



## Board Meeting Minutes

3/22/26 @ OSAA

### 1- **Roll call**

- a. Present: Amy Vetter, Lynn Brown, Gibby Reynolds, Debi Hanson, Carol McLatchie, Carl Sniffen, Pete Castro, Ivan Faulhaber, Scott, Phoenix, Matt Lydum, Phil Sutton, Marie Vermeer, Doug Burnett
- b. Missing: Mike Blackmore, Tom Millbrooke
- c. Membership Observers: Roger Hall, Gabby Simdars, Mike Krupa, Sandy Kitzhaper

2- **Approval of minutes:** Gibby moves to approve with Phil's corrections, Doug seconds, all approve.

3- **Approval of agenda:** Matt moves to approve, Lynn seconds, all approve.

### 4- **Committee Reports -**

**Certifications - Scott Phoenix :**

I continue to work with people who are interested in becoming certified, but this requires monitoring and encouraging and hope that people carry through.

I have upgraded people, ordered their badges, and am delivering them.

We just finished the third of three in-person training clinics USATF Oregon organized and presented. Something stands out; many who sign up do not show up. We have a consistent absenteeism problem at these clinics.

Here are the cold, hard facts:

Feb. 22 - 6 of 13 no-show (46%)

Mar. 8 - 6 of 18 no-show (33%)

Mar. 15 - 10 of 22 no-show (45%)

Overall - 22 of 53 no-shows, almost 42%.

Of those who did not show, few took time to contact me.

**Coaches Ed - Tom Millbrooke & Matt Lydum :**

Upcoming in-person zoom Level 1 events:

4/17-19 ET 5/16-17 PT 6/1-3 CT (M-W) 6/19-20 PT (F&S)

Level 2 - Planning now for 2026 opportunities with the new blended format.

The USATF Level 3 Program will be paused until next year for necessary working time to implement a few course adjustments, alongside finishing other coaching education program updates currently in progress. We look forward to delivering an even better and more flexible Level 3 Program experience for USATF member coaches when it returns in late 2026.

CAMPUS: USATF will best hosting at least one Campus webinar per quarter with presentations on a wide variety of topics including biomechanics, sports psychology, nutrition, recovery, and more. Registration information will be posted below when it becomes available.

<https://www.usatf.org/campus/home> Fusion with *Track Coach* magazine.

Will become a member only platform soon (in 2026). Library with info on mental training, nutrition, performance, recovery and more. Social component including webinars, book club, ask and expert and more.

From Question to Insight: A Practical Sports Science Approach for Coaches with Harper Stewart, PhD and Lia Skoufos, MS

- Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 8:00 p.m. EDT
- Registration opens on April 6, 2026

USOPC: The place for coaches? Find courses and resources for all level of sport.

Find online courses, youth and community sport resources, high performance resources, quality coaching resources, and upcoming webinars at the hub: <https://mobilecoach.teamusa.org/>

## Collaboration *Phil Sutton* :

Eugene Marathon 4/26 - maxed out with 12K entries.

Oregon MS MOC - May 15<sup>th</sup> Corvallis HS.

Daybreak Racing - Youth, Open, Masters Championships Aug 16<sup>th</sup>

Possible XC in November, possible JO XC Championship collaboration 11/14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> Boring Marathon will add a Youth race at the request of USATF Oregon.

## Communications *Phil Sutton* :

### Youth *Doug Burnett* :

The T&F schedule is almost set. We are on track with OR MS MOC collaboration. We will have the completed schedule out on the website soon. Working on XC schedule as well.

### Masters *Avan Faulhaber* : Open *Avan Faulhaber* :

Working with outside organizations for promotion. Racewalking and MUT races coming up.

### Membership *Lynn Brown* :

1183 members in our association, it'll go up closer to JO's. We have 60 clubs approved.

### MUT *Mike Blackmore* :

### Officials *Gibby Reynolds* :

1<sup>st</sup> Officials Committee meeting happened. We now have 49 registered HS officials for High Schools in RefTown. We will get a google sheet to request to officiate JO's.

### Para Athletics *Phil Sutton* :

Proposed Para Only meet that will rotate through the 3 PNW associations is a go - 1<sup>st</sup> will be June 14<sup>th</sup> at Whitworth College, in Spokane, WA. It will be hosted by the Pinecone Classic.

### Race Walk *Marie Vermeer* :

#### **Completed Activities Since Last Report**

- Drafted and distributed the inaugural USATF Oregon Race Walk Newsletter – topics included information about the 5K Association Championship, the demise of the Hayward Classic, announcements regarding 2 upcoming Virtual Race Walk Judging/Officiating Basics Clinics (March 23 and April 12) and a call for volunteers for the Awards Committee and Records.
- Marie was a judge at the 2026 Half Marathon & 10K Race Walking World Team Trials in Gainesville, FL on March 8.

#### **In Process/Continuing/Upcoming Activities**

- Updates to Race Walking Judging and Officiating Basics has been a focus. First clinic is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Monday, March 23. Reminder (including the Zoom link) is being distributed.
- Organization of the 5K Association Championship/Jim Bean 800M and 1500M Developmental Race Walks on May 17 at Rex Putnam HS is underway. Will be doing the sanction in the next few days. Registration will open April 15. Our usual clinician (Carmen Jackinsky) is not available this year and we haven't been successful in finding another, so we will likely take a demonstration approach. Currently soliciting officials and volunteers. Thanks to:
  - Judges: Marie VerMeer, Roger Hall, Rick Stucky
  - Recorder/DQ Board: Lynn Brown
  - Starter: Pat Swehosky
  - Timer: TBD (Dan Swehosky has offered if hand timing will be used)
  - Lap Counters: Jean Drenoske, Pat Swehosky
- Solicit content for May newsletter – deadline is April 15; newsletter will be distributed in May.
- Continue to regularly review and provide updated event information (results, event times, etc.) to Phil Sutton for addition to the Race Walk Page on the USATF Oregon website and newsletter for Phil to modify and distribute.
- Finalize schedule for 10K Assn RW Championship – last day/first event of the 2026 USATF Oregon State JO Meet.
- Collaborate with Competition Com. on dates/location options for 2026 Assn. Open/Masters Championship.
- Begin organizational activities for the USATF National U20 RW Championships in Zjunr (Marie is Head Official/Chief Judge & Roger is on the crew.)

## ***Other Items***

Need to begin an effort to collect Oregon Association Race Walk Records.

Safe Sport - *Carl Sniffen* :

Exciting time for Safe Sport with new MUT events being planned.

Sanctions - *Debi Hanson* :

2 meets that were not approved because they did not have safety plans but were approved by National. Debi is keeping track of meets we do not approve that do end up approved in case something happens. We got a \$26K deposit for sanctions recently.

Treasury - *Pete Castro* :

As of March 19, 2026:

General Account is: \$126,638.47

Officials Account is: \$6,745.27

Savings Account is: \$21,523.00

Total: \$154,906.74

## **5- Delegate Subsidy Committee -**

With the annual meeting being local next year, we will set up a delegate subsidy committee to create new forms: Lynn, Amy, Phil, Roger, Carl.

## **6 - Communications -**

We need to respond to Phil within 48 hours so that his time is not wasted.

## **7- Safe Sport -**

What do we do about the adult in Oregon that is on the Safe Sport Suspension list. He coaches his 2 children in pole vault. An email will go out explaining it to all officials soon. This is a USATF only situation, it does not affect HS meets.

## **8 - Policy & Procedure Committee -**

We need to finish this up. We are close to being able to present a first copy to the board. Scott would like to be added to this committee.

## **9 - MOC Awards -**

Doug will be looking into awards for our USATF athletes.

## **10 - Budget -**

Phil has requested that the budget be added to the agenda to have some idea where we sit. Debi wasn't aware of this, so she does not have the information. Only Phil has submitted the worksheet requested at the last meeting. Debi would like to table this until next year since we are so close to the start of the season. We need to revisit the forms as well, there is a lot of cross-over, she proposes that for this season we table it, and she will work with the youth chair. Matt moves that we approve putting this aside for now. Amy seconds this. Phill opposes this. Motion carries. Gibby wanted to amend this and have Debi rework the worksheets so she can be more accurate. Gibby withdraws his amendment. Debi says that this can be revisited in November. Financially we are in good shape.

## **11 - New Business -**

Gibby asked - "It's been almost a year without an executive director, does anyone see a deficit?" We do not yet. Gabby (from the gallery) mentioned that the Portland Track Festival didn't have enough officials last year and had to have volunteers running events. It is a USATF Sanctioned event - NOT a USATF Event... We are not responsible.

4:543PM Meeting adjourned by acclamation. (Lynn Brown)