of Elite Development Clubs following the resignation of David Oja. The Elite Development clubs were described as "stepping stones" to world class status.

Irene wrapped up her report by informing the group of insurance available at the Association level provided via USATF ESSEX brokers/agents.

She cited www.amsportsinsurance.com as a web site for further information. USATF has a subsidiary program that they will help defray costs.

Bob Hersh, IAAF Council member, spoke regarding the 2007 World Championships in Osaka, Japan and there has been an extended qualification period instituted commencing September 1, 2005 instead of Jan 1, 2006.

He also shared that it was likely that the IAAF will begin Sept. 1, 2006 for the 2008 Olympic Marathon qualification timeframe.

He also was pleased to announce that a recent increase in the number and fabric of qualifying opportunities had been made in that now any male or female athlete who finished in the top 20 at the marathons in NYC, Berlin, London, Chicago, or Boston will be consider to have earned the "A" standard for the 2007 World Championships in Osaka, Japan. Boston finishers would not have been able to qualify without this change.

He reported that the event formerly known as the World Half-Marathon Championships will be entitled the World Road Running Championships and in 2006 will be a 20 km race in Hungary and in 2007 a half-marathon race in Italy.

He closed by saying that he anticipated discussion of the IAAF Olympic qualifying standards to be finalized in November of 2006.

Bill McKee reported to the group that the proposed change in the age for "masters" athletes may be brought to the floor during Sunday's closing session

Linda Honikman reviewed the list of records which were ready to be ratified. They were:

F open 8 km. 24:36 Deena Kastor 32 CA LaSalle Shamrock Shuffle Chicago IL 04/03/05

F open a/comers 14:51 5 km. Tirunesh Dibaba (ETH) Carlsbad 5000 Carlsbad CA 04/03/05
F open a/comers 38:22 12 km. Asmae Leghzaoui (MAR) Albertsons Bay to Breakers San Francisco CA 05/15/05

Linda also recommended ratification pending validation completion for the following:

F open 20 km. 1:05:52 Marla Runyan 34 OR New Haven Savings Bank New Haven CT 09/01/03

F open Half-Mar 1:07:53 Deena Kastor 32 CA Philadelphia Distance run Philadelphia PA 09/18/05

A motion to ratify the records was made by Nancy Hobbs and seconded by LeeAnn Meyer. ***It was approved.***

Linda expressed her position that an individual responsible for keeping records be found so that single year age-group records continue to be kept.

Nina Kuscsik informed the group that the authorization of athlete representatives amendments passed and thereby all agents shall disclose to each of the USATF athletes that they represent whether they are bonded or carry error of omissions insurance related to their activities as athlete representatives.

She continued by making all aware that sports committees can establish residency requirements for their own national championships. She also reported that would be encouraged that officials be assisted with transportation, food, and/or lodging expenses.

Meeting recessed at 4 p.m.

Session 2 - December 3

Nina Kuscsik and Irene Herman reviewed the requirement from 2-years ago that medical support staff must accompany our teams when they travel to international competitions. Discussions included whether or not it would be worthwhile to compose a list of those individuals who have been exemplary in their role as medical support staff for us in the past.

Also discussed was that a member may belong to multiple associations, but perform as an athlete only in one association.

Discussion continued regarding representation and residence. Some participating in the discussion maintained that a geographically cohesive club reflects the true spirit of club competition.

Further discussion ensued regarding the institution of a time limit for Associations in terms of replying to requests by member athletes requesting a release from their home Association in order to compete for a different Association. The consensus was that 30 days was an appropriate time period and so, if by 30 days from the date of request, no response to the request for release to compete was received, the request would move to the national office.

Kathy Nary announced and confirmed that an invitation for the Ekiden in Yokohama, Japan on February 28th was received. She was also pleased to announce that she had added Kevin Hanson, Camille Estes, and Zika Palmer to her committee for WLDR International Competition.

Jenny Crain described her experience at Baylor in November in terms of their program of biomechanics testing. She expects to soon receive a CD detailing an analysis of her workouts there.

LeeAnn Meyer described the changes that have taken place with respect to the AADP. There are approximately 24 opportunities for athletes each year. She said that the athletes Associations may want to target are those who have just finished up their college eligibility.

Each Association will now rank order choices 1, 2, and 3 as to which opportunity best fits with an Association's selected athlete. She would like Associations to send in their ranked event choices by February 1, 2006. AADP opportunities for 2006 exist at this time for The Hospital Hill Half marathon (3 spots), the 5th River Gate Run (6 spots), the Twin Cities Marathon (6 spots) and the Tufts 10 km (6 slots). Kevin Hanson suggested that WLDR acknowledge races which are not national championships, but are AADP friendly. The pros and cons of doing so were discussed.

There was a general discussion regarding the thought that the USATF elite development clubs work together to select AADP nominees.

Barbara Palma reported on her observations and participation in Officials discussions. Official's clinics have been held during the last 4 to 5 years. She reported that they have instituted mentoring for key officials, that is, officials are being "buddied up" with more experienced staff. She reported on 6,000 individuals having already been certified or re-certified and that the goal was to have 10,000 certified officials in the United States.

She also reminded the group that if you only want to get your certification for Long Distance Running, you can take the exam for that level only. She also passed along the fact that the number of questions on the Associations level official's exam had been reduced. She reminded all present to visit the web site www.usatfofficials.com for more information.

Guest Anne Timmons of the Cross Country and Road Running Committee reminded all that IAAF Cross Country Championships are now back to a one race format adding that in 2007 the teams are to consist of 9 men on a team with 6 to score and 6 women on a team with 4 to score. Anne addressed the inequality issue of said team sizes and made the statement, "USATF is not in support of the IAAF Councils decision to have 9 men, with 6 to score and only 6 women with 4 to score as team sizes competing at the World Cross Country Championships. We firmly believe that equal numbers should be represented for senior men's and senior women's team." A motion was made by LeeAnn Meyer to accept Anne's statement as the position of the WLDR committee. It was seconded by Irene Herman. *It was approved.*

Doug Alred, race director Gate River Run 15 km, expressed his thanks to the WLDR for the wonderful recognition his race has enjoyed as a result of serving as our National Championship. The committee in turn thanked Doug for continually hosting a first class event for our athletes.

Elizabeth thanked everyone for their work on behalf of Women's Long Distance Running and wished us a happy and productive year.

Meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Mickey Piscitelli
Secretary

Masters LDR

December 1

Call to order by Norm Green, Chair, at 10:10 AM after all present signed in.

Don Lein, Awards Chair, handed out his summaries of race results to inform our voters on age group Athletes of the Year. Despite all his work, he noted that deficiencies in the process remain, and prevent him from doing a better job. These are the most noteworthy problems in collecting useful data: many races do not report results, the RRIC is gone (USATF says they will start doing some of this work), and people claim efforts that weren't reported or weren't on certified courses. He then took nominations for the Otto Essig award. The nominees were the Twin Cities Marathon, the Tulsa Run, and Pete Glavin/the Genessee Valley Harriers. The last nomination was later withdrawn, before voting.

Chair's Report: The general problem of replacing the RRIC is unresolved. We are working on ways to accomplish the functions it provided to us. So far Jim Estes, in the new staff position of LDR Programs Manager, has been focused mostly on Open LDR, and site selection for the 2008 Marathon Trials. Fred Finke, the new LDR Division Chair, has also paid little attention to us. The IAAF has changed their rules to define all masters as age 35 and older. We are compelled by USATF Bylaws to conform at some point. This major change is something he and the Executive Committee oppose, and we hope to prevent its immediate implementation. This transition will be a challenge on any schedule, especially at the Association level.

Motion: Nominees for the Masters Hall of Fame must be at least 50 years old. *Passed unanimously.*

The Board of Directors has spent most of the last year dealing with the flawed elections during the last convention, which selected our Vice President and Secretary and [our chair] has been embarrassed to be on the Board during some of their acrimonious meetings. The Board spent most of the rest of its time on High Performance issues. Masters and youth, comprising the vast majority of members, are as unimportant as ever to most of the Board. Next year, at the Annual Meeting, delegates will decide on restructuring the Board, which is likely to proceed. The Board

would then be approximately 12 members, with none representing a specific constituency.

Mary Rosado: Review of pertinent L&L proposals, including restructuring, RRTC, and Reg. 7.

Recess at Noon

December 2

Call to order by Chair

Lein conducted voting for Athlete-of-the-Year in each age group, with these results:

	Female	Male
40-44	Colleen DeRueck	Mbarak Hussein
45-49	Carmen Ayala-Troncoso	John Tuttle
50-54	Kathryn Martin	Gary Romesser
55-59	Gloria Jansen	Terry McCluskey
60-64	Marie-Louise Michelsohn	Don Coffman
65-69	Barbara Miller	Bill Borla
70-74	Ginette Bedard	Ray Parrella
75-79	Toshiko D'Elia	Jerry Johncock
80-84	Helen Klein	John Keston
85-89	Hedy Marque	Henry Sypniewski
90-94	Evelyn Cockerham	Dudley Healy
95-99		Abraham Wientraub

Cockerham and Weintraub thus also win the Paul Spangler Award

He then held the vote for the Otto Essig Award, won by the Twin Cities Marathon.

John Boyle, Championships: No new bids. Only the marathon and 10 km championships are currently scheduled for 2006. At this point, we could take bids by mid-January for races after August 2006.

Brief review of our budget. The Budget Committee has approved \$33,000 vs. Chair's request of \$34,000, a result which he considers quite satisfactory. He expects this to be accepted in the closing General Session.

Lein, with the assistance of Linda Honikman, conducted a review of record applications that have been recommended for approval by the Records Committee. We confirmed their recommendations for the General Session to ratify, from the 2005 Annual Meeting Reports beginning on page 152, items 14, 19 (time corrected to 16:18:00), 26, 27, 33, 34, 47, 48, 51, 52, 67, 68, 75, 78, 79, and 89. We recommended to

ratify, pending course validation before 2006, items 13, 43, 46, 49, 50, 55, 58, 77, 84, 85, 86, and 87.

Recess at 1:55 PM

December 3

Call to order by Chair on to receive reports.

Bill Quinlisk, XC Council:

Carmen Ayala-Troncoso and David O'Keeffe are Master Harriers of the Year.

The 2006 Winter National Championships will be in the New York City area in February. The 2006 Fall National Club Championships will be in San Francisco. Masters 5km championships will again be held in Saratoga Springs, NY in October. For 2007, the Winter Nationals will be in Boulder, CO.

Sue Cordero, ADA: The Association of Disabled Athletes recently held their first XC championship. They may contact the XC Council to discuss holding joint events.

Green hears no objection to his proposal to continue the current Executive Committee. This is Norm Green, John Boyle (Vice Chair), and Lloyd Stephenson (Secretary) as Officers, and Charles DesJardins, Lorraine Gersitz, David Katz, Don Lein, Bill Quinlisk, and Mary Rosado.

Discussion of possible action by committee if revised item 49 of the L&L proposals is approved. This relates to championship team scoring and residency.

Fred Finke, LDR Division Chair:

L&L item 28, Lucas/RRTC, has been tabled. RRTC Chair has resigned as of 12/31/2005, new chair to be appointed by President as this is an administrative post. Lucas has agreed to work on finding a course certifier in each Association.

RRIC ended as of 10/31/2005. The USATF office possesses all the accumulated data from it, and will perform most of the functions it did, including validating new age-group records. However, they will not maintain single year age records. Results should go to results@usatf.org. Jim Estes said he will manage paperwork on possible new records after receipt of results. Finke agrees that lack of results from races is a large and chronic problem. Record approval

process will be similar or the same. The USATF race results database is accessible, or will be.

Green: He plans, tentatively, to use some of our committee budget to maintain single age records. He will try to contract with an interested and capable party.

Quinlisk: We should add to our championship guidelines some procedures for chip timing. He showed photos of chip errors from a recent championship involving placement difference between first foot across finish line and torso.

Adjourned at 3:47 pm

Submitted by,

Lloyd Stephenson
Secretary

Mountain, Ultra, Trail Council (MUT)

Friday, December 2

Attending Meetings: (Executive Committee*)
Marlene Atwood, Derrick Berkompus (PNTF), David Bullock, David Coyne (MN), Chuck DesJardins (Pacific), Dave Dunham* (New England), Fred Finke (FL), Alonzo Fuller (WI), Will Graustein (CT), Carl Grossbard (Long Island), Dave Guyn (Gulf), Mitch Harper (IN), Ann Heaslett* (WI), Nancy Hobbs* (CO), Barrett Hopper, Brian Jones (Lake Erie), Sven Jordan (AK), Nina Kuscik, Kim Kutsch (Inland NW), Glenn Latimer (IL), Anne Lundblad (NC), Ellen Miller (CO - AATRA), Robert Moore (Adirondack), Carolyn Muegge-Vaughan, Howard Nippert* (VA), Ed Parrot (FL), Roy Pirrung* (WI), Mike Polansky (Long Island), Ken Robichaud (New England), Bill Roe (Pacific NW), Mike Scott (New England), Ian Seecof (IN), John TenBroeck (FL), Tony Wayne (NC), Tim Yanacheck (WI)

Nancy Hobbs introduced herself as chair of the council, Roy Pirrung as Vice Chair, all in attendance introduced themselves. Hobbs provided an overview of the meetings with race championship bids to be discussed at Saturday's session. Hobbs explained that to be included on the Mountain Ultra Trail Council an association must host a Mountain, Ultra, or Trail Running

championship, or be appointed as a rep by one of the LDR chairs or the chair. Presently there are 23 council members including chair, vice chair, 9 LDR appointments, 4 at-large appointments, and Association members. Several additional Associations have held a MUT championship in 2005 and will have a seat on the council for 2006. There is also an executive committee of seven that meets to discuss business and make decisions between conventions. Executive committee members Janice Anderson and Anita Ortiz were unable to attend the annual meeting. Hobbs presented with the agenda handout figures amassed by Keith Lively at USATF National Office on the activity on the MUT pages on the USATF website. It is encouraging to see the activity.

Roy Pirrung has candidates for assistant team manager for the 100 km team and will present these at Saturday's meeting. The IAU 24 Hours Team selection criteria will be posted later this week Online. The IAU 24 Hours will be held in Taipei, Taiwan in February despite the bird-flu threat.

Dave Dunham will review the MUT awards process tomorrow to include discussion on the weighting criteria of votes. Dunham is willing to tabulate and collect votes for the 2006 awards. The MUT awards presently include mountain runner of the year (open men/women; masters men/women), Ultrarunner-of-the-Year (open men/women; masters men/women), and contributor of the year. Anne Lundblad will be on-hand tomorrow to accept her award as women's ultrarunner of the year.

Hobbs reported that the MUT budget had been as high as \$5000 some years ago and this year's budget was increased on the administrative side from \$2,500 to \$3,000, but the teams' budget of \$2000 from last year was eliminated. This year the team budget went entirely to the 100 km team with \$1200 charged to the budget for mailing of team uniforms. Hobbs has disputed this charge and it is being revisited by the national office. The additional team funds were spent on a van for the team in Japan and miscellaneous supplies for the team. Remainder of the \$2000 resulted in \$50 per team member for the 100 km team. Hobbs, Lundblad, and Howard Nippert will make an appeal to the budget committee at 1:30 p.m. today for the team budget. Hobbs prepared a 12-page report for the budget committee with the help of Nippert, and Lin Gentling, team manager '05, '06

who wrote a passionate plea for support on behalf of the team. The mountain running team has another avenue for fundraising through the All American Trail Running Association (AATRA) who stepped in to insure that the team would retain all of their funding from sponsors such as their title sponsor, Teva, and others in 2005 to include SportHill, 180s and ground™.

Hobbs reported that the MUT programs have not appeared in some of the USATF materials to include an LDR brochure. This became clear on a conference call in early 2005. This needs to change so that potential sponsors learn of our programs, and our programs are marketed to the public.

There was a question regarding fundraising and whether races and individuals could donate to the teams outside of USATF. The Ultrarunners Supporting Ultrarunners (USU) Fund had been established in the 90s to assist with fundraising for the team as a non profit 501(c)3 corporation. This year was the last year for this fund. Those at the meeting were very interested in pursuing fundraising opportunities and either setting up a new account, or piggybacking on another 501(c)3 not for profit corporation. AATRA is set up for fundraising of the mountain team. Some of the race directors in the meeting said they could set something up with their races to raise funds. The Long Island Association and Alaska association reps said they would take back suggestions to their associations for funding. Pirrung suggested that championship races could commit to funding their "showcased" athletes. Hobbs will communicate further with the team management for the 100 km and see what funding ideas they have.

Dunham reported that the 2005 mountain team selection process is evolving through the years. For 2005 Mt Washington is a confirmed host with a minimum of the top male and top female to receive an automatic berth for the team. Additional selection race bids will be reviewed during Saturday's meeting. The junior team which Dunham will manage this year has a selection process completely through resumes. The recruitment is a job in itself as many high school and collegiate coaches are reluctant to release their athletes to compete on this national team due to conflicting schedules with their fall meets. The goal of the program is to develop juniors into open competitors. The Italians have had a very successful program with this in mind.

There will also be the third NACAC Championships in 2006 with Mexico hosting (USA has hosted in 2004 and 2005). This is an unfunded team/event. Dunham asked how the team is named. Hobbs reported that there isn't a selection process in place, but that the team has included members of past Teva US Mountain Running Teams, or athletes that were in the top finish of the race the prior year. In 2005 there was one US team (both men and women), one Canadian team (men only). We need to organize this team for 2006 and work with the Mexico organizers.

A US team (men) travels to the annual Challenge Stellina Mountain Running event in Italy. The organizers of the event always fund a US team (men) up to 2 or 3 athletes with support for airline travel, as well as food and lodging during their stay for the event. In 2004 the US Men upset the Italians to take Gold. In 2005 the team was not in the medals, but raced very well. Paul Low has been organizing the team the past two years (and has been a member of the team).

Ian Seecof brought up the Shop for Zero program that has been very helpful for Associations in raising some additional funds. He says that the GA Association has been very successful. He suggests contacting Andy Martin at the National Office for details.

Before closing the meeting Hobbs suggested that those Associations that do not have a MUT affiliation start at the LDR level and work a MUT program into the Association. There are several models that can be used to help your Association with this effort.

Meeting recessed at approximately 1PM.

Saturday, December 3

Hobbs started the meeting by letting the attendees know that we would be having guests attend throughout our meetings and would give those individuals the floor (for a brief presentation, or to answer questions from the group) when they arrived and resume business quickly thereafter. There was a sign up sheet for the attendees and everyone was invited to sign up for the random prize drawings, a feature of the MUT meetings.

There was a motion to approve the minutes from

the 2004 convention by Ann Heaslett with a second from Roy Pirrung, all in favor.

David Coyne spoke about rule changes to include the masters age going from 40 to 35 for the men (internationally the women have been masters at age 35). The issue has been tabled until next year, but the LDR division has sent a directive to IAAF US reps that they don't support this change. The residency requirement for competitions (club, team, and individuals) was discussed. The 30 day requirement for changing Associations was proposed that sport committees form their own policy. Encouragement of individuals to run within their own club and not switch between clubs. Ed Parrot suggested that MUT might be better served by not being more restrictive. The requests for club changes are sometimes not acted upon. David Coyne will attend more rules meetings and let us know what develops regarding this rule. Hobbs suggested that it is important as we move forward to instead of using the term "Masters" we use the distinction of 40+ and use age groups as opposed to masters age groups, i.e.: 40-44, 45-49, etc.

Nippert presented 100 km National Team Report describing Lundblad's silver medal performance as a spectacular effort. The men's five-member team was led by Nippert's eight-place finish to a fourth place team finish. Nippert stated that even the rookie team members ran very well and were very professional. Lundblad and Heaslett added that the gold-medal finish for the women's team was fantastic. (Addendum: Nippert reported on the ultra program for men's LDR, Hobbs reported on the mountain program for men's LDR. Hobbs and Lundblad attended the women's LDR session and reported on the ultra and mountain program. Pirrung gave a brief overview of new business at the joint LDR session)

Hobbs reported that at the budget appeal the team line item was restored to \$2000 for 2006 and that the team uniform expense would be dealt with by the national office for the future and that the budget line item would not say team, but rather "USA National 100 km Team."

Pirrung presented the candidates for assistant 100 km team manager. Tim Yanacheck was the 2005 assistant team manager and Heaslett, Lundblad, and Nippert spoke on his behalf. Mike Spinnler (council member and director of the JFK 50 Miler) was a candidate with Nippert speaking on his behalf. The group voted with Yanacheck being

named assistant team manager. Lin Gentling was already named as team leader with Lion Caldwell as team doctor. This represents the full team staff. Already named to the 2006 team are Nippert, Lundblad, Nikki Kimball, and Tania Pacey based on their top-ten finish in the World at the 2005 IAU 100 km World Cup. Nippert said that the team staff makes the team's efforts and competition so much smoother and on behalf of the 2005 team presented Yanacheck with an award. Awards will also be presented to Gentling and Caldwell.

Bill Roe was introduced and discussed his support of our MUT programs. He mentioned attending White River 50 Mile champs (every year since it has been a national championship), and the World Mountain Running Trophy in New Zealand this past September which boasted 11,000 spectators. Hobbs mentioned that Roe's trip to NZ and the World Trophy was at his expense, not something that USATF provided which shows Roe's commitment to our group. Roe continued that during a meeting in Chicago this past May it was discussed that the AUA would support the 24-hour team with a partnership with USATF. He mentioned the struggle to get budgeted dollars for our MUT programs. Roe acknowledged Hobbs work on behalf of MUT. Hobbs mentioned that the recent issue (January) of *Trail Runner* magazine featured an article by MUT

Council Member Garrett Graubins on the World Trophy and the Teva US Mountain Running Team (there is also an article in the January issue of *Running Times* by Roger Robinson on the World Trophy). Hobbs also prepared a notebook which she had on display at the MUT meetings from the 2005 Teva US Mountain Running Team included selection races, championships, and World Trophy.

Nina Kuscik from Law & Legislation has worked with Anderson on the Operating Procedures from MUT. Hobbs distributed copies for review and discussion. Kuscik suggested that the council review and comment on the procedures and that the Executive Committee meet (conference call or through e-mail) to finalize the operating procedures. Hobbs will ask Anderson to continue leading the discussion on the operating procedures.

Pirrung reported on the 2005 24-hour team who competed in Austria. A gutsy women's team performance resulted in a bronze medal, the men

ran strong and finished sixth. The top three American women didn't travel to Austria due to lack of funding. The 2006 event will be in Taipei, Taiwan on February 25-26. The team partnered with the AUA for funding. For 2006 the IAU has provided funding based on performance standards (A-B-C-D) and distance traveled to the event. Currently Stephanie Ehret has achieved the A standard while most of the US athletes are at the B standard. The selection criteria will be posted soon and is based on performance standards of 24-hour mileage.

Discussion followed regarding the IAU delegates. The IAU meets every other year at the 100 km World Cup and in 2006 they will meet again. There was discussion on the IAU delegate and Yanacheck volunteered for the position and will attend the meetings in Korea in October (since he will already be going to Korea as the assistant team manager).

Hobbs provided some background on the development of the US Mountain Running program for the men's and women's teams with the men piggy-backing off the Challenge Stellina event (which provided some athlete funding to compete in their event and athletes would stay on in Europe for the World Trophy), while the women first sent a team in 1995. Juniors were added to the team in 2002. Hobbs oversees management and sponsorship for the team and thanks Teva for their continued support of the team. Additional sponsors have helped to support the team including SportHill, 180s, and Ground™. For the trip to Turkey for the World Trophy it was determined that a larger team staff was required to manage the team (there have been two team staff members in the past). Rich Bolt will serve as Team Leader, Dunham as Junior Manager, and Ellen Miller as Women's Manager. Hobbs and Bolt have developed a media schedule for the team to include press releases throughout the year highlighting selection process, selection races, championships, and other important races throughout the year that the team members participate in.

Hobbs surveyed past team members about their thoughts for the selection race program and the majority wanted at least two selection races regionally distributed. This year we received bids from just two events (although we anticipated several more, the race directors opted not to submit a bid) with Mt Washington already designated as a selection race based on their

hosting the USA Mountain Running Championships on June 17. Since this is an uphill year for the World Trophy (the Trophy alternates between uphill only races in even-numbered years and up/down courses in odd-numbered years), the bids were from uphill events. Loon Mountain in Lincoln, New Hampshire submitted a bid and Vail Mountain submitted a bid (Vail, CO). Vail has hosted a selection race since 2000. There are 10 open athletes on the US team with 6 men (4 to score) and 4 women (3 to score). Since there is a built-in alternate, additional alternates will not be named to the team.

Dunham presented the Loon Mountain bid. He, Paul Kirsch (a MUT council member and recently named championships chair) and Rich Bolt (MUT council member) will direct the event. The race has been named the USATF New England Mountain Championships for 2006 and is on the USATF NE Mountain Running Circuit. Athletes competing for a slot on the team will receive home stays for up to one week (between Mt Washington and Loon), and the prize money will be a minimum of \$600.

There was discussion about the limited entries for the Mt Washington race. The race director, Bob Teschek, has worked closely with Hobbs, Bolt, and Dunham to insure that those athletes who are hoping for a chance to make the team, as well as top age group competitors would be granted a spot in the race. These athletes must be USATF members in order for consideration of entry. Many of the athletes hoping to make the team are already invited by Teschek to compete.

The Bursa course does not sound too technical based on what we have seen on the website and heard from organizers.

Heaslett attended the selection race in the Midwest last year and stated that it was great to have an event of this caliber in another area of the country.

Dunham and Hobbs met on Thursday to discuss the selection process. Based on athlete's remarks and as a result of their meeting suggested that we have five slots as automatic qualifiers at Mt Washington this June which would be the top three USATF (and US citizens) men and top two USATF women to receive an automatic berth on the Teva US Mountain Running Team. Loon Mountain on June 24 to receive one automatic berth for the top USATF male while a race in Vail

(either the Teva Vail Hill Climb on July 2, or an uphill - single track course in Vail on July 9) to receive one automatic berth for the top USATF male and one automatic berth for the top USATF female. This will leave us with one discretionary pick for both the men's and women's team. This year an athlete hoping to make the team MUST run one of the three selection races.

There was a motion to pass the above selection criteria for the 2006 Teva US Mountain Running Team. *It was unanimous.*

Mike Ortiz directs the Vail events and would like to have a race mirror the Trophy course as closely as possible. This is the reason he had offered a different course on Vail Mountain. Dunham suggested that the Hill Climb would be a suitable selection race. Hobbs spoke at length to Ortiz and a decision on which event would host the selection race will be made soon after the convention.

Jim Estes, USATF LDR Programs Manager (a USATF staff member) was introduced. Estes also attended the 10 km Trail Championships last year...in the snow. He will attend the USA 100-Mile Trail Championships at Rocky Racoon in February.

It is hoped that the NACAC Mountain Running Championships will rotate between USA, Mexico, and Canada. Mexico will host in 2006 near Guadalajara. Ian Seecof has contacts in this area and may be interested in working with the US team.

The Pikes Peak Marathon will host the WMRA Long Distance Mountain Running Challenge in 2006. The date is August 20. This will be the third year of this event. Switzerland hosted in 2004 while France hosted in 2005. The 2007 site will be decided by the WMRA Council in January.

The WMRA World Masters Mountain Running Championships will be held in Saillon, Switzerland on September 23, 2006. This will be the fourth year for the event. In 2002, Austria hosted, in 2003 Germany was the host, in 2004 Italy, in 2005 England. The 2006 event will be the first year that the WMA is involved with the event. Hobbs confirmed that the event entrants would be open to all. This was an arrangement reached per contract by the WMRA and the WMA in 2005.

Championships bids were presented for the Trail 10Km. Dunham presented the bid for the Northfield Mountain Race, Northfield, MA to be held on June 10. Hobbs presented the bid for the Teva Mountain Games 10 km to be held in Vail, CO on June 3.

The Northfield race would be held on a new course (different from the 2005 course). Home stays for athletes would be arranged and a minimum of \$700 in prize money. The event site is within two hours of Boston, Manchester, NH, and Portland, ME. Between 100 and 200 athletes typically compete in this event. It is also part of the USATF New England Mountain Running Circuit.

The Teva Mountain Games race would offer \$5000 in prize money and additional \$100 for each of the USA champions (open man and open woman) at a minimum. There would be home stays for athletes. This event has hosted the 2004 and 2005 10 km Trail Championships. There is a huge advertising and publicity campaign surrounding the Mountain Games. There was a question as to whether the USATF Championship designation was promoted in all of the literature. It is included on the website and Hobbs would work closely with the organizers to insure that the designation would be reflected in all of the press and advertising materials. In 2005 all of the competitors had to be USATF members and this will again be the case for 2006. This requirement is dictated by the permits of the event. In 2005 the additional memberships resulted in \$800 going to the Teva US Mountain Running Team through the USATF Colorado Association.

Pirrung spoke to the value of the publicity, TV value, and exposure inherent in the Teva Mountain Games. A decision on the 10Km bid will be part of the afternoon session.

Hobbs listed the other **championship bids for 2006** to include:

- Long Island 50 km Road – March 5 – Long Island, New York
- Headlands 50 km Trail – August 26 – Sausalito, CA
- Tussey Mountain 50-Mile Trail – October 7 – Boalsburg, PA
- Dupont Forest Trail Marathon – October 15 – Asheville, NC

For 2007:

- Long Island 50 km Road – March 4 – New York
- Headlands 50 km Trail – August 25 – Sausalito, CA

- Tussey Mountain 50-Mile Trail – October 20 – Boalsburg, PA
- Dupont Forest Trail Marathon – October 14 – Asheville, NC
- Lean Horse 100-Mile Trail – August 25-26 – Deadwood, SD

Pirrung spoke about Headlands as a great event with good weather, good prize money and good prizes. Lundblad echoed Pirrung's comments.

The Tussey Mountain event is on the same weekend as the 100 km World Cup which was a big concern. It is not a fast course although it is deemed a road course and is certified. The surface is mostly hard packed gravel. Lundblad had a suggestion to call these hybrid courses and to state that the event is a "50 km championships" or a 100-Mile Championships rather than making the road/trail determination since some are so closely related. Some concern was expressed that if Tussey was selected and called the "50-Mile Championship" this wouldn't be fair to White River, which has already been designated the "50-Mile Trail Championship" event. Nippert added that he would like to see standards set for championship events to include terrain and surface descriptions, aid station set ups, etc. There should be a check list of standards for race directors. Hobbs said that AATRA had a set of sanctioning criteria that could be used as a template with additional standards included that encompass all MUT events.

The meeting went to recess prior to the afternoon session.

Saturday, December 3

Chuck DesJardins presented a report on the WMA 100 km event to be held December 10-11 in Argentina. Katy Cotton will serve as the team manager. Pirrung is one of the team members to compete in the Masters championship that was originally slated to be held concurrently with the IAU 100 km World Cup in Japan and then changed to another venue in Europe. Neither event happened in 2005 and this event came up to host. Brian Keaveney (Canada) is the newly elected chairman of the WMA Nonstadia Committee. The WMA masters are aged 35 and up for both men and women. The WMA Mountain Running Championships will be held every year and the WMA 100Km will be held in odd-numbered years.

Dunham brought up an issue with the selection process for the mountain team. He would like to have it advertised that the automatic qualifying slot does not move down in place if the automatic selectee declines the spot. If an automatic selectee declines his or her spot or if the automatic selectee is duplicated at an event (for example if an athlete won Mt. Washington and the Vail event the second finisher at Vail would not be an automatic selectee). The result is that we would have an additional discretionary pick.

Nippert made a motion to decline the bid from Tussey Mountain 50-Mile Road event because of the conflict with the IAU 100 km World Cup race date. We would consider the 2007 bid when we know what the calendar date would be for the 2007 IAU 100 km World Cup. **Motion seconded - unanimous approval.**

The bid was reviewed from Dupont Forest for the Trail Marathon Championships. Lundblad spoke about the event. She is a past winner and course record holder. The event has some prize money, will offer some home stays for athletes (and will cover lodging for past US winners). Lundblad pointed out that the course was mostly on fire trails and only about 6 miles on single track. She says the course is beautiful and the organization is great. There was some concern about the accuracy of the distance of the course. Pirrung made a motion to accept the bid for 2006 and 2007 pending the course being accurately measured to be at least 26.2 miles. Dunham seconded— **unanimous.**

The 50 km Road bid was presented by Carl Grossbard. This event has been an Association championship for several years and attracts between 40-60 runners. The course is on a park paved trail and is a 2.3 mile measured flat loop. The volunteers count laps for the runners. There will be prize money \$150/\$75/\$25 for open men and women and same for top three masters. Pirrung made a motion that the event be granted championships for '06 and '07 pending course certification. Nippert seconded – **unanimous.** Grossbard says that the certification will be completed very soon by their association certifier.

The 100-Mile Trail bid was considered. There is prize money and support for athletes. The organization is very top-notch. The event course is somewhat of a hybrid and in fact Jerry Dunn, the race director, considered bidding for the 100-Mile Road championships, but decided to go with

the trail designation since the course is not currently certified and it is on a trail-type surface. Lundblad stated that we don't know what the 2007 calendar internationally will look like so we should wait on accepting this bid and revisit in 2006, or when we know the calendar dates for 2007. Heaslett motioned to table the bid, Pirrung seconded -- **unanimous.** The reason that some bids will be considered now for 2007 is that they may not conflict as closely with the 100 km World Cup. For instance the 50 km distance may not attract the 100 km runners in the same way a 50-Mile event might. The 50-Miler is a distance we look at in the selection process for our 100 km athletes. We should work to avoid schedule conflict between the World 100 km and our National 50-Mile Championships.

Pirrung motioned that the Headlands 50 km Trail be awarded the 2006 and 2007 championships, Hobbs second -- **unanimous.**

The 10 km Trail Championships bids were revisited. Dunham requested a closed vote. Yanacheck and Lundblad were named to count the ballots. There were eight individuals in the room eligible to vote including Dunham, Grossbard, Robichaud, Hobbs, Nippert, Heaslett, Pirrung, and Miller. The vote was 6-2 with the Teva Mountain Games 10 km getting the nod. There was a request to destroy the ballots, they were destroyed.

Dunham led the discussion on the awards and voting process for our runners of the year. He stated that the weighting of votes may not be the best process since in some cases this year an athlete may have received more second place votes than another who received more first place votes, but because you are adding votes for first, second, and third place and voters could either vote for top three, and in some cases just wanted to vote for one person and not three, the voting may not have been a true reflection of what the end result was in all of the categories. After thoughtful discussion Pirrung motioned that the voting would be for just one individual per category (by the voting member) and a run-off would be held only in the case of a tie. Miller seconded the motion -- **unanimous approval.** Dunham agreed to coordinate the nomination and voting process for 2006. It was agreed that even if an athlete is nominated in a category and that person is eligible to vote as a member of the MUT council he or she does not need to recuse him or herself from the voting.

Fred Finke, LDR Division Chair, was introduced. Finke commended Hobbs for her communication during the year and her work with the council. He reported that a breakthrough has occurred with ultrarunning and that he invested quite a bit of time in ultrarunning issues this year. He is glad to see the council working together.

Dunham asked about team scoring in championships. He suggested looking at the various distances of events and the number of men and women for team scoring and whether it should be cumulative time, or cross country scoring. He suggests clarifying and advertising the team component for all of our championships. Dunham and Robichaud will work on this issue and report back to council.

Hobbs suggested making the designation of prize money awards to ages, not to use the term Masters. For instance prize money for 40 and over, etc. This is in response to the Masters Age ruling.

Mitch Harper had been looking over the operating procedures document and had some suggestions for Section 7 to include: Once a bid is awarded for a championship the race director should be notified within 30 days of the award with a contract from National Office to review and sign. He also asked that a list of athletes for consideration in the championship event be provided to the race director within 60 days and that the race liaison from the USATF would be named within 60 days. Hobbs will provide these suggestions to Anderson who has been working on the operating procedures.

Pirrung thanked Norm Green and the Masters LDR committee for helping secure USATF National team singlets for the 100 km Masters athletes competing in the WMA 100 km next week in Argentina as well as covering the entry fee and banquet expense for the athletes competing in the event.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

MUT Council Secretary Ellen Miller and
MUT Council Chair Nancy Hobbs

Cross Country Council

Chair Mike Scott called the meeting to order.

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the 2004 Cross Country Council. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Barbara Chambers made a presentation on the first USATF National Disability 5 km Cross Country Championships. The meet was very well received and hopes to grow into more of a true "national" championship. Barbara Chambers may be reached at: E-mail – bchamb8677@aol.com, Phone (702) 799-0104 (office)

Peanut Harms and Bob Rush reported on the 2006 USATF National Club Cross Country Championships and showed a short video showing images from the recent West Regional XC Championships. The event was held at Golden Gate Park which will be the site of the 2006 Club Championships.

Competition Reports:

Bob Latham and Harry Simonis reported on the 2005 USA Cross Country Championships, held in Vancouver, WA.

Bill Quinlisk reported on the 2005 USATF Masters National 5 km Cross Country Championships and the 2005 USATF National Club Cross Country Championships.

Bill Roe gave a report on the 2005 World Cross Country Championships. Overall the meet logistics went very well. One continued discussion focused on how to recruit our best athletes and therefore send our best teams possible to the championships. Bill recommended that the US team should have an athlete hospitality suite, where the athletes can hang out, eat and drink, and it can be used as a communication center. Bill and the staff also recommended that the US team may consider hosting its own post meet function for team, especially to cover the concern of chaperoning of junior athletes. Overall it was agreed that this was a very successful trip, both athletically and logistically. The complete report is available from Mike Scott in .PDF format.

Bill Roe reported on the first NACAC meet, which was held in Clermont, Florida between the Winter Cross Country Championships and the IAAF World Championships. This year's meet

will be held on March 11, 2006. The race will again be held at the National Training Center. This year the event will expand to include Canada and probably Mexico, which should push the entry total to approximately 140 athletes.

Bob Hersh reported on IAAF Council decisions regarding the World Cross Country Championships. The discussion focused on the team numbers for men and women now that the meet is going back to a single race schedule. The current rules call for the men to return to 9 team members with 6 scoring. The women would remain at 6 team members with 4 scoring. This lack of equality for women may be revisited after 2007. Motion was made to support equal numbers for men's and women's international XC teams. Beginning in 2007, the senior team compositions for the IAAF World Cross Country Championships will be the following for men: 9 members with 6 to score and for women: 6 members with 4 to score. This was decided at the November 2005 IAAF Council Meeting. This inequality in men's and women's team size is totally unacceptable to the membership of USATF.

Be it resolved then:

USATF is not in support of the IAAF Council's decision to have 9 men, with 6 to score and only 6 women, with 4 to score as team sizes competing at the IAAF World Cross country Championships. We firmly believe that equal members should be represented for the senior men's and senior women's teams. This was approved unanimously.

FUTURE COMPETITIONS

The New York Road Runners will host the *2006 USA Cross Country Championships* in Van Cortlandt Park on February 18-19. Complete meet information is available at usatf.org on the event pages.

Craig Masback discussed the new sponsorship from Gleukos and the three year agreement to televise the *US Winter Cross Country Championships*. He also mentioned that there is potential interest from the IAAF for the United States to host the *IAAF Cross Country Championships*. Craig reported that it will probably take major support from a US city for us to meet the IAAF standards set forth to host the meet.

Peanut Harms and Bob Rush reported on the *2006 USATF National Club Cross Country Championships*.

The meet will be held in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco on December 9. Peanut Harms promised a great post race celebration to compliment the championships being held again at this venue.

Peter Julian reported on the *2007 USA Cross Country Championships* to be held in Boulder CO. Boulder is extremely excited to bring the first-ever national championships to Colorado.

Thom Hunt reported on the *2008 USA Cross Country Championships* to be held in San Diego, CA on Feb 9. This event is tentative pending the awarding of the *IAAF Championship in 2008*. If the US hosts the international the trails would probably be held at that course. San Diego agreed to their willingness to host in 2009 should that happen. There was also some discussion about the 2008 date, pending the awarding of the Marathon Olympic Trials. Should the marathon trials make another date more desirable, San Diego has shown a willingness to move the date to whatever is best for the event.

Bill Quinlisk reported on the *Masters XC Championships*. Motion was made to accept bid from Adirondack to host *2006 & 2007 5k National Masters Cross Country Championships*. The motion was approved *unanimously*.

Mark Winitz presented proposed update of **Law & Legislation** item 49 – Regulation 7, "Representation". There was a discussion of the item with a great deal of concern regarding the ability of "non-adjointing" transfers. It was clear that the consensus was to keep out any loopholes which would enable clubs to form "national" teams, getting away from the concept of local club teams competing at the Fall Championships. No formal vote was taken regarding the item, pending action by LDR to see how the rule will be formally written.

Steve Vaitones reported on amendments to USATF's Rules of Competition stemming from IAAF rule changes. Uniforms must now be the same color on both front and back.

There was discussion regarding the use of visual aids to correctly identify results when using transponder timing.

Leaving a course to shorten a route results in disqualification. Officials may now use information and evidence from others, such as

athletes and video tape, to make decisions on disqualifications.

The international official age for Master's men is now age 35. This is now the same as for women. This won't affect US events directly because international teams for master's are not selected from US events. Most US races will continue to use age 40. The cross country national championships will continue to award prize money based on age grading of results.

NATIONAL TEAM STAFF SELECTION

The staff for the 2007 IAAF World Cross Country Championships will be selected early in 2006. To submit an application, complete the nomination form, the form then goes to the selection committee chair; Fred Finke for the men and Doris Heritage for the women. Mike Scott reminded everyone that the process recently has been to rotate coaches from different regions and different coaching backgrounds. It was also stated the more qualified women's coaches were needed for the pool, and that recruitment of women's coaches to participate in the programs was encouraged.

CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS

There was a motion to accept the following cross country awards. The motion was approved *unanimously*.

Master's Women	Carmen Ayala-Troncoso
Master's Men	David O'Keeffe
Open Men	Jorge Torres
Open Women	Lauren Fleshman
XC Council Award	Oregon Association

Motion to adjourn.

Road Running Technical Council

December 3, 2005

Attending: Bob Baumel, Norm Brand, Gary Corbitt, Mark Driscoll, Jim Estes, Fred Finke, Norm Green, David Katz, Justin Kuo, Glenn Latimer, Don Lein, Barb Leininger, Pat Leone, A.C. Linnerud, Kevin P. Lucas, Gene Newman, Ron Pate, George Regan, Pete Riegel, Tom Riegel, Don Shepan, Phil Stewart, Gary Westerfield, Mike Wickiser.

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 by RRTC Chair Mike Wickiser. All present introduced themselves. We were happy to welcome two second-generation members of our course measuring family: Gary Corbitt, the son of course measurement pioneer, Ted Corbitt, who started the course certification program back in the 1960s, and Tom Riegel, son of Pete Riegel, who served as RRTC Chairman for 15 years and remains very involved in course measurement.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Chair, Mike Wickiser: Several new certifiers were appointed during the past year: **Justin Kuo** is now the certifier for Connecticut and Massachusetts. **Matthew Studholme** is the new certifier for Hawaii, Kentucky, North & South Dakota and West Virginia. In addition, **Neville Wood** has been appointed Validations Chair, as the previous holder of this position, Paul Hronjak, had been overwhelmed by work duties and was unable to spend the time needed for overseeing the validations program. Paul remains the RRTC Vice Chair-East.

During this year, Mike also conducted a pre-race validation measurement for the Papa John's 10-mile course, and a post-race validation for the LaSalle Bank Shamrock Shuffle.

Course Registrar – Mike Wickiser: So far this year, 1232 new courses have been certified, as compared with 889 reported at the time of last year's RRTC meeting (which is really just about the same rate, considering that last year's RRTC meeting was held about 3 months before the USATF Convention). Overall, we have 11,307 courses in the "Active" list and 16,067 in the "Archive" list, for a total of 27,376 certified courses. 5 km is by far the most popular race distance comprising 64% of new certifications in 2005. Historically, 5 km courses comprise about 41% of the overall course list.

Validations Chair – Neville Wood (report submitted by Mike Wickiser): Paul Hronjak's lack of time for managing the program resulted in a backlog of courses needing validation. As of this meeting, 7 courses were scheduled to be re-measured in December 2005 in order to get back on schedule. Among other validation activity during the past year, records set on 6 courses were approved without requiring re-measurement, and records set on 9 courses were approved based on previous validations. Mike

Wickiser's re-measurement of the LaSalle Bank Shamrock Shuffle 8 km was, at this time, the only re-measurement performed so far in 2005.

In discussion, David Katz asked if we may need to perform validations for IAAF records in addition to USATF records, as IAAF has established road running records with a validation requirement. Comments were made regarding differences between IAAF and USATF standards involving drop/separation/wind requirements and allowances for error in validation measurements.

Vice Chair West – Gene Newman A workshop was conducted by Gene, along with Mike Wickiser and Dave Poppers, in Salt Lake City in November 2004. In addition to measurement instruction, this workshop presented information on various topics relating to RRTC and course certification. For example, it was explained that a course measurer also needs to prepare all of the paperwork and, most importantly, the course map.

An interesting situation occurred in the State of Washington, where some e-mails were flying back and forth questioning who the State certifier was (in fact, the Washington certifier is Bob Langenbach), and there seemed to be a feeling that RRTC is a "Good Old Boys Club" where nobody else could become a certifier. After Bob Langenbach informed Gene about this situation, Gene addressed the problem with an e-mail explaining how he (Gene) was appointed among other things. Thus, the problem has been solved; however, Gene suggests doing a workshop in Washington this spring or summer.

Webmaster – Bob Bauml: As reported at last year's RRTC meeting in Stamford, current USATF policy requires that the RRTC website, which has resided at www.rrtc.net, be incorporated into the central USATF site at www.usatf.org. USATF webmaster Keith Lively started this process in Spring 2004 by copying some of our material himself from rrtc.net to a Course Certification section in usatf.org. However, it was made clear that RRTC would have control over porting the remaining RRTC content to usatf.org. Consequently, Bob was given privileges to update and maintain two areas on the USATF site: a portion of the Course Certification section (not including the Search Engine) and the RRTC Committee area. During 2005, Bob ported nearly all remaining content from rrtc.net to usatf.org. Once this process was sufficiently complete (late August 2005), Bob

reconfigured rrtc.net so the URL www.rrtc.net "redirected" to the Certification area on usatf.org instead of displaying pages on rrtc.net itself.

Unfortunately, this caused some confusion. While nearly everything previously on rrtc.net (including downloadable text course lists, the "current" list of most recent certifications, a downloadable issue of *Measurement News*, historical information on course measurement, links to MNForum, even a link to the unfinished RRTC Finish Line manual) was now on usatf.org, finding it could be difficult, especially when people didn't even know it still existed! To many users of rrtc.net, it seemed that rrtc.net had simply disappeared and much of its content had vanished with it. People who accessed rrtc.net were, at least, redirected to the Course Certification section on usatf.org. People who started from the USATF home page often had difficulty finding the Course Certification info at all. And even when people found the Course Certification area on usatf.org, few were aware that RRTC maintains that portion of the USATF site. Overall, the net result seemed to have been a reduction in RRTC's online presence.

To remedy these problems, at least in part, two actions were undertaken on December 2nd, the day before our RRTC meeting at this Convention. First, on that afternoon, Mike Wickiser and Bob phoned Keith Lively, the USATF webmaster, asking if he could add more links on the USATF site to make it easier to find the Course Certification area, and if he could modify the left-side menu within the Certification area to make it easier to find the new "Tools" page which contains much of the material ported from rrtc.net (note: Bob's privileges to modify two areas of the USATF site do not include ability to change the left-side menus, so we must ask Keith for such changes). Keith did, in fact, overhaul this left-side menu during the afternoon of Dec 2.

The second action was performed that night: Working from the Internet connection in his hotel room, Bob reconfigured rrtc.net once more, so it no longer redirects to usatf.org. Instead, it now displays a revamped version of the old RRTC home page, where the links now point to the current locations on usatf.org where RRTC content has been ported. Thus, www.rrtc.net is **back**, not as a stand-alone website, but as a handy list of links for finding information on Course Certification, most of which now resides on the USATF site.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion of Kevin Lucas' proposed Bylaws amendment (discussion led by **Fred Finke**, chair of USATF's Long Distance Running Division): Prior to this RRTC meeting, it had already been decided to table Kevin's amendment for next year. However, Fred led a discussion on this topic in order to hear comments from attendees at the RRTC meeting.

Some background: The amendment proposed by Kevin, with backing from George Regan and others would massively restructure the USATF Course Certification program. Whereas the program is currently implemented directly by the RRTC through a network of centrally appointed State Certifiers (independent from the USATF Association system), Kevin's proposal would transfer the program to the individual USATF Associations, who would be "empowered to implement all aspects" of the Course Certification program with only "guidance, direction, and support" from the RRTC.

Additional controversial aspects of Kevin's proposal: The Chair and Vice Chairs of RRTC would become elected positions, to be nominated by each Association and selected by the Sports Committees and Associations Committee. (Currently, RRTC consists of a Chair and members named by the USATF President.) The RRTC would, through each USATF Association, "adopt and implement a system to Grade and Certify road course certifiers and measurers." (In our current system—basically, the same system in effect since Ted Corbitt started the US Course Certification program in the early 1960s—measurers do not require special credentials but need only submit successful paperwork to "certifiers," who are people with known technical proficiency. If "measurers" are to be graded and certified, the role of a "certifier" may change significantly; e.g., a "certifier" might be someone who certifies measurers instead of certifying courses!)

In initiating discussion on this proposal, Fred stated that the RRTC is now "under the gun" due to perceptions that knowledge is too concentrated in a select group of individuals and needs to be broadened. Pete Riegel objected by pointing out that the RRTC has published everything it knows about course measurement—on the web and in compilations of historical materials published on CDs (available to everyone via the web). Fred's

answer made it clear that by "knowledge" he didn't mean knowledge about course measurement, but rather the knowledge of which people are good measurers! (See additional discussion below about compiling lists of measurers.)

Several attendees, who were not themselves RRTC members or certifiers, expressed the opinion that Course Certification isn't broken and that any perceived problems (which vary greatly from one region to another) can be addressed without turning the whole system upside down. Phil Stewart described the RRTC as the "most open group" he knows, always welcoming new ideas and discussion and eager to recruit new people. Norm Green opined that the majority of runners are takers, not givers; only rare individuals are willing to contribute—and we mustn't lose track of the word "Technical" in RRTC; we need a small, select group to manage this technical aspect of the sport.

It became clear during this discussion that the RRTC had made a serious mistake by holding its own, separate meetings during the past two years (2003 in Akron and 2004 in Stamford) with only minimal presence at the USATF annual meetings in those years. Quite possibly, this allowed growth of perceptions that the RRTC is a closed group that ignores the rest of the sport, culminating this year in suggestions for major restructuring as embodied in Kevin's proposal.

It's implicit in Kevin's proposal for grading measurers that lists of course measurers would be published. In fact, even before Kevin's proposal, the RRTC has, for some time, felt pressure from certain parties in USATF to produce lists of measurers. The RRTC has, so far, resisted that pressure, claiming that such lists are unnecessary, as anyone who is looking for a measurer in a particular area can simply contact their State Certifier, who is the person best qualified to know who is measuring in the area. Now, the pressure to prepare lists of measurers has gotten stronger.

Pete Riegel pointed out that if lists of measurers are desired, it is very easy, using Excel, to manipulate the current RRTC course lists to extract lists of everyone who has measured in a specified time period (for example, the past 2 years), and such lists can also include the number of courses that each person measured during the specified period. Some attendees suggested the possibility of an algorithm translating the number of courses measured into a grade level (A, B, C,

etc.), but there was no agreement whether such a scheme should be adopted. Also, it was noted that the number of courses measured isn't necessarily an accurate indicator of how good the measurer is; there have been cases when someone measured a lot of courses but then had courses found short on validation!

Some attendees, especially George Regan who was a co-sponsor of Kevin's amendment, expressed an urgent need to develop new measurers in their area, and felt that Kevin's proposal could accomplish that goal by conducting measurement clinics. It was pointed out that any Association that wishes to conduct measurement clinics can do it now in the current system. There was also some debate on whether such clinics are really an effective way to develop new measurers, with people on both sides citing anecdotal evidence. Some pointed to clinics that produced one or more active measurers. Others claimed that, historically, few of the people who attend a clinic go on to measure any courses for certification—and considering the cost of putting on such clinics (securing a venue, obtaining bikes and Jones counters, etc.) they aren't necessarily an efficient use of resources.

As stated at the beginning of this discussion, Kevin's amendment has been tabled for next year. It is now up to Kevin to reformulate his proposal in a way that addresses the perceived problems and achieves a broad consensus instead of pitting groups against one another.

Selection of a new RRTC Chair and Course Registrar: Mike Wickiser, who currently holds both the RRTC Chairmanship and Course Registrar position, had announced prior to this meeting that he intends to step down from both positions.

To decide on the new RRTC Chair, Fred Finke asked people to nominate candidates for presentation to USATF president Bill Roe, who would make the final decision (and Fred made it clear that he wanted more than one candidate!). Kevin Lucas nominated long-time measurer **David Katz**, who is currently the RRTC's Finish Line Chair. Mike Wickiser nominated **Gene Newman**, currently the RRTC Vice Chair-West, who had already been contacted by Mike as a possible replacement before this meeting.

David and Gene both gave short speeches, in which each seemed willing to defer to the other in case the other person wanted the position more. David, in particular, noted that he (David) is well connected politically but not strong at tasks involving paperwork (writing reports, etc.).

David's and Gene's names were both given to Fred to pass on to Bill Roe. There were also indications by the end of our meeting that Fred and Bill might be looking for still more candidates. A decision on the new RRTC Chair is expected by the end of 2005.

Choosing a new Course Registrar was easier. Prior to the meeting, **Stuart Riegel** had already volunteered to take on the position, indicating that he has both the interest and time to do it. (Stu, who is one of Pete Riegel's sons, wasn't at this meeting, although Pete's other son, Tom, did attend.) Everyone at the meeting was happy with this; therefore, Mike's files will be transferred to Stu, who will become the new Course Registrar starting at the beginning of 2006.

Transition to Paperless Course Archives: To reduce the huge number of paper files kept by the Course Registrar, we intend to start converting those records to electronic instead of paper form. We expect all courses certified in 2006 to be kept this way and, at some point, we'll also start converting the older files. This will require scanning both sides of the certificates (currently, only maps are scanned), saving them in a suitable format and backing them up on CDs. This will **not**, however, change the way that Certifiers, or even the RRTC vice chairs, do their work; they will continue preparing and passing on paper certificates as before.

Making this transition will require some choices involving file formats, image processing and data flow. Currently, Mike scans maps at 600 dpi in black & white, producing huge TIFF files, around 4 MB each, but these aren't the files posted on the web. Mike sends those big TIFFs to USATF webmaster Keith Lively who reduces them to a pair of much smaller PNG files: a "viewable" version (about 100 dpi, 16-level grayscale) typically around 75 kb, and a "printable" version (300 dpi, black & white) around 100 kb. Keith then posts both of those PNGs on the USATF website.

The "printable" PNGs that Keith posts on the web are probably adequate to replace our paper copies of the maps. But how is this to be implemented? Will Stu continue sending Keith the big raw TIFF files that Mike produces now (and then have Keith send back the printable PNGs); or will Stu do the reductions to PNG himself (and send Keith only the two little PNGs)? Or would Stu scan each map twice: once to produce the big TIFF to send Keith and again to produce a smaller file in perhaps a 3rd format (e.g., JPEG) for his own archives? Remember also that Stu

needs to scan **both** sides of the certificate, while Keith has dealt with only the maps.

Given this transition, Kevin Lucas asked whether individual certifiers who have adequate computer equipment can start sending certificates and maps in electronic instead of paper form. The answer is “no.” It would make life more difficult for the vice chairs and Course Registrar if they start receiving computer files in various formats and varying quality. Instead, for now, please continue sending paper. There is, however, one thing all certifiers can do to help: When copying maps onto certificates, make sure the map doesn’t run to the edge of the paper; instead, do some reduction if necessary to leave adequate margins, to insure nothing gets lost in further copying and scanning.

Google Earth as Aid in Course Layout: David Katz called attention to Google Earth, available at <http://earth.google.com/> which can be a very useful tool in laying out courses. It includes lots of high resolution imagery, streams images for dynamic zooming, can measure distances and provide elevations. It requires installing software on your computer, currently available only for Windows (2000 or XP) and needs a fairly high-powered PC. Mac users and others who can’t use Google Earth can still use Google Maps at <http://maps.google.com/> which can help in mapping courses although its satellite imagery is much lower resolution, and a couple of tools built on Google Maps. The new America’s Running Routes service from USATF at www.usatf.org/routes and the somewhat similar Gmaps Pedometer site at www.gmap-pedometer.com. Also, if you can’t use Google Earth, try the National Map from USGS at <http://nationalmap.gov/> which also includes high resolution imagery and lets you measure distances and obtain elevations. It doesn’t stream and can be rather slow, but it’s totally web based—no software to install on your computer—so can be used from any computer.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Minutes prepared by;

Bob Baumel, RRTC Secretary



General Competition Division

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Session I - December 1

Alan called the meeting to order at 8:05

The name, General Competition Division, has a proposal before L&L to have the name changed to Grass Roots Division.

Alan began the meeting by informing the group of the USOC's consulting firm recommends that the size of the Board of Directors be reduced and that constituency-based representation be eliminated. Thus, the Chairs representing the grass roots committees would be eliminated from the Board. There was a discussion that ensued once Alan pointed out this issue.

Bill Roe explained the structure of the current board and he has appointed Ed Koch as the restructuring chair for Ed's logical thinking. Bill wants to avoid individuals thinking that the restructure may be considered "war". Bill stressed that the organizations needs to think outside the box and imagine what can be. Although only 25% of the money comes from the USOC, they control the purse string.

Alan made the point that while grass roots do not dominate the Board, it has a significant presence. However, at the USATF general sessions, grass roots can control a majority of the votes, so we are a force to be reckoned with.

MEMBERSHIP FEE DISCUSSION

Bill Roe began with a brief summary of the current membership fee and the last time a fee increase was proposed. Andy created a proposal, which was originally distributed at the workshop this past August. Since that time we have gathered input from various sources and provided that feedback to the USATF Board of Directors. Andy passed out the proposal to the group while Bill reviewed the document. Bill explained that once all input is gathered the Board will make the final decision.

We need to generate more revenue and sponsorship at the local level, although it is difficult at best. Masters T&F has continued to state that they need to create more revenue to handle the programs that they want now and in the future. Bill explained where the revenue comes from currently.

Bill explained the differences between other NGB's membership fees including AAU and ours; that currently USATF is approximately \$35 less than the AAU when all aspects are considered. Bill continued to reinforce that the membership fee increases will be dedicated to the enhancements that Andy can use along with the programs that Masters and Youth can use.

Bill took questions from the group explaining that most of the answers are in the document. However he encouraged all to send comments to this Secretary who will then provide a document to the Board with all comments as stated.

With the current benefits and additional benefits coming, we feel that the fee structure could handle the increase.

George Mathews, Masters T&F Chair, stated the need to set their priorities so as to make suggestions to Andy.

Lionel Leach of the Youth Committee states that they cannot stand another fee increase. They are seeing increases come from fees for meets including the national ones.

Alan then stated we had 20 minutes with comments pro or con on the fee increases. Although comments were made verbally, Karen encouraged each person to now put those same comments in an email and send to her.

Alan concluded the topic of membership fees at 9:20 am

BACKGROUND SCREENING

Alan began with the handing out of a document on the background screening. Andy explained what process will be used in 2006 and the mandatory use of the program in 2007.

Andy began by providing a background of the program and its development. The fine tuning has occurred over the past two years. It is designed to protect not only the local Association but also the national organization. The Board has formally approved the background screening process in the way it is now configured.

Andy continued to explain how the process could be completed within the Association locally. As questions arose, Andy asked that the questions wait until the presentation is completed.

Andy stated that the search is based on the databases available to ChoicePoint and the requirement of having D&O insurance for Association board members.

Andy stepped through the document explaining each step of the process. At that point Andy then stepped through the items that the screening will cover. There were many discussion points as we moved through the process.

At the end of the session there were still many comments so Alan stated that this discussion would continue at the next meeting of the General Competition Division.

Session II – December 3, 2005

Alan summarized the Shop 4 Zero service, which will be part of the Associations Committee meeting following this one.

The membership fee discussions followed as the group looked for strategy. There were several issues to iron out.

The 2 types of membership's – adult and youth, in each one how much of the fee goes to the national office?

Do we have a fixed fee or flexible?

What should the cap be or should we have a cap?

Alan stated that if we go into this with no option then the Board would make a decision without helpful input from us. George Mathews talked about the handout provided by Andy earlier. George stated that Masters T&F has been very poor at raising funds to handle their basic needs. Linda Phelps, Youth Committee, stated that the committee rejected any increase for fees.

Alan took a straw poll of representatives from the three committees, Masters, Youth and Associations who attended the meeting.

No Increase Youth: Large number in support.
No Increase Adult: Small number in support.

Discussion about fixed fees nationally for youth or allow continued flexibility. The straw poll showed flexible but the cap would remain at \$20 for youth by a strong majority. No rise to the national office on the fee.

George asked Andy to explain the incremental increases and how the sport committee would benefit from the increase for Masters. Alan then called for a straw vote for the masters.

\$30 dollars – Moderate number of votes
\$25 dollars – Larger number of votes

The concern is the diminished profit to the Association as the fee increases. It becomes a larger gap as the fee increases. The concern is to keep the same margin as the fees increase.

Andy agrees that the margin should remain the same for the Associations prior to any increase. The flexibility must remain for each Association. However a NJ member saw the need to have more market research on what the market will bear prior to any decision-making.

It was suggested that a forum be convened at the local level. However a strong showing via a straw vote stated that a \$25 membership fee would work within most Associations present with no margin change. However the research must continue before the Board votes in June.

Adjourned at 10:20 am

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Krsak
Secretary, AEC

Associations Executive Committee

Wednesday, November 30, 2005

The General Competition Division meeting will be tomorrow morning at 8.

The name of the committee will soon change to Grass Root Division if L&L approves the name change. The main topic will be the membership fee increase. We need to show need and how it will benefit the membership. Masters wants the fee to increase while the youth committee wants no increase.

Need to talk up the meeting to get people involved in the discussions.

Tonight at the opening session it will be announced that the USATF web site will be housing a new link called America's Running Routes. This is an idea that Alan had and he got support for it from Craig, Bill, Andy, Keith Lively and Jim Estes. You can trace your route, put mile markers in along with water stops. It will measure only somewhat accurately due to its inability to measure elevations. It will allow you to put in information about the route you use. Hotels and organizations will be asked to put their maps online for visitors to use. It will remain as a public domain site to get the public interested and Andy believes we are on the cutting edge. Other organizations would be posting the same type of site soon so we have to be first. The logo posted on the USATF main page will take you directly to the map site.

The Stretch Study is moving slowly due to the complex nature of the study. We need to obtain approval from an Institutional Review Board to ensure that the study takes proper care of participants. It is medical research on human subjects so there are many safeguards and the laws are quite strict. It appears that we will be able to launch it in the spring and possibly earlier.

Item 28 from L&L - Question is how many race courses are accurate and get certified. Just because the course is sanctioned doesn't mean it is certified and accurate. Course measurement certification clinics should be held to generate more course measurers and the system should allow them to move through the ranks and eventually reach the level of course certifier. There are not many certifiers and how do they handle getting certified people. George Regan has the complete write up and will make copies of the item available. George did read a portion of the item on the table of L&L. Andy stated that he believes that the item will be tabled with a year of discussion. However the credibility of USATF is at stake with this item in the eyes of many. George suggested that Alan meet with Fred Fink, Kevin Lucas and others from the LDR community to avoid the tabling of this issue.

Accreditation information was provided by Harry. There are 3 Associations who are currently at the "suspension of voting" level. They are Wyoming, Snake River and Tennessee.

A 3-month Runner's World subscription will be offered as a member benefit.

AGENDA FOR THE AFTERNOON SESSION

Restructure of the Board

Re-vote of Secretary – We need to improve the method of review of a dispute of the election.

L&L Packet - #22, #28, #39, #49 - #52, #57-64

Background Checks

General Competition Division – who should be part of the committee?

Committee Sessions – Agenda

Zone Meetings

Alan brought up the consulting report about USATF from the USOC. However, the report, although glowing, wants to eliminate constituency-based representation from the Board. This needs to have discussion for the next year. It is not urgent that we need to worry about the restructure of the Board. This has been tabled for the current year

Currently the officials and Associations have an unofficial representative to each other's committee. Officials are currently in the process of making their representative official. Karen made a motion to make the Associations Committee's representative to the Officials Committee an official position. **Harry seconded the motion and it was accepted by the AEC** to be ratified by the general session.

Scott Erwin has the challenge to put before L&L an amendment for a voting position for an Associations Committee's rep on sport committees for voting purposes.

RE-VOTE OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY ELECTION

There are mixed opinions and L&L will now handle the issue at noon tomorrow. There are varied opinions on the USATF Bylaws and how to make them retroactive to last year. There are personality issues and the issue has become hostile. The vote would possibly be handled on Sunday morning to see if we will hold another vote.

There will be a 6-person volunteer pool at the national level to make final decisions on those individuals who protest after having background checks that are not acceptable. The hope is to have one athlete and one attorney for each 3-person panel to ensure fair decision-making. We see a crunch in early spring once clubs have registered and have submitted names. Each panel member will also under go a background check

prior to being allowed to serve. We must now implement the program by making this voluntary in 2006 and mandatory in 2007.

Some Associations do not want to participate but you can hire an outside person to handle the background checks using the program. Each Association should consider using the recommended program and know that they may need to consider using additional resources for those areas where the online service is not available.

Andy stated his concerns about DWI or DUI offenses and the concern that it may be costing the Association additional dollars to find and handle these offenses.

We cannot catch everything and everyone who has offenses on our checklist. We see this as a deterrent to those who have been convicted. Andy has posted all of the information online in the Associations Resource Center.

Andy has additional information on the D&O insurance. This insurance is required with those using the background check process. We also have the D&O subsidy and December 30 is the deadline for Associations to receive a subsidy.

The General Competition Division will likely soon become the Grass Roots Division. We need to create a structure for the Division Executive Committee since it belongs to three committees. The Association Chair holds the chair of the GCD. Alan is not planning to run for Associations Chair again next year. Bill Roe will decide if Alan should continue in the role of Chair of the GCD. Alan created task forces that are for the Division and he said he would like to continue in the role of Chair to continue activities that give the Division a real life.

A discussion of the structure of the division ensued. It was suggested that the officers of each committee may need to sit on the executive committee. Currently it would be approximately 16. It was stated that each committee provide one representative from each committee. Ruth proposed the number of 11, having 3 from each committee and we need to have at least 2 athletes with a quorum of 7. ***This was seconded and approved.***

A new proposal from Ruth named 12 with 3 from each committee and 3 athletes with a quorum of 7 ***this was seconded and approved.***

Katherine gave her report on member benefits. There are 6 new potential companies with 2 close to being ready to add to the program. All companies would provide discounts for members.

Katherine accepts applications for potential companies then performs background checks on them.

SHOP 4 ZERO

Clubs may pick up on it more than the associations. We will need to monitor the site to make sure that e-stores are not listed that sell banned substances. You can set up categories and easily eliminate those e-stores that are questionable. We would like to have Shop 4 Zero understand that we want to have standardized categories. Web masters can contact Linda Bommicino to get set up.

Pat Pretty talked to the coach's education process. The set of six (6) DVD's with all the information is ready although Pat has not heard a great deal of information concerning the scoring process and the marketing of the product. Pat feels that additional information may be available during the Coaches Ed Executive Committee meeting tomorrow. We need to make sure that progress continues and the program soon is up and running.

The Level 2 classes have timing conflicts with the J.O. season and Pat stated he would take it to the committee tomorrow.

At the General Competition Division, Thursday, December 1 we have two hours 8 am to 10 am:

Membership Fees for the first hour
Background Checks for the second hour.

At the Association meeting, Thursday, December 1 we have two hours 10 am to 12 pm:

D&O Insurance
Summary of Background Checks
Summary of Membership Fees
Membership Promotion and Benefits
L&L item #28 and possibility of others items

At the Association meeting, Friday, December 2 we have two hours 10 am to 12 pm: Session on

the Good, the Bad and the Ugly which needs to be shared.

At the General Competition Division Saturday, December 3 we have one hour 9 am to 10 am

FACILITIES ACCESS

Needs a chair which has high level expertise but gives consideration to others who may have time and high level interest Proposed structure of the division

The Associations Committee Meeting Saturday, December 3 is divided into two sessions and will be dedicated to business meetings for both sessions - 4 hours being from 10 am to 12 pm and 4 pm to 6 pm

Reports from the committees (3.5 hours)
Zone meetings – championships (last 30 minutes)

L&L PACKAGE DISCUSSION

#22 is changing General Competition to Grass Roots - Approved

#39 is athlete based memberships – discussion and Andy felt this would be a good change. Much discussion around the table based on the wording and intent of this item – Approved

#49 Sport Committee Residency – building national teams – Non-Issue

#50 Relates to item #49 – Non-Issue

#51 Youth Residency – Reject

#52 Transfer representations from one club to another - Approved

#57 Appeals from Association decisions – L&L recommend to table

#58 American's w/Disability Act – Policy already established therefore – Reject with written language

#58 Deny sanctions - Approve

#59 Association documents - Approve

#60 Dispute resolution - Approve

#61 Notice of Elections - Approve

#62 Organizations Representatives - Approve

#63 Ballots – Approve

#64 Amend Regulations - Approve

BUDGETS

Ed Koch stated that revenue should be up but budgets should be still tight. Most committees will receive small increases. Some funding for a youth publication that Andy has been in negotiation.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm

Karen Krsak
AEC Secretary

Associations

General Meeting #1 - December 1

Alan called the meeting to order at 10:20 am

D&O Insurance

The first item on the agenda was Mike Price, a representative from ESIX insurance company concerning the D&O insurance. Mike made a couple of comments on the use of background checks and their history of aiding organizations on the setup of background checks. The goal is getting started and the process will develop over time.

Glenn Winn was present as an expert on D&O insurance. Mike and Glenn will be available the remainder of the day to answer questions. A handout was provided to the group as Glenn stepped through the handout and how the D&O insurance works.

You can now purchase this insurance online, which will expedite the process for each Association. The handout provides the information needed to make the purchase online and get a quote that best suits your organization. They also answer the questions that all Associations need to know.

Glenn explained how the forms of payment work and they no longer require the signature of the President of an Association to purchase the insurance. The Treasurer of each Association can directly handle the purchase of the insurance. The clubs within an Association can also purchase this same insurance and to that end the clubs can be notified with a letter that will be constructed

by ESIX to inform them of the coverage and then refer the clubs to the website.

Alan pointed out that Irene Herman has been appointed as the Chair of the Insurance Committee which is a committee of the Board of Directors.

A discussion ensued once the presentation was completed.

The D&O subsidy program is available for those Associations which are fully accredited, and have filed the appropriate paperwork such as the IRS 990 forms with the National Office. The rebate for these Associations is \$425. If the Association has a provisional accreditation, the rebate is \$350.

Andy will provide a one-page document that will state how to apply for the rebate. To obtain the rebate for 2005, the request needs to be made prior to December 31 via the appropriate paperwork to Andy.

Consulting Report from USOC

Alan showed the audience a consulting company's report called the Business Performance Plan which was prepared for both USATF and the USOC. It has glowing remarks for the effectiveness and efficiency of USATF operations and governance. Without any information in the report to show that governance changes are needed, it recommends reducing the size of the Board and eliminating constituency-based representation. Alan said he supports continuing the structure we now have and that the proposed changes would undermine the democratic process that we now use. He also said that there is a risk that changes of the Board structure would reduce the influence of grass roots on the Board.

Restructuring will begin this coming year. Alan said we need to be vigilant regarding restructuring of the Board. A group discussion ensued on their vision of the structure of the Board.

Membership Fee Summary

Alan stated the Associations Committee has not taken a stand on the fee increases to date. The Board of Directors will make a decision on membership fees sometime in 2006. They are asking for feedback and input or additional options. Further discussions will occur on Friday. The need for additional services from the National Office will require more money.

It was stated that we have approximately 80,000 members this year and why shouldn't we be able to attract more of the 30 million runners out there? We have a very small percentage of the total runners in the United States as members, but it wouldn't take more than a small percentage jump in that to give us many more members.

Stretch Study

Alan reviewed the technical issues of launching this study. There have never been studies of stretching done to show that pre-run stretching is beneficial or harmful in regard to injuries. It takes a large population to do such a study and the expectation is that we will get 5,000 to 10,000 volunteers during 2006 to be stretchers or non-stretchers for 3-month periods. When we finish the study, USATF will be the leader in this as we were in the Hydration study.

America's Running Routes

Alan described this new USATF website service which was announced in the opening session the previous evening. He developed the idea for this over the summer and then got the USATF staff to help put it together. Andy Martin, Jim Estes and especially Webmaster Keith Lively were instrumental in making it happen. The running public will be invited to put their maps online and then the database will be available to runners looking for routes to run when they travel or are new to an area.

Runner Rankings

We hope to soon have runner rankings available to the running public on our website. This, like America's Running Routes and the Stretch Study are meant to give the public a new perception of USATF as an organization that is serving runners nationwide in a very meaningful way. The hope is that as people use these services and benefit from them, they will appreciate USATF that much more and might consider joining or purchasing our merchandise while they are on our website.

Benefit Package

We have our package listed on the website and we continue to look for and process more benefits. Katherine Branch is our Membership Chair and she is currently working to increase the number of companies offering benefits. She described some of them that are currently being processed and will soon be on the USATF website. Alan talked about the plans for the Sanctioned Event Benefit Program and Member Club Benefit Program that are just getting off the ground.

L&L Issues

Alan invited discussion within the group on amendment proposal #28. The discussion revolved around Course Measurers and Course Certifiers and the number available to do the job. The amendment is intended to bring the system now operated by RRTC outside of the Associations into the Association realm.

We reviewed the remainder of the Association-related L&L items and whether or not we support their approval in L&L.

Alan went over the agenda for the remaining meetings for the week in both the General Competition Division and the Associations Committee meetings.

Alan opened the floor for the remaining time for questions or comments.

This business meeting is to be continued on Friday, December 2.

Associations General Meeting #2 - December 2

Alan called the meeting to order at 10 am.

Shop 4 Zero was the first topic of discussion as Alan explained the 2% cash back to the Association/club. The shopper gets 3% cash back. When clubs join Shop4Zero through the Association, the club gets 2% cash back and the Association also gets 2% cash back. Alan urged Associations to sign up for this and to get the clubs to sign up so that we can all raise some funds during the Christmas shopping period.

The exercise for today's meeting is to discuss the good things about your Association and the frustrating items.

The first part of the exercise is to bring forth and discuss the achievements from each Association for which the Association is most proud.

Among the achievements the following had the most mention:

- Increased growth
- Increased programs
- Increase in LDR activity – race series
- Improved websites
- Translation in languages based on diverse population
- Disabled events

The following items were mentioned as key points of frustration:

- ✓ Facilities access (clearly the most dominant problem)
- ✓ Getting HS/College involved
- ✓ Lack of communication
- ✓ Getting people involved (new fresh blood)
- ✓ Sponsorships
- ✓ Getting clubs/individuals to the meetings
- ✓ Conflict in meet schedules
- ✓ Club bickering
- ✓ Poor websites
- ✓ Bylaws issues
- ✓ Personal agendas
- ✓ USATF website interactive and search capability
- ✓ Officials willingness to work meets locally

With facilities access being the number one frustration, Alan mentioned we have a Facilities Access Task Force and we're currently searching for a new qualified chair. We need to get this task force off the ground and operating. There are many reasons why this is an issue from cost, location and just not allowed to use the facility. We hope to have a survey available in the first part of 2006.

Scott Erwin joined the meeting to discuss an open L&L issue. Item #37 is concerning giving the authority to the USATF Board of Directors with input from the Associations Committee on increasing membership fees. Some discussion ensued with Scott being given the approval for the item.

Meeting to continue on Saturday at 10 am.

Associations General Meeting #3 - December 3

Alan called the business meeting to order at 10:35 am

The Shop 4 Zero representatives are present for those who wish to talk with them outside the room.

Jeff Martin was introduced as the Chair of the National Screening Panel for the Child Protection Program. Jeff has been an attorney and judge. The intent is to have people on the Panel who have backgrounds that are related to the issue.

Coaches Education Committee - Pat Pretty

Two years ago we had friction with the Committee regarding Level I schools. Two years later we have a 6 disc DVD course that will be ready by approximately February for the Level I school. We are currently haggling on what it will cost to take the course. Students will receive the 6 DVD's and have one year to complete the course. The current proposal is \$275. The Committee wants to keep it expensive enough that there will still be coaches who will want to go to the Level I schools. It is estimated that those schools cost participants about \$400 with travel, lodging, etc., so \$275 is a savings.

Tina Kauffman at USATF is our contact at the national office. (*Note: At the time of printing this publication, Tina is no longer at USATF. Her replacement is TBD.*)

The 200 questions that require answers – Once completed you can have the results and certificate to print the following day. How are we going to market this? Gill Athletics will be giving 4 pages in their catalog to USATF and use some of that space for advertising the program.

Pages 127 and 128 from last year gave a list of all of 2004 Coaches' Education Classes.

Discussions on other issues need to be resolved such as cost, flyers, the number of schools versus distant learning and the DVD's need to be cleaned up. This is a first step in the process and will get better.

The chair of Level I stated the number one priority is to have a face-to-face class but understand the need to reach more remote areas. Pat will send announcements of Level I schools by e-mail to Associations for their review. It is necessary for the Association to respond to the e-mail within 21 days with their approval or rejection of the class although the Association does not have final authority. With Level 1 they have added Race Walk and Hammer.

Ron Mascarenas, Associations Vice-Chair and Chair of Workshops

Feedback forms are provided at the end of each workshop but the return percentage is very small. Ron incorporates the information he receives into the next year's workshop. Ron reviewed the agenda from this past August workshop. The problem is to balance the new people with the ones who have been involved for many years. At

your next Association meeting please discuss the need in next year's workshop and provide information on this to Ron via e-mail.

Clif McKenzie, Associations Vice-Chair and our Chair of the Diversity Subcommittee

Clif mentioned our diversity leadership session at the workshop was well received. He was sure that everyone attending took something valuable away with him or her. Clif mentioned that there is a Diversity Task force meeting from 12 – 4 today.

Andy was next to give his report. Andy thanked all people who work in the Associations. Andy stated he has attended great meetings with a variety of groups. He is excited to see new faces among us.

Providing a look back much has happened. He has felt that 2005 was a year of change for him and the office. He was promoted to Director of Grass Roots Programs (Mark Springer's position prior to his death) and Liz Turner Suscha is the new Grass Roots Manager.

Andy thanked all the office staff that has worked so hard this past year along with the Associations Committee.

Andy recounted all the happenings for the youth teams internationally. Andy and others also met with AAU on scheduling conflicts. Information was also discussed regarding the Junior Olympics program.

For the 5th straight year we have seen an increase in sanctions and memberships. Andy provided the percentages of increases. There were also club and event growth this past year.

The members continue to receive discounts on hotels and car rentals along with other benefits from a number of companies. Fast Forward also truly became a quarterly publication.

For the second year we have provided two workshops. The first was a one-day workshop for new and rookie members. In August we set a record on attendance. A number of grants were provided and a subsidy on D&O for the current year is being provided until December 30, 2005.

For the 5th year statistics (Reg. 15) were gathered and provided to individual Associations. Andy restated the awards that were received by various Associations.

AADP applications once revised will be sent to the Associations. The National Club Track and Field Championships were held in New York City, which was the first time these championships were held outside Indiana. Andy summarized the regional championships. The Club Cross Championships were held in Rochester New York.

The 2006 schedule is set in many cases and the locations and dates will be provided. Membership cards will come out earlier than ever before and continue to build relationships and the Running Routes on usatf.org now has 800 new maps.

Andy completed his comments and a full report of them is available upon request. Alan opened the floor for questions for Andy.

Most questions were around the background screening and membership fee structure.

Associations General Meeting #4 -- December 3

Meeting began at 4:05

Alan began with summarizing the Stretch Study that USATF is trying to get off the ground and in process.

Clif introduced Andrew, President of the Tennessee Association, concerning the hurricanes that affected our Southern Association. They are in need of equipment, uniforms, shoes, etc. Donations are requested at the amount of \$250 if your Association can donate at this level. Andrew is asking that each person take this information back to their boards. Those denotations can be sent to the office of the Southern Association (Gertrude Thomasson) or to the President of the Association, Henry Woods, or Jackie Callender, the Associations Committee's Southern Region Representative who spoke of the situation currently in New Orleans.

Master's T&F - Marilyn Mitchell

That Committee would like to move the age to 35. However the LDR committee does not want to go to age 35 and they may have a floor fight over the item.

The vote in Masters for fee restructure was agreed upon and the proposal won 25 to 11 to raise membership fees up \$10 to \$30 as a cap.

They want no change in any restructuring of the Board that would eliminate the vote of Masters.

Youth and Family Fitness – Darlene Hickman

Darlene will ensure that she keeps Alan in the loop so that he can provide information as the taskforce develops.

A motion from Ruth White was made to ratify the AEC vote that would provide a representative from the Associations Committee to the Officials Committee in a voting capacity. *It was seconded, small discussion and the vote was unanimous as passed this day.* An Associations Committee representative will have voting rights in 2006 in the Officials Committee.

LeeAnn Meyer gave her report on LDR. There are 24 slots for AADP in for 2006. She gave a summary of the issues in the committee and the changes. Irene gave an update on races for 2006. You will be able to locate the information on the website.

Craig Masback spoke to the group on the fantastic year the Associations have had during 2005. Craig stated that June might not be the date to discuss the membership fee increases. It will be made when it's right. The restructure of the Board may or may not occur in the next year. It must be what's best for the organization.

Ruth Van Kuren, the Liaison for Youth Athletics provided information on the championship awards for 2007.

Scott Erwin, our Law & Legislation rep, gave his reports on approved, rejected, and tabled items.

Steve Vaitones gave his report on various committees with site selection and awards of championships. Race Walk has a full slate of championships as well. Rules changes are mostly based on IAAF rule changes.

Bert Williams – Men's T&F Left his report with the Chair and Secretary for inclusion into the minutes.

Athletics for the Disabled Committee – Barbara Chambers, Chair

Her committee would like to partner with more Associations. She discussed the issues being seen with soldiers from the Middle East who are returning to the US with disabilities and how to bring them to the fore front.

Officials rep – Paul Morency

Paul stated that 18 will be the age for certification of officials due to liability, and the tests will be on line and work with DVD's for tests and certification.

No additional report on member benefits from Katherine.

Jackie talked to the issues of grievances as Chair of that Subcommittee. Jackie summarized the timelines and process of filing and handling a grievance. Alan stated that you should consider calling Jackie to obtain help and advice.

At 5:30 Alan asked that the regional reps break out into their meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Karen Krsak
AEC Secretary

Masters Track & Field

December 1, 2005

George Mathews, Masters T&F Chair presided.

The roll call of voting delegates was followed by the election of 17 active athletes. Becky Sisley was voted by the active athletes to be their representative. Delegates-at-large appointed by George Mathews, were Barbara Kousky, Carroll DeWeese, Sandy Pashkin, and Tim Edwards. Phil Byrne, parliamentarian, explained the rules of discussion and for making motions.

Bob Fine, representing Tom Light, the Law & Legislation Chair presented the proposed by-law change item #18 regarding restructuring of USATF. A motion from the executive committee of Masters T&F disapproved of proposed changes in the Board of Directors of USATF. The motion passed unanimously.

Harry Brooks of the media sub committee represented Bob Weiner reporting on the budget request for \$3000.00, received \$1500.00

December 2, 2005

Ken Weinbel, Site Selection Committee Chair

Ken explained the site selection procedures. Jim Murphy, of the Inland NW Association, presented the bid for the 2008 Outdoor Championships, which is sponsored by the Spokane Regional Sports Commission. The bid for the meet to be held the first weekend in August 2008 was approved. Jay Riddell and Kim Haines were introduced as directors. Spokane also was awarded the 2007 Weight Pentathlon Championships, a one day event to be held probably two weeks after the National Championships in Orono, Me. Lee Hess and John Oleski led a bid for the 2008 Indoor Championships in Boston that was also approved. The event will be held in the Reggie Lewis Center, which was the site for the Indoor Championships from six years until 2005 (Boise, Idaho), and is the venue for the 2006 Championships. The 2007 Championships will be held in New York City. Gordon Edwards, meet director of the 2006 Outdoor Championships, Charlotte, N.C., discussed the site, housing, food plans, transportation, and amenities, and answered questions. Robert Hill reported on housing, transportation, and the New York Armory facility for the 2007 Indoor Championships.

Phil Byrne, Masters T&F Awards Chair

explained the criteria for eligibility of the awards. There was a motion on the floor by Madeline Bost and seconded by Mark Cleary that all recipients of awards must be members of USATF in the year the award is given. *The motion passed.* There was also a motion entertained on the floor by Stephen Cohen and seconded by Marilyn Mitchell to reaffirm policy that only marks in USATF and IAAF sanctioned meets be considered for awards. *That motion also passed.*

Sandy Pashkin, the U.S. and world age-group record chair explained the procedures for record consideration, noting, for instance, that at least three participants must be in an event for national and world record approval. Pending national records are posted on the USATF website as soon as possible and are approved once a year at the USATF annual meeting. Pending world records are posted in the WMA website two weeks after being received.

Mark Cleary, Masters Invitational Program Chair, told the group that masters will have events at the open indoor and outdoor

championships, and he will get the events and requirements on the USATF website as soon as he has worked out the prerequisites. In response to questions about those masters' events, he explained that the selection of events for masters is confined to those events prescribed by USATF and meet directors, generally from the 100m to the mile.

A panel of hurdlers discussed the proposed study of the need to alter the present hurdles specifications or leave them untouched. The panel consisted of Jeff Brower, Joy Upshaw-Margerum, Phil Byrne, Ken Brinker, and Stan Druckrey, with Rex Harvey, WMA Vice-President Stadia, acting as moderator. Opinions were relatively evenly divided among the panelists, as well as in the body, after much discussion. Harvey noted that WMA has charged its affiliates to come up with information on the possibility of hurdle specification revisions to determine what's best for the athletes. Brower was named to chair the hurdles ad hoc committee.

Joint Masters T&F and LDR Committees

December 2

Norm Green, Masters LDR Committee Chair, presided.

The minutes from the 2004 USATF Annual Meeting were approved. There were also reports on San Sabastian. Charles DesJardins reported that Torsten Carlius, WMA Secretary had died of a massive heart attack, and, regarding the delegates stated that the WMA Council could select the secretary by appointment. He said that the WMA determines one's citizenship by the last country the athlete competed for.

Phil Greenwald, Masters T&F Manager, reminded the body that entry forms for the WMA World Indoor Championships in Linz, Austria, are due at the USATF office by January 10, 2006. It was clarified that the 8 km Cross-Country, 10 km racewalk, and half-marathon are to be held at Linz and will be championship events.

Rex Harvey stated that the revised age-graded tables are essentially done, except for final formatting, and will be upgraded every 8 years.

The next step is the printing by National Masters News.

Sandy Pashkin reported that the indoor NCCWMA Championships are scheduled for Guatemala City, Guatemala, August 24-27, 2006. She also reported that if we (USATF) do not recognize men competitors at age 35, we are the only group in the WMA to not recognize this age group. The IAAF endorsed this change in minimum age – their handbook identifies masters as 35 and above. If we do not allow this in the USATF we are not publishing the fact that this group is allowed to compete in 2006. There was a motion by Sandy Pashkin and seconded by Marilyn Mitchell that read: Masters T&F favored to change race walking and T&F for ages 35 and above. If the proposal does not pass through at this time, it should be pulled to be presented on the floor at closing. *The motion passed unanimously.*

WMA Women's delegate – Marilyn Mitchell

She gave the numbers of the U.S. medal winners at the WMA Championships in Spain by region (62% gold, 68% silver, 75% bronze) and world (10% gold, 6% silver, 11% gold). She noted that the NCCWMA women's organization needs to make more contacts in the Latin countries.

Becky Sisley reporting from the Women's Committee meeting in Spain

mentioned that the events in the women's outdoor pentathlon were under review. Currently the women's events for both the indoor and the outdoor pentathlon are exactly the same. Australia wants to replace the hurdles with the dash. It was suggested that a long throw replace the shot put.

Norm Green advised the group that all three LDR divisions (men, women, and masters) oppose adding men 35-39 to the WMA official age groups.

Bob Fine's motion "The joint USATF Masters T&F and LDR Committees express support and appreciation of the National Masters News as the official organ of communication among masters." Green also reported about the Hall of Fame for display at Track & Field Hall of Fame in New York.

National Masters News – Jerry Wojcik and Suzy Hess

Wojcik reviewed the names of important meets and races covered in 2005 and thanked all of the contributors who provided

information, articles, and photographs to the NMN during the past year, and asked them to continue with concern for accuracy. He also recruited volunteers to distribute free copies of the NMN for the forthcoming year. Hess stated that the NMN would continue to be a hard copy publication and will not become a website subscription. She thanked both committees and the athletes for their support. There was a motion on the floor by Bob Fine and seconded by Carroll DeWeese which stated that: **USATF Masters join LDR track & field meet to express support of NMN as the official organ of communication. The motion passed.**

Marilyn Mitchell's motion seconded by Mark Cleary stated: USATF Masters athletes be prohibited from soliciting funds for any reason, at overseas meets without the express written approval of USATF in the form of email, letter or fax. The motion was withdrawn in favor of adding to code of conduct.

Masters T&F Committee

December 3

George Mathews presiding, the meeting opened with much discussion concerning the acceptance by LDR and racewalking of the newly adopted WMA M35-39 age group. Bob Fine's motion that master's racewalking accept the M35-39 was successful (21 Yes /16 No /2 Abstain).

Sandy Pashkin made motion, which was approved, that LDR and RW reduce their men's age groups to 35-39, and if not we will separate amendment items 89, which deals with T&F and RW from items 90 and 91, and if not the Masters T&F committee is to take the matter to the floor at the closing session on Sunday for approval. (At the closing session representatives of the three divisions of LDR met outside the closing session concerning 90 and 91, and returned with the decision that LDR would accept M35-39 group January 2011 citing contractual obligations through 2010, with an attempt to persuade WMA/IAAF to drop the M35-39 adoption). She explained club scoring, noting that non-citizen residents of the U.S. can score points for a national club; foreign clubs cannot score points. An ad hoc committee was established to study club scoring and advise the Masters T&F Committee before the Aug. 1, 2006, which is the

deadline for rule changes. The matter of Association transfers will be presented in 2006, a rules year.

Dexter McCloud, Masters Committee on Diversity Chair Discussed the Committee's mission statement. He asked for volunteers to serve on the committee. Marilyn Mitchell also discussed various aspects of diversity.

Dr. Evie Dennis, who was inducted into last year's 26th Hall of Fame, spoke about diversity and her experiences and successes in the world of track and field.

Bob Fine reported on Law & Legislation item #49 dealing with residency exceptions had been tabled.

An issue of great interest was the General Competition Committee report regarding an increase in USATF membership fees. Much discussion ensued, with some members voicing disagreement with the Chair's position of favoring a fee increase. Todd Taylor's motion seconded by Mark Cleary was that the Masters T&F Committee support an increase of \$10.00 for adults with a 20% increment to go to Masters was approved by a vote of 25-Yes and 11-No.

George Mathews announced the establishment of an ad hoc committee to study contingency plans to possible changes in restructuring of the USATF Board in 2008.

Becky Sisley reported that the first draft of the meet manual is nearly completed. The manual will focus on how to conduct a successful meet from the local level up through a regional championship event. Plans are to have the final copy reviewed by members of the MTF Executive Committee. Once the project is complete it will be available on the web and on a disk hopefully by March.

Becky Sisley moved that an ad hoc committee of Becky Sisley, Mary Trotto, Phil Raschker, Joanne Petkus, and Christel Donley be formed to review the events in the women's outdoor pentathlon and report back at the 2006 convention with possible recommendations for change. ***The motion was seconded and passed.***

Another group will examine the discrepancy in numbers between the LDR team managers, who

have to organize three events and T&F team managers, who are responsible for 25.

The delegates to Linz, Austria are George Mathews, as chair, and the elected delegates are Bob Fine with 20 votes, Robert Thomas 19 votes and Marilyn Mitchell as alternate with 13 votes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Toni Nichols
Acting Secretary

Youth Athletics

November 30 - Session One

Meeting called to order at 4:30PM - Quorum present

Linda introduced herself and spoke about the meeting format. Delegates must sign in and pick up their voting paddle. If you are an alternate you must have paperwork from the Association to change the name on the voting paddle. We have approximately 90 members who can vote.

Courtesy-type items: Please put cell phones on vibrate. Please take private conversations outside. You must be recognized from the podium to be heard. We do have a timekeeper, and we will adhere to the time. We have a booklet that Mona made up for the committee which you are asked to read.

Agenda additions:

Alternative ways of advancing to National Junior Olympic Championships by John Wissler
Chip timing @ National CC after 2007 by John Wissler

Mark Springer Award by John Wissler
Lowering Youth Standards by Joann Camargo
Using the USATF Online system for Youth Athletics by Inez Finch

Approval of the minutes with one correction was mentioned by Ruth White. The delay in the voting was not due to the voting booths but the traffic between the floors and the elevators. Minutes approved as corrected.

Linda introduced the Executive committee, Zonal Representatives, Delegates at Large, Regional

Coordinators and also Subcommittees. Linda would like to expand these committees. We will be having our Zonal elections done by Organizational Services. We need a Sergeant at arms and Sam Germany and Ken Emerick will handle the positions. Ken Emerick will be getting information to Ken Ferguson for L&L.

Linda reported that it has been a very interesting year and she has traveled a lot this year. We have put together some check lists for the onsite. We started in January with the World Youth, which was continued on from Bob Flint our past chair. The team was downsized and, funding was a problem. We came home with 13 medals. We have been number one consistently. There were sixteen men and sixteen women. Bob Flint raised monies from the Associations in the amount of \$6000, and this was used for extra cultural days. The next meet will be in the year 2007 in Ostrava, Czech Republic.

The youth National in Knoxville was a first time 6-day meet and it went very well. Charles Oliver did a good job. The JO meet in Indy had about 6400 athletes. It was very successful. Only one downside was a grievance that was filed regarding a Relay Team. Cross Country in Rhode Island has an outstanding group and is going well.

Last year Mark Springer passed away and we had a lot of challenges. Everyone on the Youth Committee and National Office stepped up to pick up the slack to fill the void he left. He will be missed.

Liz Turner Suscha and Mona Mascher made some comments regarding what they would like to see done this coming year. We are now trying to develop a timeline to better emphasize when things need to be done. We need to be pro-active. They would like to see us utilize the website more. They met with the AAU twice this year. Bob Flint started with the group and we are trying to continue working with the calendar.

The indoor zonal meets went well. They were funded by USATF in the amount of \$10,000. The budget for Youth is \$20 thousand.

Linda asked if there were any questions. A question about AAU fees was brought up. Linda said there is a difference. If you wish to discuss our fees, bring it up under new business. Attend the General Competition meeting tomorrow and see what is going on regarding fees.

She welcomed new first time members to our meeting.

Bob Flint reported on **Cross Country** in Lawrence KS. We only had one bid and it was outstanding. It is called Rim Rock Farm, which is a Cross Country site only. The University, LOC and the CVB were very cooperative.

2007 Track & Field, Walnut, CA: Mary E. Aude mentioned that it is a very good site. Be very diligent, and ask questions when they make their presentation.

2007 Track & Field, Spokane, WA: Sam Germany said it was very well organized, good officials, and good meet management. He also mentioned that we should ask questions of the bidders when they make their presentation.

2007 Youth Outdoors Lisle, IL: Shirley Crowe mentioned that the first time we went there the facility was under construction. It is now completed and a good facility. Lefty commented that this was the first track that had all the Youth markings. Dorothy Dawson said that Shirley's instructions were followed when the track was being done.

Session adjourned at 5:30

Session Two -- Thursday December 1

Meeting called to order at 2:15.
Quorum present

Linda called the meeting to order. She again reminded everyone about our courtesy rules.

Nancy presented the Frank Sevigne and Bill Hargrove awards for 2004 to Mary Elizabeth Aude and the Oregon Association.

The ballots were picked up for the 2005 awards and Mary Elizabeth Aude and Liza Mascernas were asked to do the counting.

Greensboro NC gave their update on the 2006 Youth Athletics Nationals. They will be ready for our meet. They are getting items updated per the Onsite committee.

Linda mentioned that information on the meet will be on the website shortly and that Officials information will be on the Official web site.

Rhode Island 2005 Cross Country Youth Nationals. Lance Turley gave the report in the absence of Ron Boemker. Lance read an e-mail from Ron. You can go on line to order merchandise. Everything is ready to go and they are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Nancy announced the winner of the 2005 Frank Sevigne award, Norine Richardson; and the Bill Hargrove award was presented to the Arizona Association.

Cindy Long gave a report on Associations. She mentioned the Insurance policy available for Associations. For a 12-month period, it is available online. A 3-month subscription to Road Runner and a prescription plan.

Bob Flint spoke about what went on in the General Competition Division meeting. They spoke again about what happened at the Association workshop. He didn't feel that the people in the room were impressed with what was being said. There will be another discussion on Saturday. This is a recommendation by the members to the Executive Board that will make the final decision. E-mail your comments to n2track@aol.com. John Wissler asked if we could take a position as a committee. John Wissler moved that the current fee proposed we are not in favor of. There was a unanimous vote against.

Linda explained about the voting process for the four zones. All information is on the back page of the agenda that was handed out. She then turned the proceedings over to Organizational Services.

Linda thanked Organizational Services for their help with the election. Those elected as zone representatives are:

Northeast Zone - Lance Turley
Alternate John Martin
Midwest Zone - Lefty Martin
Alternate John Wissler
West Zone - Mary Elizabeth Aude
Alternate Darrell Hampton
South Zone - Inez Finch
Alternate Willie Richardson

A motion was made to destroy the ballots.
Approved

Kenny Emerick presented L&L to us. We have some recommendations by the Youth Executive Committee

Items to be tabled and we recommended to be kept are 7- 9 -12- 17-20- 23- 24 -30- 43- 50- 57. Ruth made a motion we accept the tabled items. ***It was seconded and passed unanimously.***

We need to talk about rejecting items 11- 25- 26 48 -66. Ruth made a motion that we accept the rejections. John Wissler would like to take a look at them. John would like to pull item 66. Ruth will take a friendly amendment. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

The Youth Executive committee recommends we accept the following 1-5- 6- 8- 10- 13- 21- 27- 28- 29-31-36- 38 -40 -41-47- 52- 53- 55- 56- 58-65- 67. Ruth made a motion that we accept all items read. John is concerned about looking at the items. The time was extended to 15 minutes.

Pulled items 6- and 52. Moved and accepted to pass. ***Unanimously passed.***

Recommended for discussion: 14-16- 22- 37- 39- 42-46- 49- 51- 54- 66- 52. John Wissler moved that we go into discussion. ***Approved unanimously.***

Item 6: Background Screening. Moved and seconded to be approved. Discussion. It is a trial basis for 06 and final in 07. Call for questions. ***36- 7 item passed.***

Item 14: Move to approve option 1 seconded. Question called. ***Approved unanimously.***

Item 15: Moved and seconded to accept. Discussion. Note 15 is an alternative to 16 Friendly amendment to adopt 15 and reject 16. Question called. ***24 for 1 opposed. Item passed.***

Item 22: Moved and seconded to accept. Discussion. Questions called. ***Unanimously opposed.***

Item 37: Moved and seconded to oppose. Discussion. Questions called. ***Unanimously opposed.***

Item 39: Moved and seconded to accept. Discussion. Question called. ***11 for 14 against. Item rejected.***

Item 42: Moved and seconded to accept. Discussion. Questions. ***Unanimously rejected.***

Item 43: Moved and seconded to remove from the table. ***Unanimously rejected.***

Item 44: Move and seconded to approve. Discussion. Amendment to take out in conjunction with the National Office in section e-1. Question on Amendment. ***Unanimously passed.*** Amendment to take out under g-3 "fees" sports committee and the National Office. Question. ***Unanimously passed. Item as amended unanimously passed.***

Item 45: Moved and seconded to approve. Discussion. Question called. ***9 for 20 against. Item failed.***

Item 46: Moved and seconded to approve. Discussion. Question called. ***Item passed.***

Item 49: Moved and seconded to approve. Discussion. Question called. Motion has been withdrawn. ***Motion to table - Unanimously passed.***

Item 51: Moved and seconded to table. Question called. ***27 for 16 against.***

Item 52: Moved and seconded to accept. Discussion: Amended to notify the membership chair or their designee. ***Unanimously accepted.*** Second amendment was made to change online to electronic transmission. Seconded. ***Amendment rejected.*** Motion to remove online. Seconded. ***21 for 17 against. Motion passed on third amendment. Question called. Moved to accept.***

Item 54: Moved and seconded to accept. Discussion. Question called. ***Unanimously passed.***

Item 66: Going to Organizational Services for approval. ***This was approved.***

Kenny will return tomorrow for Youth items.

Linda asked who did not receive the Youth Book handed out with Youth Operating procedures in it. We will have more booklets made-up.

Session Adjourned at 5:30

Session Three - Friday December 2

Meeting called to order at 2:15PM
Quorum present

Lionel started the meeting and mentioned that Dorothy Dawson is not here because of an injury she sustained.

Jim Duncan gave us his report on the Standards for the upcoming season (see attached). Jim gave his explanation as to how the standards are determined. John Wissler mentioned because of the lower numbers should we consider changing the standards. Jim feels comfortable with them. He feels that the attendance is there. Motion made to accept standards as presented. ***Motion carried.***

Lionel informed us that we will not need a roll call as we have only one bid for the Cross Country meet in 2007.

Lionel reiterated what Linda has been asking us to consider before each session regarding cell phones etc.

Lionel asked Baltimore to do their update for the 2006 JO National meet and he prefaced their presentation with the fact that all is in place and in agreement with the Youth Executive Committee and the National Office. Tanya Rush gave their update and introduced her staff. She met with Officials Committee Chair and they advised her that they would accommodate officials to the fullest.

Spokane gave their update for the 2006 Cross Country event. A handout was given out with information pertaining to the meet. Introductions were made and they assured us that they are ready for our meet. They mentioned that the Association and Regional Cross Country meets went very well. Lawson mentioned that he would like to implement a new part to Hy-tek regarding Cross Country. This should be presented to the computer committee.

Alma Price gave us an update on the "Doping Program." Products can be purchased online that are still harmful to our children. Nutraingredients.com has information regarding some of the drugs on line.

Denise Smotherman reported on Records. She gave everyone a handout with all the records. The information is online. She asked everyone to

please review pending records in the handout and give your comments. John asked about the 5000m RW at the JO meet running the two divisions together. Does this take away the record? We will table this until Denise talks to Darlene. John moved that we accept all records with the exception of RW #... also a correction on a name change and other corrections. Denise will make corrections and bring back to the committee. **Approved.**

Lefty has asked if anyone has meet records from past Youth Athletics meets. If you have them, get them to Lefty.

Linda went over the rules regarding voting for the bidders. We will be voting by paddle only as we have only one bid for Cross Country.

Lawrence, Kansas presented their bid for the 2007 Cross Country Meet. It will be held at Rim Rock Farm. They gave a fifteen minute presentation and a fifteen minute question and answer period.

Kenny made a move that we accept by acclamation. ***All approved.*** The 2007 Cross Country meet will be held in Lawrence, KS.

Liz Turner Suscha, Manager of Grass Roots Program has been very busy with the Annual meeting. Mona Mascher is our Youth Programs Coordinator and Andy Martin the Director of Grass Roots Programs. Call them anytime if you have any questions or problems.

President Bill Roe came into visit. He mentioned the meetings with AAU and the scheduling problems and has solved national dates with them. Susan Johnson has a problem with her dates. Bill said they will hopefully have it worked out for 2006. Liz, Linda, Andy and Bill have been working on this with their staff person, Garrett. Lefty asked about a Regional that does not want to comply. Linda asked that he report to her and she will try and clear it up.

Glenn mentioned that we are changing our J.O. dates, Bill & Linda said we are trying to find a common denominator. Glenn has calendars printed up and will pass them out for us to look and review. Linda said people want to run both programs and we need to try and accommodate them. The AAU is here to stay as is USATF. Bill made a couple of corrections on the handout before leaving the room.

Bill mentioned the membership fees that were talked about in the General Competition meeting. We need more input and more study before this will be implemented.

John asked about World Youth Assignments being taken out of the Youth hands and given to someone else. Bill assured us that this will remain the same. His and Jill's piece of legislation was put in to make sure everything was put out in the open for everyone to view.

Erika asked about the increase of fees. Bill said any fees raised by any specific sport committee that the monies would go to them if the fees increased. There are many avenues to be explored regarding membership fees.

Linda then made mention of the president's awards recipients: Erika Baxter, Nancy & Larry Seifert and JoAnn Grissom.

The issues regarding the World Youth Selection are tabled for the moment and Linda will be meeting with the High Performance Committee later this evening to discuss.

Kenny Emerick discussed items tabled – 49 & 51. L&L committee wrote up a revision to Item 49 which was handed out for the committee review. A motion was made to remove item 49 from the table. Motion passed. Item 49 put into two parts. Motion to accept seconded. Discussion. **Passed unanimously.** Ken asked about removal of item 51. It has been removed by the presenter. Ken will make sure it is in the proposal for next year.

Youth Committee operating procedures: They are the sole property of the Youth Committee. Items:

Item #1 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**
Item #2 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**
Item # 3 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**
Item #4 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**
Item #5 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**
Item #6 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**
Item #7 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved. 2 against.**

Item #8 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**
Item #9 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**
Item #10 moved and seconded. Discussion. John Wissler would like to amend it to read that the Chair would make a report at the annual meeting of any actions taken by the Executive Committee while the Committee as a whole was in recess. **Motion to pass amendment approved unanimously.** Questions on item 10 as amended. Passed as amended.
Item #11 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**
Item #12 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **6 for 32 against. Item failed.**
Item #13 moved and seconded. Discussion. Questions. A friendly amendment to remove protest referee and put in administrative subcommittee. Question. **Approved unanimously.**
Item #14 moved and seconded. Discussion. Question. **Approved unanimously.**
Item #15 moved and seconded. Discussion. Amendment made that if no alternative sites were available the Youth Executive Committee will contact sites that have successfully done championships in previous years. Amendment to the amendments stating which have held championships in previous years. Question called. 4 against 32 for. **Approval of item #15 as amended again. 2 opposed 34 for.**

Items proposed to the Rules this year by IAAF are on different years than ours. We are doing this to be in compliance. Glenn Fortune reported that most of our rules were being brought in to be in compliance. The Rules committee is at this time finalizing and he would be able to discuss with us what has been tabled. He will get a summary together for us to be available tomorrow.

John asked about hurdle heights. 39" for the 110m high hurdles for Jr.men. Glenn will look into that. On item #38, the 2000 steeplechase, make sure no conflicts. Item #40 wording on the vault. Item #78 reversing the days on the decathlon for women only (does not effect youth at this time). Item #7 revised regarding the starter. Item #19 you cannot see any mechanical devices.

Kenny reminded us that next year is a Rules year and to get any rules changes to Glenn and Ken so they can work on the language. They must be submitted 90 days before annual meeting.

New Business moved to tomorrow.

Darrell Hampton and Mary E. Aude gave their report on World Youth. Darrell thanked everyone for the honor bestowed on him. He told everyone that it was a very positive experience. Mark Springer was very instrumental in helping him with this project until his untimely death. He was very pleased with the staff selection. The team selection was very challenging. Darrell's motto was "together everyone achieves more". The budget was a real challenge. He thanked those Associations that contributed to the World Youth as this allowed the team to have many cultural experiences. He would suggest that we change our rules regarding where we draw our athletes from. The IAAF establishes the rules.

Mary reported that she was not initially on the staff. Lionel, Darrell and the rest of the team were more prepared and had more time. She was able to step in and have a great experience. 32 athletes were taken and they were given an opportunity to participate as world class athletes.

Over 171 countries participated. Ages are 14-15-16. Bob Flint explained how the World Youth concept started. He feels that the athletes should come from a USATF Youth Program.

Lionel thanked Mary for stepping in and doing such a wonderful job. We did come out number one.

Session ended at 6:30PM

Session Four - Saturday December 3

Meeting called to order at 10:00AM
Quorum present

Linda again reminded us of the courtesy rules.

Darlene Hickman came in to address the issue regarding 5000 km Men's race walk record. She stated that they are protected by rules. Moved and seconded to accept the record. ***Passed unanimously.***

The Bid for USA Youth Outdoor Track & Field for 2007 was presented by Lisle, IL. They gave their 15 minute presentation and 15 minute question and answer.

Dorothy Dawson made note that this is an Association event with the cooperation of the CVB and the University. The bid for the USA Youth Outdoor Track & Field Meet at Lisle, IL for 2007 was voted in by acclamation.

We are continuing with our Agenda left over from Friday: Glenn Fortune spoke to us about the schedule. Moved and seconded to approve the calendar as presented. Discussion. Question. ***Unanimously accepted.***

John Wissler reported on the Youth Track Coach's Association. Lamine Diack, the President of IAAF requested that he be allowed to sit in on their meeting. He spoke for about 15 minutes and showed his strong commitment to Youth. He has asked for our help with their Youth Program. The Coaches had a discussion of the 4x8 in the Jr. Olympic schedule. They would like to leave as is. There was also concern about the Hammer being held on the first day of the Youth Meet. They would like it changed.

Background checks were also discussed and the problems that might occur. Coaches of the year were also selected for 2005 and they will receive their awards next year. If you want to be a member, see Larry Seifert, Treasurer. Dues are \$10. Coaches Plaques for 2004 were given out to Midwest zone, Larry Seifert; Southern zone, Sam Smith; West zone, Robert King. Officers John Wissler, Liza Mascarenas and Larry Seifert thanked the Youth Committee for their support.

Inez asked if we have a Coach's web site for Youth. John will follow up on it.

Regional Coordinator report from Larry Seifert: He met for three hours yesterday with the Regional Coordinators to try and improve our programs. We will be working closer with the youth chairs to solve any problems. We will be preparing guidelines for our new Regional Coordinators. They would like to see the Youth Committee purchase a Hy-Tek program to be used at our meets. They would like to see all of our meets, starting with the Associations, use Hy-Tek. More tweaking will be done on the entry form. It was mentioned that they would like to have a better web site for Youth with more information. Should something be put on there regarding ADA and e-mail?

New items: John Wissler mentioned about athletes being allowed to advance from a race walking clinic directly to the Nationals. Linda said that a tremendous amount of material was put out by the Race Walking Committee and we did allow 6 athletes to advance. We extended this courtesy for one-time only. Linda will hand out our Youth Calendar to the Board of Directors so that will not happen again. We will also have this put on the web site. John would like to make a resolution that we support the Executive Committee when it has been made known from the Youth Committee that rules are followed. Sam would like to see us abide by the rules. ***Resolution seconded and carried.***

Chip timing: John Wissler made a motion that for bids past 2007 Cross Country Junior Olympic Nationals require chip timing. Seconded. Discussion. Questions. John will withdraw and bring up to rules for a change next year.

We interrupted new business to introduce Mona Mascher our Youth Programs Coordinator.

John would like to move that the Youth Executive Committee discuss giving a Mark Springer Award to a club in our Youth Group. Seconded. Discussion and questions. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Joann Cameron spoke regarding lowering standards. Jim Duncan gave her an explanation as to how they were reached and she was satisfied with Jim's explanation. Kenny Emerick said if we want it changed it would have to be presented to Rules. Why the difference of standards between the Youth Meet and JO's? We base it on numbers. DeEtte asked if it worked this summer, and it was reported that it did.

Inez Finch spoke about the USATF online system. Motion that we use the USATF online system as a requirement for the Youth Meet. Those that use paper submit normally. Seconded. Discussion. Bob Flint suggested we have a list of different data entry systems and their cost. Coach "O" spoke on his system and said there were no problems the first year. He charged \$100 for his program. He has donated \$15,000 to Youth and feels that his program should be considered. This item needs to be put in the bid document. This would be for 2008. Questions called. ***9 for – 31 against. Motion failed.*** Linda is encouraging our bidders to use online entries.

Gordon asked if we have a technical committee to facilitate our needs. We do have a committee.

The South Zonal meet has been changed from Louisiana to Tennessee.

Motion made to close out all new business. Seconded. Discussion. ***Motion carried.***

You may pick up applications for Morgan State Officials today.

Pat Pretty, Coaching Education:

Level I will have available 2-1-06 on DVD for \$250.00. You may get them from the National Office through Tina Kauffman (**Note:** As of late December, Tina left USATF and a replacement is still TBD as of this print date; contact Duffy Mahoney in the interim.) You can do the test in one calendar year via your USATF number online.

Level II, July 1-8, University of Nevada at Reno. Gill as one of our sponsors has four pages dedicated to USATF and information on schools will be there. Larry asked about instructors being USATF members and Pat stated this was voted on and that they should be. Kenny asked about the dates conflicting with our Youth Meets. Pat said we are catering to the collegiate coaches and is trying to get other coaches to do the clinics. Let Pat know if you have a site. Laurie feels that we need to get more youth coaches involved. If you have a problem let the Coaches Education Committee know about it. A question came up about sharing the \$250.00 fee for a group. Pat said they will work on that.

Pat then reported on the Combined Events as referee for Youth and JO's. Make sure athletes bring their poles in on the first day. We need viable scales. Make sure poles are okay. Combined events went really well at both meets -- 225 at Indy and 93 at Tennessee.

Coach King commented on his Coach of the year award.

Session ended at 12:00PM

Session Five – Saturday, December 3

Meeting called to order at 2:10PM

Quorum present

Inez Finch has asked for a zone meeting after the session.

Outstanding persons from the Associations were read by Nancy Seifert and she will send the list to National Office so that they will be able to send out the Certificates of Appreciation.

Ken Ferguson elaborated on what goes on in L&L and highlighted items he felt we should know about. They need to know what idea the party that submits the L&L is trying to get across to us. We need to be more specific so that he can draft language to convey the idea to the L&L committee when he is called upon to explain. Background checks have been approved. The Grass roots name change was rejected. The residency item #49 the Board rejected saying that they have to solicit all committees including Youth regarding fee raising if and when the decision is made. Item 42 high performance committee selecting the National Team. Agreement reached to table so that the Youth committee can discuss and bring up next year. Frosty mentioned our concern about it. Ken assured us that this is going to be done to be consistent with policies. Any tabled item can be brought up on the floor. He would hope that the committees have conveyed that this shouldn't be done. Linda will keep us updated in our Exec. Committee meetings as she meets with those parties concerned. Lionel said that we had Ken Ferguson in there and he did a good job of presenting the case for Youth.

Linda went over the rules for the bidding procedure. Bidders who have a vote are allowed to vote after the presenters are done. This will be a roll call vote.

Walnut, California (Mt. Sac) will be bidding for the 2007 Junior Olympic Track & Field Championship. They gave a 15 minute presentation and a 15 minute question and answer period.

Spokane, Washington will be bidding for the 2007 Junior Olympic Track & Field Championship. They gave a 15 minute presentation and a 15 minute question and answer period.

Roll call was done by Nancy Seifert of all voting delegates and Norine Richardson, Bob Flint and Liza Mascrenas will do the counting. Charles Shepherd gave his report on the Athletes for the Disabled. The Government agency committee has withdrawn their funds. They are still in business, but will need help. We need Coaches clinics to get proper training. He gave a list of the various meets that they participate in.

There will be a training session this year. This country has only one person trained for qualifications.

The ballots were counted and Linda announced that the 2007 Junior Olympic Championships will be held in Walnut, CA. Motion made and seconded to destroy the ballots seconded. Discussion and questions. *Motion carried.*

Ron Williams gave his report for Coaches Advisory: Terry Crawford is the President. Not much going on as far as Youth is concerned.

- The IAAF hurdle height for Jr. National changed from 42 to 39.
- The recruiting NCAA 2007-2008 signing period will be changed from the first Wednesday in February to the first Wednesday in July.
- Feb 4-7 is a dead period...no contact with athletes.
- August 1st begins contact period.
- 2nd Monday of December to 1-6 quiet period. Coaches cannot make contact with athletes.
- Jr. Commission has set ages for world youth 15-17, World Jr. 16-19 (male) and 14-19 (female).

Zone Reps: Information for 2006 Indoor meets:

Lance Turley, Northeast 2-26: New York Armory
Lefty Martin, Midwest 2-19: Ada, Ohio. We are trying to rotate next year to Nebraska

Mary Elizabeth Aude, West 2-11: Reno, NV.
(Darrell and Susan for Mary A.)

Inez Finch, South reported that they are deciding about the dates and will get info out at a later date.

Flyers are available for some of the Zonal Meets and will be on the web site soon. You do not have to go to the meet in your Zone.

Applications are available for the World Youth Team Staff.

Final Session adjourned at 4:25PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Seifert,
Youth National Secretary



Administrative Division

AAC Event Leaders Meeting

Wednesday, November 30

Call to Order / Attendance

Welcome and Remarks by Sandra Farmer Patrick
Kudos to Dexter McCloud for L&L meeting work.

Thanked Event Leaders for their hard work.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Jon Drummond, second by Dexter McCloud, for approval of the minutes from the Oct 9 conference call. ***Accepted Unanimously.***

Motion by Jon Drummond, second by LaTanya Sheffield that the minutes from the April 24th Conference call be approved. ***Accepted Unanimously.***

INFORMATION PACKET

Keep the binder for future meetings to add inserts.
AAC Meeting Schedule is in the info packet.
Athlete Committee Assignments in the packet.
Help new athletes to attend future meetings during the convention.

L & L COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Agents Issues, PAA & increase athlete representation.
Agents regulations task force - revamped the agent certification program.

Professional Athlete Association (PAA) - This group moved for a 5E organization which will give it a spot on the USATF board spots. We have a new definition for professional athlete. Want to define a professional athlete as what the PAA defines as a professional athlete. Need to move that through L&L. This will allow autonomy with the PAA making the decisions for the athletes.

Increase athlete representation – a battle with some committees, we need to keep enforcing the percentage of athlete representation (20%).
Association membership is also an issue on the ballot - may be dependent on each sport committee.

Jon Drummond reiterated to make sure our voice is heard as the voting representation entitles us to such.

STAFF SCREENING

Staff Selection will be Friday for Men & Women's Head Coach and Head Manager for the Olympic Staff. Several athletes volunteered to be on this committee. We discussed the criteria for future staff selection and how the AAC has mentioned the need for Olympic level experienced coaches for some of the staff positions.

AAC 2006 OVERVIEW-

- IAAF does not have an athlete commission as functional as our committee, nor does it have representation like we do here.
- Lobbied to waive annual meeting fee for the athletes of \$150.00.
- Increased athlete commitment and participation within USATF.
- Implemented EX-Officio Committee to ensure that AAC has adequate athlete representation at the Board Meetings and AAC conference calls.
- Secure adequate coaching staff for the athletes at OTC – Chula Vista, in order to maintain residency.
- Implementation of the “Managers Pool Program”.
- Proposed bylaw for PAA
- Proposed new Agent Regulations Guidelines
- Initiated and implemented Post-Collegiate Scholarship Fund program for emerging athletes.
- Helped support the Rookie Camp which has 30-40 participants this year.

AAC Leadership Award – new this year

This will be presented on Friday.

AAC Meeting

December 1

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Dec 2nd meeting minutes by Sasha Spencer, seconded - ***passed unanimously***
Sharrieffa Barksdale motioned for approval of the Dec 3rd meeting minutes, seconded - ***passes unanimously.*** Antonio Pettigrew motioned for the approval of the Dec 4th meeting minutes, seconded - ***passed unanimously.***

III. Welcome and Introductions of Executive Committee and Event Leaders.

IV. AAC's Mission

- Established in 1980.
- We are committed to being athletes advocate. Started with 5 athletes
- Minimum of 20% representation on all committees
- Lobbied to waive the \$150 fee for athletes
- Increased athlete commitment and participation
- Implemented Ex-Officio committee to insure adequate representation
- Secure adequate coaching staff for athletes at the OTC to maintain residency
- Implementation of the "Managers Pool Program"

2008 Olympic Trials Presentation

- Barbara Kousky and Mike O'Reilly are on Committee and accompanied Vin Lanana in his bid review.
- Working as an entire community to make this a huge event.
- There will be another high performance meet at Oregon for the next three years
- Throws issues surrounding the site of the hammer. A motion was made by Ian Waltz, and seconded by Cari Soong, for the hammer to take place outside the oval at the Olympic trials. *This was passed unanimously.* Also it was highly recommended to add seating for 1000 spectators.

VII. Research Project

Krista Austin spoke about a gene research project on sprints, jumps and hurdles about the lineage of the athletes and the impact on their athleticism. She has a quick survey and would need a swab of DNA. This can help further research in the area and she is located in the lobby for the next few days.

Ralph Lindamen – Air Force Head Coach

Will be in the pool for Olympic Staff and was discussing his credentials for such position. (719) 930-4517 cell number if questions.

IX. Gleukos

CEO Mark Jensen spoke about his product and their support of USATF and free samples were given out.

X. IAAF

New rule to allow one 'B' standard athlete per event with two "A" athletes or less. This is currently for the 2007 World Championships and has yet to be officially adopted for the Olympics.

The track and field committees have adopted the process to decide the team on the day of the trials and not to allow chasing after the trials. They will send 4 names to not include more than one 'B' unless there are no 'A' athletes. Can enter two 'B's if no 'A' in the event, and one could compete and one could chase the standard.

XI. L&L Issue

Dexter moved to accept language changing the bylaw definition of a professional athlete to match what the PAA determines to be a professional athlete. Gary Morgan seconded and it *passed unanimously.*

An agent / coach task force Committee was created and will be chaired by Tyree Washington. They are looking for additional members to take part in this committee to review issues surrounding agents and coaches.

Jon Drummond wants this task force to look at coaches who are being paid sending athletes to certain agents without the athletes input as well as agents going after athletes prior to the completion of their collegiate eligibility

XII. Officials Clinic

Linda Metzler invited athletes to the officials clinic with Alan Bell who is the Head starter for the 2012 Olympics. There will be equipment and an experience to help the athletes. This is Saturday 1-4pm grand Ballroom 7.

XIII. PAA

The updates on the services the PAA has provided to date are:

Put \$50,000 over four years in to the elite athlete retreat.

Prize money has increased from top 5 to top 8 at the Olympic trials.

Expanded the Prefontaine Classic to include more events and athletes.

Promotional track meet proceeds are going into the PAA.

XIII. IAAF Cross Country

Anne Timmons asked for a resolution to maintain equal numbers on the men's and women's cross country teams for the IAAF World Championships. Teddy Mitchell made a motion to support this resolution. *It was seconded, passed unanimously.*

Be it resolved that USATF is not in favor of the IAAF Councils decision to have 9 men with 6 to score and only 6 women, with 4 to score as a team sizes competing at the world xc championships. We firmly believe that equal numbers should be represented for the senior men's and senior women's teams.

Motion to adjourn at 3:35pm

December 2, 2005

I. Meeting called to order at 8:25am

II. Sign in sheet for all athletes

III. Post collegiate Scholarship Athletes

Rookie Camp, Five years, True Signs of success with our young athletes

IV. Special Guests

Lamine Diack, IAAF President

He spoke to the group about his experiences in the United States and meeting with all the constituencies of this organization. He spoke about his love of the sport and his involvement in the sport. He talked about the history of the relationships with the IAAF, good and bad, covering from drug woes of the early 2000's to the highlights of the great performances in Helsinki in 2005. He touched on the lack of TV coverage in between Olympic years. He also is working with Craig to create partnerships to host future international competitions in the United States. Lastly he congratulated the young American team that was so brilliant in Helsinki!

Craig Masback, CEO

Craig discussed the work that was done in conjunction with Lamine Diack over the past few days for the betterment of the sport.

The AAC gave out a first time award called the **Distinguished Leadership Award** to Lauryn Williams and Sanya Richards for their involvement in the "Be a Champion" Program.

Bill Roe, USATF President

Welcomed everyone and commented on the leadership of the AAC. He also talked about the restructuring of the organization and the athlete involvement.

Amadeo Francis, IAAF Vice President

NACAC- North America, Central America and Caribbean. Have held NACAC XC

Championships in Orlando; mountain running, and multi's.

NACAC under-23 Championships in Santo Domingo and in 2007 NACAC Open Championships (First Ever).

Robert Hersh, IAAF Council

Talked about how our federation is the most athlete-active of all the other federations.

2006 World XC in Fukoka , Japan, 2007 World XC in Mombasa Kenya; World Road Running Championships in Hungary October 2007, then in 2008 will be in Italy for the half-marathon; World Indoors in Moscow 2006, World Indoors 2008 in Valencia, Spain and World Cup in Athens, Greece in 2006.

They also set the standards for the 2007 World Championships. The window was enlarged for the marathon, Race-walk and combined events. Also included automatic time qualifiers for the top 20 in NYC, Boston, Chicago, London and Berlin marathons for the 2007 World Championships. World Athletics Final 2006 will go to Stuttgart Germany. The Grand Prix is also being restructured. This will use a point scoring system. There will be Golden League, Super Grand Prix and Grand Prix and also Continental Meets.

The three meets in NACAC are Kingston Jamaica, Carson California and the Reebok Meet in NYC. The top scores (using their best five events) will be invited to take the 7 places of 8 in the Grand Prix final (with the 8th place being selected by the IAAF). IAAF has expanded its athlete's commission.

Toni Campbell, Al Joyner, and Todd Henson from the Olympic Training Center spoke about the facility and opportunities for training.

V. Liaison Reports

Angie Taylor, Sharrieffa Barksdale Report on Liaison Positions

Angie talked about a great meet and hospitality that was used by all the athletes. Sandy Snow, Sandy Fowler and Rita Somerlot did a great job as the staff leaders.

Sharrieffa spoke about the trip to Canada and the 56 medals they one. She also talked about the fun games and bonding things they did which had great results. They had a great coaching staff that really helped the athletes.

Thomas Johnson also talked about his upcoming position as Manager.

Sharrieffa also beautifully sang the song "Wind Beneath My Wings" for us.

VI. Athlete Support Program

Mike Conley spoke about the meeting Saturday at 4:00 pm in Board Room 2 to discuss this in more detail. He spoke about prize money for indoor and outdoor championships in 2006 and spoke about the post-collegiate scholarship fund.

The performance pool funding helps four years out and on in to help support them throughout the Olympiad. They start with a larger pool then work in to the top 10 in the event. The stipend is split and the second half only awarded if they compete in the national championships. Top 10 receives stipend, medical and coach bonus, then the next 10 receive bonus but not coach or medical.

There also is an elite athlete hardship fund. Operation Gold is given to athletes using the rankings. All this information will be in the handbook.

Tuition Assistance grants are available on a one-time basis for graduate and undergraduate. The insurance program is down to 170 this year and will drop 10 per year til 2008.

The USOC has dropped those spots each year. Criteria are top 2 at nationals or top 20 in the world.

We also have sport accident insurance. This covers if you are hurt competing or training. Event leaders need to communicate this info to their group. O jobs are picked by USOC and we just confirm that the athletes meet the criteria.

VII. USA vs Finland Throws Dual Meet

Had a great event this year and will repeat in 2006 and want other events to consider similar type meets.

VIII. Committee Reports

Stephanie Durst reported on the increased membership fee to \$30. The meeting to discuss such is at 9:00 am in General Competition.

Erica talked about Women's Track Coaches Committee.

Philip talked about development committee work Erica Bartolino said in the Records meeting they will now allow American Records to be set abroad.

IX. USOC Career Workshop

Keith Bryant talked about the new athlete Career program partnered with Adecco. They are offering a seminar tomorrow to look at this issue. Pat Glennon also spoke about his work at Adecco.

Motion to adjourn at 11:45 am.

December 3

I. Attendance Sheet was sent around.

II. Committee Reports

LaTanya Sheffield reported on Staff Selection.

Rose Monday spoke about high performance and development.

Kip Janvrin talked about Men's Track and Field issues such as relay selection.

Kim Keenan-Kirkpatrick spoke about the LDR Meetings.

Gwen Wentland spoke on coaches advisory.

Youth Nationals sites and bids were discussed.

III. Tim Baker

NTO is an officials group who is seeking diversity and athlete involvement. Please sign up if you are interested.

IV. Development Chairs

Larry James, Brooks Johnson and Sue Humphrey spoke about development

The athletes broke into event groups to discuss potential uses of development funds.

Lauryn Williams made a motion to review the rules regarding movements in the starting blocks, other than those which are initiated by the foot, that may distract or cause other competitors in that heat to false start.

Event Group needs:

Throwers – Domestic competition with international throwers

Distance – Quality competitions with top level comp and rabbits, hosting meets in convenient places and times, and medical testing of blood etc for feedback, then coordinating these things to improve upon performances.

Hurdlers – a summit in March between indoor and outdoor season to analyze different parts of the races, and have hurdles competed in all high performance meets. Add more 400 H races before nationals to give ample opportunity to compete.

Sprints -- More development meets outside championship meets on May 13 and June 10th. Add more sprint events to the championship meets.

V. Craig Masback / Doug Padilla

Doug asked about marketing of uniforms with athletes name on it. He asked to form a task force to look into this issue of if this is viable and if uniforms should be authentic or similar replicas.

Craig talked about potential uniform advertising in the future for IAAF competitions if and when approved by IAAF.

VI. Sandy Snow and Marci Ahern Indoor Championships February 24-26 in Boston.

You must have a valid passport valid until October of 2006 and you MUST bring it with you. The Indoor Worlds will be March 10-12 in Moscow, Russia. Team travel will be on March 5th returning March 13th.

2007 Outdoor Championships will be in Indianapolis, IN. Large committee is working to make a great event and there will be info provided after the indoor meet.

VII. PAA (Professional Athlete Association)

The PAA exists and is now part of USATF!!! The work has just begun and will be very challenging. This will take us to the next level to help with pensions, retirement, and collective bargaining. The closing session is from 8:30 am till 10:00 am and the athletes need to be there for the vote.

VIII. Other Business

Jenny Crain talked about the licensing fee for foreign athletes to be allowed to race in the US. Jill Pilgrim recommended that we need to tell the event directors to do drug testing. Jenny was looking for a motion from the floor to support this concept of instituting foreign licensing. Motion passes.

Remainder of Minutes

For the last 10 minutes of the meeting the minutes are incomplete and will be finished at a later date.

Committee on Athletics for the Disabled

December 1, 2005

Call to Order by Chair, Barbara Chambers and Introductions

Minutes from December 2004, tabled

Chair's Report (in Annual Meeting Reports Book)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS

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Disabled Sports, USA - Wounded Warrior Program immersing newly returning disabled veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts in sport as part of their re-integration

US Association of Blind Athletes - no report

Special Olympics, Inc.- The first National S.O. to be held in Ames, Iowa. Unified Sports Track & Field Championships integrated 1250 athletes with disabilities and non-disabled peers in a two-day school-based meet held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

USA Deaf Track & Field - no report

Dwarf Athletic Association of America - Rich Robert reported on the National games and the diminishing number of athletes

OLD BUSINESS

Competition Rules (Eric Zemper) Any Rules changes need to be submitted by the end of Dec to be included in the 2006 USATF Competition Rule Book

Association Awards (2006) - Submit recommendations for next year

Coaches' Education - Rich Robert was (volunteered) appointed by the Chair to explore the possibility of including accommodations in Level I.

NEW BUSINESS

2006 Budget - Grants \$500 stipends for local assns to develop programs/ opportunities for athletes with disabilities at a grass roots level

IPC Clinics (Denise Hutchins)
IPC Classification Clinic- June 28-29, 2006 in Atlanta, GA
IPC International Technical Official (date TBD)

5km Cross Country Disability Championships
-- Steve Cuomo gave a report on the 5km Cross Country Disability Championships

ADA Accommodations - Barbara presented information on the ADA. After some discussion, this was tabled until the meeting Saturday.

Schedule for "work" sessions and Committee Assignments - work group to meet at 8am Friday, Dec 2

Adjourn - Next meeting Saturday, Dec 3 at 12:30

Session 2 -- December 3

Call to Order by Chair, Barbara Chambers and Introductions

Minutes from December 1, 2005 were handed out for review and corrected.

Chair's Report (in Annual Meeting Report) - Highlights included: information on Disability Sports Organizations (DSOs) losing total funding from the USOC and funding going to US Paralympics; DSOs seeking partnerships with USATF Associations to develop grassroots; and the inaugural 5km Cross Country Disability Championships.

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Dwarf Athletic Association of America - Rich Robert reported that they hold National games annually, but the numbers of athletes are diminishing. They do have 30 junior athletes, and will contact NJDC for inclusion.

OLD BUSINESS

2005 Competition -- Vignettes were presented for the USATF National Cross Country Disability Championships, co-sponsored by COAD and Long Island Track & Field; Clark Co. School District & Special Olympics Nevada Unified Sports Track and Field Championships held in Las Vegas; National Junior Disability Championships, held in Tampa Florida; and the multi-event/multi-disability Endeavor Games in Edmond, OK. Denise talked about the "Wounded Warrior" program. Additional information was shared regarding the cooperative program between USOC and the National Veterans Wheelchair Games to allow athletes to qualify for international teams. There was some discussion

about qualified officials, and meeting competition standards at the Vet Games.

Association Awards: 2005 Association award was presented to Long Island Track & Field for their involvement with the Cross Country Championships at the Awards Breakfast. Steve Cuomo was also presented with an award as race director.

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IPC Clinics (Denise Hutchins)

IPC Classification Clinic - June 28-29, 2006 in Atlanta, GA prior to the US Paralympic Championships.

IPC International Technical Official (date TBD) International officials will come to the US to train Master level USATF officials as ITOs.

Coaches' Education- Rich Robert reported that he, Denise Hutchins, Barbara Chambers, and Steve Cuomo met to discuss strategies. Rich will begin compiling information to be used at two levels: one for more experienced coaches to increase their skills to include coaching techniques for athletes with disabilities; and then one of entry-level coaches (parents, therapists). Charlie Sheppard added that Coaching Level I will be available as a DVD course, it would be easy to include one extra DVD to cover accommodations and modifications for athletes with disabilities.

ADA Accommodations - Jill Pilgrim explained in detail the new guidelines for accommodation athletes with disabilities in able-bodied events. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide athletes with disabilities (according to 504 Regulations) with the opportunity to formally request accommodations to able-bodied events, and be assured that every meet would be offering the same accommodations. In addition, meet directors would be able to have assistance from the National Office with making decisions on allowances. This will primarily affect track meets, and road races (who frequently allow a variety of provisions not only for athletes with disabilities, but also for strollers, etc) would not be as affected. There will be legislation presented tomorrow regarding including as a requirement for Sanctioning, a section would be placed on the meet registration forms (samples are on the USATF website).

Discussion followed about some of the new prosthetics (for amputees) being "performance enhancing equipment" (such as springs or too long for normal leg length). Since next year is a "Rules" year, a committee was developed (Al Orr, Denise Hutchins, Eric Zemper, and Mike Polansky, with ex officio member, Barbara Chambers) to look at possible modifications and interpretations of items, such as orthopedic equipment requirements, to be submitted to Rules in 2006 from COAD.

NEW BUSINESS

2006 Competition Dates

Endeavor Games, Edmond, OK	6/10-11/06
US Paralympic Championships Atlanta, GA	6/30-7/2/06
IWAS World Youth Games, IRE	7/11-17/06
Junior Nat'l Disability Championship Boston, MA	7/22-29/06

Report Committee Reps:

Officials: Denise Hutchins reported that after 15 years of attending Officials Meetings, COAD finally has a vote on the committee. She will be handing out meet information/applications to solicit officials.

Development: Dick Moss reported that Men's and Women's Development has merged.

Youth: Charlie Sheppard reported that championships have been awarded though 2007. In Youth, as well as several other committees, there was much discussion on the pending membership dues increase.

Associations: Barbara Chambers reported that there was much discussion on Coaches' background checks. Alan Roth, Associations Chair, discussed the new web-based program, "America's Running Routes", to offer a database of running routes throughout the nation. The program was announced two days ago, and has already had 800 entries. From a discussion held earlier this week, Alan suggested that the Chair formally request that routes are also marked as to wheelchair access (maybe indicated by an accessibility symbol).

Meeting Adjourned until 2006 in Indianapolis.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Mitchell
Secretary

Coaches Advisory

The Coaches Advisory committee has devoted the past year to continuing to organize from a legislative position as L&L has not approved a starting number of delegates to the USATF Annual Meeting directly from our committee. A concerted effort was made to include all divisions of the coaching community and to be instrumental in the reorganization of the United States Track coaches Association which has changed its name to the United States Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association. Our annual meeting has been planned around the meeting of the USTFCCA in Jacksonville.

Discussions have started to examine ways in which the CAC can have a greater contribution to the activities of USATF which impacts coaches. A task force was assigned to explore various issues and report back to the membership in early 2006.

The ongoing work of a task force to examine the elimination of college track and field programs was emphasized by the body of NCAA coaches voting to wear black wrist bands at the Division I Outdoor National Championships to protest the dropping of several track programs in the spring of 2005. This task force has also continued to dialogue with the NCAA to seek their assistance from a governance position.

Goals for the 2006 year are being developed to include, but not to be exclusive, the following:

- 1) retention and promotion of women coaches;
- 2) support of our coaching community to national meetings;
- 3) increasing further educational opportunities for coaches; and
- 4) to cultivate a direct line of communication for giving back and voicing concerns about issues in our broad event areas.

Respectfully submitted;

Terry Crawford, Chair

Law & Legislation

(See full report on our website...
http://www.usatf.org/about/AnnualMeeting/2005/2005LawAndLegislationPacket_approved.pdf)

Officials Committee Executive Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chair Linda Melzer at 10:00 am.

Executive board members present L.Melzer, L. Krsak, R. Harvey, J. Flanik, S. Polansky, G. Boccock, G. Kleeman

Secretary's Report – Given by L. Krsak
There were no additions or deletions. Two corrections were noted. Motion to accept report by G. Boccock, seconded by G. Kleeman. ***Report accepted unanimously.***

Treasurer's Report – Given by S. Polansky
Sue reported reimbursements have been received in a timely manner. Sue requested advanced knowledge as to when conference calls are to be made. The 2005 financial report through November 22, 2005, budget comparison as of November 22, 2005 and proposed budget for 2006 were discussed. Motion to accept report given by R. Harvey seconded by J. Flanik. ***Report accepted unanimously.***

Awards Chair Report – Presented by G. Boccock
Gordon thanked past Vice Chair Jim Grey for his input and recording keeping. It was reported an excellent number of people participated in the Andy Bakjian vote. The National Outstanding Officials Awards were expanded for 2005, 2000 – 2004 certification numbers were used. Dick Connors questioned some of the 2005 candidates for the Andy Bakjian not having national exposure and not being well known. G. Kleeman suggested rewriting criteria.

Certification Report – Presented by J. Flanik
Jim reported as of December 2, 2005, 5762 were certified officials for the 2005-2008 Olympiad. 1200 are new, estimate 6000 in the fold by December 2005. Goal is 10,000 by end of Olympiad or 1000 new officials per year. Jim stated it takes a month to prepare for selection committee meetings. It was reported future certifications will be done online, with each certification chair making entries. Objective is to start with one Association than go to five. Estimated cost for new system \$4,340. Additional cost \$1,380 per year or \$115 per month service fee. Committee unanimously adopted to go to the list server.

G. Kleeman questioned where to place list server expense in the budget, S. Polansky suggested under data base/computer. Jim also explained national meet application letter procedure for 2005.

Training Subcommittee – Rob Buzaitis

Rob explained clinics to be conducted at the annual meeting, i.e., certification, umpire/marshal, mentoring, breaking ties, field lynx – vertical jumps.

L.Melzer explained last clinic to be conducted i. e., starting will be presented by Alan Bell from England.

Rules – G. Kleeman explained 93 items are up for consideration. Majority are changes to conform to IAAF wording. It was mentioned B. Podkaminer is trying to consolidate all 5 rule books into one, but dose not have the authority to do it. For 2005 the NCAA has a lot of new editorials. NFH has made only two rule changes for the year. USATF Rules review test have been rewritten to 50 questions, one test per discipline. All certification chairs will receive disc with new test. Certification chairs can start using new test immediately.

L. Melzer informed committee goals would be discussed on Saturday 12/3/05.

G. Kleeman discussed agenda, suggested adding saving clause to agenda. George, also informed committee the Disable Discipline is looking for ATO'S. It was also announced there are currently three (3) ITO'S in the USA John Blackburn, George Kleeman and Eric Zemper.

L. Melzer discussed letters she receives through out the year. Linda also stated 2006 Masters Meet housing for officials is taken care of as well as Youth National and the JO'S, per Linda Phelps.

L. Melzer stated the following, approximately 400 officials applied for the 2006 championship meets. 120 applied for combined events, but only 15 will be selected, 60 for indoor and 120 for outdoor. Proposal made to L&L seeking legislation for food and housing for officials. Transportation and per diem probably will never happen. Discussed officials getting selection applications in by the due date. Date for 2005 was extended due to weather (hurricanes) conditions. Discussed Association officials chair versus certification chair as to who is the representative is to the NOC at the annual meeting.

L. Melzer discussed NCAA officials letter received from Mark Bockelman. He's exploring the idea of certifying USATF officials with NCAA certification. B. Podkaminer added additional information regarding NCAA certification.

K. Mitchell presented new officials shirt. NOC Board approved new fabric.

L. Melzer discussed definition and criteria for emeritus status. Currently the NOC has 25 officials certified as emeritus.

At 10:35 am L. Melzer called for a close session.

Point of information – 44 guests attended meeting. Meeting suspended at 12:00 noon till December 3, 2005 at 9:00 am.

Session 3 – Dec. 3, 2005

Meeting called to order by L. Melzer at 9:05 am.

Executive board members present L. Melzer, L. Krsak, R. Harvey, J. Flanik, S. Polansky, G. Boccock, and G. Kleeman.

R. Harvey informed board Alan Bell, from England would be conducting the Starters clinic later in the day.

L. Melzer introduced guest B. Roe and announced officials would receive two gifts at the last general session, a USATF patch and hip clip.

G. Kleeman suggested goals be set for the officials committees. All committee chairs to submit their respective goals. J. Flanik to inform all committee chairs.

Y. Grimes to apply for grant money to produce recruitment brochure.

G. Kleeman suggested NOC create a hall of fame committee, candidates should be some one on a national stage. B. Roe explained hall of fame procedures.

L. Melzer asked for definition of emeritus, J. Flanik presented draft, discussion took place. No decision reached.

L. Melzer discussed additional insurance program for officials. Additional information will be presented at the last general session.

J. Stuart stated new web site for officials is currently being designed.

L. Melzer established mid-year meeting dates for executive board members as July 7 – 9, 2006, place to be determined, either Columbus, Ohio or Cleveland, Ohio.

R. Buzaitis stated he will publish up coming meets on the Officials website.

D. Connors suggested USATF help supply officials for NCAA Div I Championship. Comments were expenses usually a problem for many officials to participate.

R. Harvey made a motion to go to a close session seconded by S. Polansky. Motion passed unanimously.

Session closed at 10:00 am.

Closed session began at 10:05 am.

Reconvene open session at 10:30 am.

J. Skelly reported 50 individuals have requested to take the master referee test. Six (6) individuals have been grandfathered, Six (6) have completed all requirements but have not been announced. 10 others are pending. Jim also stated some individuals are not submitting a complete package, items missing.

G. Bocoock made a motion to adjourn seconded by S. Polansky. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Point of information – 41 guests attended meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Officials Committee General Meeting

SESSION # 1 – Dec. 2

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Linda Melzer.

The roll was called by Secretary, Len Krsak. A quorum was present.

First item of business, G. Kleeman discussed/explained L&L changes and proposals from the Officials committee. A motion was passed to suspend regular operating procedures to accomplish the following:

1. Renumber operating Bylaws, motion passed unanimously.
2. Correct, chairs of committees, motion passed unanimously.
3. Membership at 14 years of age. Discussion occurred. Dick Connors suggested young people become eligible, motion passed unanimously.
4. Membership to committees, motion passed unanimously.
5. Officials can have membership in multiple Associations, but can only be certified in one. Discussion occurred, Elbert Reed motion to accept seconded by Barbara Palm motion, passed unanimously.
6. Elect the Vice Chair of Awards same time as the Treasurer and Vice Chair of Certification. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Amend duties of committees into Bylaws. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Change order of business & operating procedures for annual meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

All above changes were introduced and passed individually.

L. Melzer discussed Officials L&L proposals that were not accepted.

1. L & L rejected food & per diem.
2. 4-f-1 encouraged acceptance.
3. Selection letter, to be mailed by September 15th of each year, if site determination has been made.
4. Item 48 (4-h-1-b) L. Melzer said was unacceptable and item should be rejected. As M & W Track & Field should not have a say in selecting officials. Discussion took place. W. Ring asked if there were any suggested changes, answer was yes. Lynn Cannon suggested negotiating with M&W Track & Field. T. Hott recommended splitting Item 47.

L. Melzer asked for a motion to pull Item 48 on Saturday night's session. F. Adler discussed when selection letter should be mailed. T. Hott clarified issue.

T. Hott informed group Item 45 was rejected as presented, L&L revised it with rewording. Discussion took place, E. Koch explained situation

and would try to correct it. G. Kleeman asked to consider ramifications.

L. Melzer asked T. Hott to re-present items to L&L.

Secretary's Report – Presented by L. Krsak
Secretary asked to suspend reading of the minutes, explained copies of minutes were available on the sign in table plus mailed to all register officials attending the annual meeting. Reports discussed were the 2004 annual meeting minutes, executive board meetings minutes and 2004 mid-year executive board minutes. Motion made to accept report by D. Berry, seconded by B. Buttermore. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Secretary also addressed group regarding complying with requested responses.

Treasurer's Report – Presented by S. Polansky. Discussed budget, comparison of budget, proposed 2006 budget of \$19,000.00 vs \$18,000.00 for 2005. There were no questions. S. Polansky asked for a motion to receive report, Motion given by F. Thomas seconded by J. Flanik. ***Motion passed unanimously.*** S. Polansky asked for a motion to receive 2006 budget report. Motion given by J. Hickman seconded by G. Kleeman. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Awards Report – Given by G. Boccock. Gordon thanked J. Grey for help and information received. 378 Outstanding Service Awards were issued to local Associations to present; 11 people were nominated for the Andy Bakjian award and nominees were cut to 10. Eighty-two (82) individuals returned votes, thirty-five did not respond. Nominees were F. Adler, L. Bailey, A. Boyajian, E.Callahan, S. Chaisson, L. Glover, W. Jackson, G. Mulanax, M. Sanford and F. Thomas. Winner to be announced Saturday, December 3. Horace Crowe Award to L. Dowell presented by C. Ruter, accepted by B. Springer. Charles Ruter Award to F. Adler & B. Buttermore, presented by C. Ruter. John Davis Award presented to B. Langenbach, accepted by B. Springer, presented by G. Boccock.

Former John Davis Award winners were presented pins by G. Boccock, 2001 W. Eggers, 2002 F. Orsak, 2003 M. Sanford, 2004 Y. Grimes and 2005 B. Langenbach.

Chair Awards were presented by L. Melzer, recipients were D. Berry, W. Eggers, K. Mitchell, R. Harvey and G. Kleeman.

G. Boccock announced USATF President's Award winners, E. Baxter, W. Eggers, F. Fink, J. Grissom, V. Peters, E. Phillips, N. Seifert and L. Seifert.

L. Melzer reported on NCAA proposal to enhance selection of officials for championships. B. Podkaminer followed up with discussion and explanation. Also announced Div. II funded a stipend for the 2005 championships. Div I & III were turned down. NCAA is considering an officials improvement clinic.

L. Melzer informed members housing for J.O.'S will be taken care of for 2006 as well as the Masters championship. Youth Athletics championship will provide housing & meals.

Vice-Chair, Certification – Presented by J. Flanik. Jim stated current number of certified officials at 5700. Estimated 6000 by year end. The average age is 48 yrs, national level 56 yrs, master level 61 yrs, emeritus 76 yrs. Objective for certification chairs re-certified all 2000-2004 Olympiad officials. Jim explained how and when online certification will take place. Estimated cost for new system \$5,000.00. Also, redefining definition of an emeritus official.

Rules – report given by G. Kleeman. All rules reviews have been rewritten. One test per current level with exception of Race Walk & LDR.

93 Items were submitted to the rules committee. G. Kleeman discussed Items #3, #7, #8, #15, #16, #19, #23, #36, #46, #49, #50, #59, #66, #67, #75 & #76.

B. Podkaminer tied in with the rules presentation, announced new ITO'S, J. Blackburn, G. Kleeman and E. Zemper. Also said the NCAA last made major changes to their rule book in 1987. Any suggested changes to NCAA rules must be submitted by May 1st of each year.

S. Sharp presented legalities of running an event regarding injuries and lawsuits. He also made a presentation to the Track Coaches Association. Shelby stated preventable injuries are the ones libel, "reasonable", use common sense and good judgement.

L. Melzer announced afternoon clinic schedule.

Point of information – 188 members attended 1st general session.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm to be continued Saturday December 3, 2005.

Session # 2 –Dec. 3

Meeting called to order at 4:10 PM by Chair L. Melzer.

The roll was called by secretary, Len Krsak. A quorum was present.

Meeting started with chair L. Melzer announcing gifts to be given to officials, i.e., USATF patch and hip clip. Linda also informed members a hall of fame committee will be instituted. Chair also discussed AAU letter received, and what you can do as a certified USATF official.

Selection Committee Report -- Given by J. Gentry, explained how difficult a process it is to complete the selection. Joe also expressed what one needs to do to be selected. Chair L. Melzer added additional information regarding the process.

G. Kleeman explained the Hall of Fame process and selection, coaches one year, contributors the next year, about 7 people per year.

R. Harvey, discussed 2005 clinics, stated all were well attended.

Affirmative Development Committee Report – Presented by Y. Grimes. She stated a new committee mission statement. Goals 1) to obtain statistics on selected officials 2) Analyze after selection is made from one year to the next. 3) Increase a larger base of officials to apply for championship meets. Committee has a 4 year plan.

Appeals/Grievance Report – Given by R. Fitzhugh. Year 2005 committee received 9 letters and 6 phone calls. Explained process the committee goes through.

Equipment/Facilities Committee Report – Presented by G. Kleeman. Two newsletters were sent out during 2005 to approximately 500 individuals. Lacking people for weights & measures, need more people to apply. Attendance at committee meetings at the 2005 annual meeting was excellent.

Evaluations Committee Report – Presented by M. Sanford. Murray thanked committee for their help during 2005. Officials who want to know their evaluation should check with respective head official first, than with Murray Sanford. Discussed evaluation form which can be submitted either on line or mailed. Only at USATF meets are evaluations required.

IAAF Report – Given by G. Kleeman, discussed ITO's, ATO's and NTO's. George stated additional NTO'S are needed.

Master Referee Committee Report – Given by J. Skelly, Jim announced committee members. To date, 50 people have inquired about the position. Current status, six (6) have been grandfathered in, but six (6) have passed the test, but have not been announced as yet, and 10 are pending. Referee experience must be on resume. No committee member or G. Kleeman can give a reference letter of recommendation. Redoing CD that contains test, current copy has a glitch.

Nominating Committee Report -- None given.

Selection Committee Report – Given by E. Griggs; stated he may resign due to health issues, responsibility on committee, to review forms.

Uniform Committee Report – Given by W. Eggers and K. Mitchell; presented new shirt, cost will increase and USATF logo will be removed; also displayed Boathouse jackets. They also stated 4 x shirts will be available in the future.

Newsletter Report -- J. Hodges-Hite stated cost is approximately \$4500.00 per printing, and as always looking for articles.

Web-Site Committee Report -- Given by R. Buzaitis in place of C. Stephens. Rob reported website is checked twice per week. Committee is seeking information and articles to be posted on the web-site.

Historian Report -- Given by C. Ruter, presented a history book on USATF officials with information from the beginning till the present. Cost to purchase book as of this date has not been determined.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

L & L – Report given by T. Hott

Item #45 rejected by L & L, Item #46 removed, Item #47 accepted with rewording, Item #48 officials committee to withdraw. Summary the officials committee got 3 out of 4 through. Motion to accept L&L report given by G. Kleeman seconded by P. Lavelle. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

L. Melzer reported K. Taylor will be the Associations representative and W. Eggers to Organizational Services. An announcement was made that the 2010 annual meeting will be at Virginia Beach. Hotel rooms to be under \$100.00.

Rules Committee Report – Presented by G. Kleeman, George stated copies of completed report are on the table, exception to the report men's LDR won't change till 2007.

Disabled Athlete's Report -- Presented by D. Hutchins. All 2005 meets were short on officials. She also stated a number of qualifying meets were held during 2005. Discussed all championships.

OLD BUSINESS – None discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Tice introduced Irene Herman who gave a presentation regarding an additional insurance program for officials working meets other than USATF, \$12.00 per person per year. She also suggested each individual purchase an umbrella policy to their current policy. Discussion took place. B. Colman made a motion to explore program seconded by P. Lavelle. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

L. Melzer discussed USATF board of director's book on restructuring. Many disciplines will lose representation.

K. Turner discussed selection process. Informed members 2005 was a great success also informed membership 2006 selection results will be posted at the end of the meeting.

J. Gentry said M&W track & field questioned some official's health and abilities. Possible physical testing may be required in the future.

G. Kleeman discussed saving clause motion. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

L. Melzer asked for a motion to adjourn. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Point of information – 151 members attended 2nd general session.

Respectfully submitted by:

Len Krsak,
Secretary

Organizational Services

SESSION ONE - Wednesday, November 30

The first session of the Organizational Services Committee was called to order at 8:15 a.m., Wednesday, November 30, 2005 by Chair Dr. Walter High.

After determining a quorum was present Dr. High proceeded to conduct the meeting in accordance with the written agenda presented.

Dr. High announced that Darlene Hickman was appointed to the committee from Women's T&F and that Virginia Miller and Jolene Moore were appointed from the Athletes' Advisory Committee.

Dr. High requested that pause be given to remember the contributions of Mark Springer to this committee.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the 2004 meeting. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Lynn Cannon presented a report of Association representatives to various committees she compiled for use by those committees to determine a quorum.

A discussion followed Lynn's presentation regarding the need for a timeframe for making changes to delegations.

Mike Conley made a presentation requesting that the Professional Athletes Association be granted membership in USATF as an Article 5.E.1 member. The organization was not seeking voting privileges.

A motion was made and seconded that the Professional Athletes Association be recommended for membership in USATF as an Article 5.E.1 with no voting privileges. ***The motion passed.***

Dr. High reported that he had received a request from the Youth Track Coaches Association for membership in USATF as an Article 5.E.1 member. Discussion on this matter was deferred to the second session committee meeting.

Richard Courtney reported that 20 Association delegations failed to meet the proper balance of athletes and/or coaches, 6 Associations failed to submit either minutes or financial reports as required.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Credentials Subcommittee report as presented. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Dr. High reported that seven (7) Organizations failed to pay dues and therefore had no voting rights at this annual meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as submitted. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

A brief discussion ensued regarding terminating membership of these seven (7) Organizations.

Accreditation Subcommittee – Harry Simonis presented a report that 34 Associations have attained full accreditation, 19 Associations were granted provisional accreditation, and 4 were listed as having suspension of voting rights. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report in its entirety.

Sam Germany represented the Nevada Association and requested that voting rights not be suspended for the Association. Harry Simonis gave a report and discussion centered on the nature and cause of the Association's deficiencies.

After an extended discussion, a motion was made and seconded to amend the motion on the floor to move the Nevada Association to provisional accreditation. ***The motion passed.***

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Accreditation Subcommittee's report as amended. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

There was no **Nominations Subcommittee** due to the lack of elections at this annual meeting.

Elections Subcommittee – Ruth White reported that they had been requested to assist with elections for Masters T&F on Thursday at 10:00 a.m., Youth Athletics on Thursday at 3:00 p.m., Men's LDR on Friday, at 10:00 a.m., and by the Coaches Committee at a time yet to be determined.

Discussion of Law & Legislation was moved to the Saturday meeting due to a lack of time remaining at this session.

A motion was made and seconded to reschedule the Saturday meeting to 2:00-4:00 p.m. in City Terrace Room 7. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The Session was recessed until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2005.

SESSION TWO – Saturday, December 03

The second session of the Organizational Services Committee was called to order at 2:10 p.m., Saturday, December 03, 2005, by Chair, Dr. Walter High.

After determining a quorum was present Dr. High proceeded to conduct the meeting in accordance with the written agenda presented.

Mr. John Wissler presented a request on behalf of the Youth Track Coaches Association for membership in USATF as a 5.E.2 member with five votes in the Youth Athletics Committee. Mr. Wissler explained the organization's history and purpose.

Dr. High explained that votes by 5.E.2 members are granted based on the number of committees in which they have business.

Mr. Wissler stated that his group was willing to abide by the allotted number of votes.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend membership as a 5.E.2 member, with one vote in the Youth Athletics Committee, to the Youth Track Coaches Association. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Annual Meeting Site Selection Subcommittee

Dr. High gave a report of the regarding the 2010 Annual Meeting. The Subcommittee recommended Virginia Beach, VA for selection as the Annual Meeting Site for 2010.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend Virginia Beach, VA for the Annual Meeting in 2010. *The motion carried unanimously.*

A brief discussion followed regarding making the local Association aware when a bid is received for an Annual Meeting in their area.

Dr. High called for any issues with suggested Law & Legislation items. There were none.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Records Report

After due consideration of the recommendations of the Records Committee, the various sports committees have taken the action set forth below with respect to pending records. Items “approved” are submitted to the USATF General Meeting for ratification. The items referred to by numbers are as they appear on pages 147 to 162 of the USATF Annual Meeting Book.

I. Men’s Track & Field

Approve items 3-7, 10-16. Reject items 1, 2, 17, 18. Defer items 8, 9.

II. Women’s Track & Field

Approve items 1, 2, 4-6, 9-11, 13. Defer items 3, 7, 8, 12.

III. Race Walking

Approve item 10. Approve item 3 and correct time to 1:19:14.6. Approve item 4 and correct time to 1:33:28.2. Approve item 6 and correct time to 49:43.85. Provisionally approve item 2 pending course validations scheduled for December 2005. Provisionally approve item 12 pending course validations scheduled for December 2005 and correct name to Kate Dickinson. Reject item 7. Defer all other items.

IV. Men’s Long Distance Running

Approve item 4. Provisionally approve items 1 and 2 pending course validations scheduled for December 2005. Defer all other items.

V. Women’s Long Distance Running

Approve items 5, 8 and 9. Provisionally approve items 6 and 7 pending course validations scheduled for December 2005. Defer all others items.

VI. Masters Long Distance Running

Approve items 14, 19, 26, 27, 33, 34, 47, 48, 51, 52, 67, 68, 75, 78, 79, 89.

Provisionally approve items 13, 43, 46, 49, 50, 55, 58, 59, 77, 80, 84-87, pending course validations scheduled for December 2005. Defer all other items.

VII. Masters Track & Field

Defer items 85, 88, 95, 127 and 162. Approve all other items. Add and approve the following:

High Jump	M90-94	1.11	Donald Pellmann
	St George, UT	10/4/2005	
Long Jump	M85-89	3.27	Ralph Maxwell
	St George UT	10/4/2005	
Shot Put	M90-94	9.58	Donald Pellmann
	St George UT	10/3/2005	
Weight Pent	M80-84	4159	Dick Mulkern
	Las Vegas NV	9/30/2005	
Superweight	W55-59	8.77	Myrle Mensey
	Charlotte NC	11/17/2005	
1500 M	M40-44	3:49.82	John Hinton
	Durham NC	5/8/2004	
Pole Vault	M60-64	3.83	Matt Kilpelainen
	Las Vegas NV	10/2/2005	
Triple Jump	M75-79	9.30	James Stookey
	Las Vegas NV	10/2/2005	
Shot Put	M70-74	14.91	Gerald Vaughn
	Charlotte NC	11/19/2005	
Weight T	M80-84	13.56	Dick Mulkern
	Las Vegas NV	10/2/2005	
Weight T	W55-59	13.47	Myrle Mensey
	Las Vegas NV	10/2/2005	

Masters Race Walking

Approve items 1-10, 15-20, 23-26. Provisionally approve items 12, 21, 22 pending course validations scheduled for December 2005.

Add and approve the following Masters Race Walking Records:

14a	20 km	W55-59	1:58:41	Joanne Nedelco
	Sacramento, CA		2/14/99	
26a	40 km	M80-84	6:04:04	Herb Appel
	Ft. Monmouth, NJ		9/19/99	

Defer the following Masters Race Walking Record:

24a	20 km	M60-64	1:46:22	Leon Jasionowski
	Clermont, FL		11/13/05	

VIII. Youth Athletics

Reject items 10 and 13. Accept all other items.

The work of the record keepers – Bob Hersh, Ryan Lamppa, Linda Honikman, Donald Lein, Sandy Pashkin, Bev LaVeck, Denise Smotherman, the members of the Records Committee, past chair of the Records Committee, Basil Honikman, the Road Running Technical Council – Paul Hronjak, Neville Wood, Pete Reigel and Chair Mike Wickiser, the Technical staff of the USATF National Office – Keith Lively and Andy Gilmore – is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by

Justin Kuo, Chair

Rules

USATF RULES COMMITTEE SCORECARD – 2005 Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL
Approved by Second General Session – December 4, 2005

Item	Action								
1	A	21	A	41	AA	61	A	81	AA
2	T	22	A	42	W	62	A	82	A
3	A	23	AA	43	AA	63	A	83	A
4	A	24	A	44	A	64	A	84	A
5	A	25	A	45	A	65	W	85	AA
6	A	26	A	46	A	66	A	86	A
7	AA	27	A	47	AA	67	A	87	A
8	A	28	T	48	A	68	W	88	R
9	A	29	AA	49	A	69	AA	89	A
10	A	30	AA	50	A	70	A	90	AA
11	W	31	A	51	A	71	A	91	AA
12	A	32	AA	52	A	72	AA	92	A
13	A	33	A	53	A	73	A	93	A
14	A	34	A	54	A	74	A		
15	A	35	A	55	A	75	A		
16	A	36	A	56	AA	76	A		
17	AA	37	A	57	A	77	A		
18	AA	38	AA	58	A	78	A		
19	A	39	A	59	A	79	A		
20	AA	40	AA	60	AA	80	AA		

Final Actions: A=Accepted AA= Accepted As Amended R=Rejected T=Tabled W=Withdrawn

Amended items to the 2005 USATF Rules Package
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Item 7 – Add Rule 125.3 as follows and renumber: (IAAF 51)

When appointed, the Start Referee has the authority to make a final decision on any facts related to the start of a race where there is disagreement with a decision of the Starter. This authority is not granted in cases when the start involves a false start detected by a false start detection apparatus, unless for any reason the Referee determines that the information provided by the apparatus is obviously inaccurate or not fully considered.

Item 17 – Add the following as a Note:

Note: Orthotic inserts required for medical purposes are exempt from this rule.

Item 18 – Remove the Note from the submission.

Item 20 – Amend Rule 144.6 as follows: (IAAF 81)

Any athlete giving or receiving assistance during ((a field)) any event other than as specified in 144.3(a) must be cautioned by the Referee and warned that for any repetition, he or she will be disqualified from that event ((barred from further participation in that event. Any performance accomplished up to that time shall stand.)) If such disqualification occurs, any performance accomplished up to that time in the same event session shall not be considered valid. Performances accomplished in any previous event session, such as a qualifying round, shall stand.

NOTE 1: *For Youth Athletics exception, see Rule 302.5(k).*

NOTE 2: *Information conveyed to an athlete by an official is not considered assistance provided such information is made available to all athletes.*

Item 23 – Add Rule 146.4 and Add Rule 146.5 and

Amend Rule 146.3, as follows, and renumber: (IAAF 60, 89, 90)

Protests, at the discretion of the Games Committee or the Referee, may be made orally or in writing. For National Championships, they must be made in writing. ((For protests concerning field event measurements see Rule 180.14.))

Rule 146.4: In races where a false start control apparatus is used, if an immediate oral protest is made regarding a decision by the Starter to charge a false start, the Referee may allow an athlete to compete under protest in order to protect the rights of all concerned and provide the time required to determine if the information provided by the apparatus is obviously inaccurate.

Rule 146.5: If an immediate oral protest is made, regarding a decision of a Field Judge that a jump or throw is foul or is invalid, the jump or throw should be measured, if possible, in order to protect the rights of all concerned. The measurement should be announced only if the protest is upheld.

Delete Rule 129.4

Delete Rule 180.14

Item 29 – Add Rule 165.10(d) as follows: (IAAF 108)

In all fully automatic systems, the picture production and the time system shall be synchronized generating a uniformly marked time scale graduated in 1/100th of a second. The photo finish system must be able to produce a printed picture that shows the time for each runner.

Item 30 – Amend the first sentence of Rule 165.1 as follows:

Four ((Three)) methods of timing are official, hand timing, fully automatic timing, video timing, and transponder timing as set forth in this Rule.

Amend Rule 165.12 as follows and renumber Rules 165.12 and 165.13: (IAAF 108)

Video Timing

A videotape-based system may be used for non-championship competition, provided:

- (a) it complies with the provisions of Rule 165.10 ((is started automatically by the Starter's pistol));
- (b) it uses a videotape camera aligned with the finish line and videotape that produces at least 50 frames per second; and
- (c) it incorporates a timing device that generates a reading to 1/100th of a second. When a frame-by-frame videotape-based system is used, the official time for each competitor shall be read from the time of the frame where the competitor is positioned exactly at, or immediately after, the finish line;
- ((d) it is able to produce a printed picture that shows the time for each runner and whether or not the timing device has been started automatically by the Starter's pistol; and))
- ((e) it is so manufactured that the picture production and the time system are synchronized.))

Note: Video timing is not fully automatic timing and is intended to be used as a backup timing system.

Amend Rule 165.14 as follows:

((As an alternative,)) A photofinish system based on a combination of a video CCD (Charge Coupler Device) camera with a minimum of 100 lines per second, a computer and an appropriate electronic timing device may be used, provided this system is calibrated by an independent testing laboratory. ((The system must be aligned with the finish line and must comply with the requirements of Rule 165.12(a), (d) and (e).)) The system must record the finish through a camera with a vertical slit, positioned in the extension of the finish line, producing a continuous image. The image must also be synchronized with a uniformly marked time-scale graduated in 1/100th of a second.

Item 32 – Amend Rule 165.16 as follows: (IAAF 107, 110)

The use of transponder timing systems in race walking events not held entirely within a stadium, road and cross country races is permitted provided that:

Item 38 – Add the following Note at the end of the submission:

Note: In the 2000m event, if the water jump is on the inside of the track, the finish line has to be passed twice before the first lap with five jumps.

Item 40 – Amend Rule 169.4 as follows: (IAAF 133)

Each competitor shall go over or through the water ((, and anyone who steps to one side or the other of the water or of any hurdle or trails the foot or leg below the horizontal plane of the top of any hurdle at the instant of clearance shall be disqualified. The competitor must clear each jump, but may jump or vault each hurdle, or place a foot on each hurdle, including the hurdle at the water jump.)) . An athlete shall be disqualified if he/she:

- (a) does not jump any hurdle;
- (b) steps to one side or the other of the jumps; or
- (c) trails the leg or foot below the horizontal plane of the top of any hurdle at the instant of clearance.

Provided this Rule is observed, an athlete may go over each hurdle in any manner.

Item 41 – Amend Rule 170.8 as follows: (IAAF 135)

In the 4x400 Meters Relay, at the first take-over, which is carried out with the athletes remaining in their lanes, the 2nd runner is not permitted to begin running outside the take-over zone, and shall start within this zone. Similarly, the 3rd and 4th runners shall begin running from within their take-over zones. The second runners in each team shall run in lanes as far as the nearer edge of the breakline after the first turn where the runner may leave their respective lanes. ((may break from their lanes immediately they have passed the line after the first bend (breakline), which will be marked with)) The breakline shall be an arced line 5cm wide across the track, marked at each end ((and)) by a flag or cone ((at least 1.50m high)), positioned ((on each side of the track)) outside the track, at least 30cm from the nearest lane line.

NOTE: To assist competitors in identifying the breakline, small cones or prisms (5cm x 5cm no more than 15cm high) ((of the same color as)), preferably of a different color from the breakline and the lane lines, may be placed on the lane lines immediately before the intersection of each lane line and the breakline.

Item 43 – Amend Rule 170.10 as follows: (IAAF 137)

In ((other relay races)) any relay race, when lanes are not used, for a given exchange, waiting runners may ((can)) take an inner position on the track as incoming team members ((arrive)) approach, provided they do not

jostle or obstruct another runner so as to impede that runner's progress. In the 4x200m, 4x400m and sprint medley relays, waiting athletes shall maintain the order in accordance with Rule 170.9.

Item 47 – Amend Rule 180.4(e) as follows: (IAAF 145)

In the USA Indoor, Outdoor and Junior Outdoor Track and Field Championships, the order of competition for the fourth and fifth round ((for the final three trials)) shall be in reverse order of the best performance in the first three trials, and the order of competition for the final round shall be in reverse order of the best performance in the first five rounds. In all other competitions, the order of competition for the final three trials shall be in reverse order of the best performance in the first three trials, or in the order used for the above mentioned Championships, as determined by the Games Committee prior to the competition.

Item 56 – Amend Rule 180.20 as follows: (IAAF 157)

The maximum allowance for inclination of runways for jumping events and the Javelin Throw shall not exceed 1:100 laterally and 1:1000 downward in the running direction. In the High Jump, the maximum overall inclination of the runway ((and take-off area)) shall not exceed 1:250 along any radius in the direction of the center of the ((crossbar)) semicircular area located midway between the uprights and having the minimum distance specified in Rule 180.18.

Item 60 – Add Rule 185.9 as follows: (IAAF 170)

Wind Measurement - See Rules 163.10 through 163.14 for wind gauge placement, operation and reading requirements.

Item 69 –Amend Rule 187.25 as follows: (IAAF 191, 192)

Arc - All javelin throws shall be made from an arc of a circle drawn with a radius of 8m at the end of a runway 4m wide. This arc shall consist of a painted stripe or made of wood ((, metal,)) or other similar ((suitable)) material 7cm in width ((, painted)). It shall be white and sunk flush with the ground. Lines shall be drawn from the extremities of the arc at right angles to the parallel lines marking the runway. These lines should be 75cm in length, from the inner edge of the runway line, and 7cm in width. *** Make appropriate correction to Figure 11 ***

Item 72 –Amend Rule 187.23 as follows: (IAAF 195)

Shot Put Stop Board - The stop board shall be made of wood or ((some)) other suitable material in the shape of an arc so that the inner edge coincides with the inner edge of the rim of the circle ((, and)). The stop board shall be centered midway between the sector lines, and be so made that it can be firmly fixed to the ground. The board shall measure not less than 11.2cm wide, and have a chord between the ends of the board of 1.15m to 1.21m (± 0.01m) in length. ((to 30 cm wide, 1.15m (± 1cm) long measured straight end to end and)) The board shall be 10cm (± 2mm) high in relation to the level of the inside of the circle. The board shall be painted white. A diagram showing the layout of the Shot circle appears in Figure 9. *** Make appropriate correction to Figure 9 ***

Item 80 – Amend Rule 230.2a as follows: (IAAF 248)

CAUTION

- (a) Competitors must be cautioned by any Judge when, by their mode of progression, they are in danger of ((ceasing)) failing to comply with the definition of race walking (see Rule 232); but they ((are not entitled to)) shall not be given a second caution ((from)) by one and the same Judge for the same offense. Having cautioned a competitor, the Judge shall record all such cautions on the Judge's Tally Sheet.

Item 81 – Amend Rule 230.1(c) and add a new 230.1(d) as follows:

- (c) The Chief Judge shall assign the Judges to their respective judging areas and explain the judging procedure to be used during the race. At International Selection Competitions, the Chief Judge shall act as the supervising official for the competition and act as a Judge only in the special circumstance described in 230.3(f).

- (d) A Chief Judge's Assistant may be appointed to assist with the notification of disqualifications. At International Selections competitions, the position is required. The Chief Judge's Assistant shall not act as a Race Walking Judge.

(g) In road races, depending on the size layout of the course there should be a minimum of six to a maximum of nine Judges including the Chief Judge. In track races, indoors and outdoors, there should be five Judges including the Chief Judge. At International Selection Competitions there shall be six judges (including the Chief Judge) when the trial is conducted on a track, and there shall be no more than 9 judges (including the Chief Judge) when the trial is conducted on a road course.

Amend Rule 230.3 as follows: (IAAF 245, 251, 255, 257, 262)

- (a) When ((in the opinion of a Judge,)) a Judge observes a competitor who fails to comply with Rule 232.2, the Judge shall issue a red card. A red card is that Judge's proposal for disqualification of a competitor.
- (b) Red cards shall be given to the Recorder as soon as possible. If there is no Recorder, the red card shall be given to the Chief Judge. A Judge shall record all proposals for disqualification on the Judge's Tally Sheet.
- (c) When red cards from three different Judges have been sent to the Recorder or Chief Judge ((propose disqualifications)) on the same competitor, that competitor is disqualified and shall be notified of this disqualification by the Chief Judge or the Chief Judge's Assistant.
- (d) Notification of disqualification shall be given as soon as practicable after the competitor has finished, if it is impractical to notify the competitor of the disqualification during the race. The failure to give prompt notification shall not result in the reinstatement of a disqualified competitor.
- (e) The Chief Judge, and, when applicable, the Chief Judge's Assistant, shall use a red paddle for signaling disqualification.
- (f) At International Selection Competitions, the Chief Judge has the power to disqualify a competitor inside the stadium when the race finishes in the stadium, or in the last 100m when the race takes place solely on the track or on a road course, when his/her mode of progression obviously fails to comply with Rule 232.2 regardless of the number of previous red cards the Chief Judge has received for that competitor. A competitor who is disqualified under these circumstances shall be allowed to finish the race.
- (g) (((f))) For Championships and international trials races, ((a disqualification proposal)) one or more posting boards shall be placed on the course and/or near the finish ((used)) to keep competitors informed about the number of ((proposals for disqualification)) red cards that have been received by the Recorder or Chief Judge for each competitor. The symbol for each offense shall also be indicated on the posting board.
- (h) (((g))) Where appropriate equipment is available, computer devices with transmission capability may be used by the judges in communicating proposals for disqualification to the Recorder and the disqualification proposal Posting Board(s).
- (i) If the Referee is satisfied, on the report of a Judge or Umpire or otherwise, that a competitor has left the marked course thereby shortening the distance to be covered, the competitor shall be disqualified.

Item 85 – Amend Rule 260.4 as follows: (IAAF 269)

Each athlete who achieves a World Record shall submit to a doping control at the end of the event, to be conducted in accordance with IAAF Rules and Procedural Guidelines currently in force. The sample(s) collected shall be sent for analysis to a WADA-accredited laboratory and the results sent ((The result of this test shall be presented by the laboratory)) to the IAAF to be added to other information required for the ratification of the record. If such testing results in a doping violation, or if such testing is not conducted, the IAAF will not ratify this record.

Item 90 – Amend Rule 340.1 as follows: (IAAF 69)

Effective 1/1/2011, the Masters Long Distance Running Committee shall conduct and supervise a program for long distance running for all athletes over the age of ((40)) 35.

Item 91 – Amend CLASSIFICATIONS (d) as follows: (IAAF 69)

Masters: The Masters classification shall be limited to athletes who are at least ~~((forty (40)))~~ thirty-five (35) years old on the first day of the meet. Through 2010, Masters LDR will be limited to athletes who are at least forty (40) years old on the first day of the meet.