



## Board Meeting Minutes

3:06pm

### 1- Roll call

- a. Present: Lynn Brown, Amy Vetter, Gibby Reynolds, Roger Hall, Debi Hanson, Phil Sutton, Pete Castro, Ivan Faulhaber, Scott Phoenix, Doug Burnett, Tom Millbrooke, Marie VerMeer,
- b. Excused: Carl Sniffen, Carol McLatchie, Matt Lydum
- c. Membership Observers:

2- **Approval of minutes:** Tom Millbrooke motioned to approve/Pete Castro seconded. All were in favor.

3- **Approval of agenda:** Ivan Faulhaber motioned to accept/Pete Castro seconded. All were in favor.

### 4- Committee Reports -

#### Coaches Ed. (Tom/Matt)

##### Level 1

Upcoming in-person (live on zoom) Level 1 events:

7/10-12 ET

7/22-24 CT

8/15-16 PT

9/12-13 ET

##### Level 2

An opportunity is being planned for July 7-9, 2026, using new blended with 3-day in-person format. The National Office is negotiating contract with a venue and will post the enrollment page soon.

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.

##### Cross Country Specialist

Future schools being planned now.

##### Marathon

Future dates TBD.

#### Collaboration (Phil)

OR MS MOC, included the USATF Youth. We need to have an information table at events like this.

We have a colab with daybreak racing 8/16/26 for trail race.

9/13/26 we will have a colab with the Boring Marathon for a youth road race. Scott Jones is the race director, and we have some things to work out.

Stumptown Racing, Tom Rothenberger, is no longer going to host our USATF XC Championship, however he has offered to let us use his database. The date for this meet is either 11/14-15/26.

Red Lizard had been talking about helping to host a masters/open XC event, but their communication has not been good.

#### Communications (Phil)

Still dabbling with the new website. He's not able to drag and drop so he's writing new content.

#### LDR (open)

#### Masters (Ivan)

Ivan has been talking with people in Eugene and South Eugene, we are kind of in a waiting period.

#### Membership (Lynn)

Members: 2325

Active Clubs: 76

Pending Approval: 18

### MUT (Mike)

Awards have been ordered. He has emailed Jeremy about a database to ID who's a USATF member.

### Officials (Gibby)

We are working on JO's now. He and Scott will identify heads for all events and then send out the application to officiate. HS season is in full swing, and we need starters. June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7PM registration closes.

### Certifications (Scott)

Have worked with several individuals about becoming certified. Have assisted several people with issues related to ordering shirts.

Have been contacted by Chris Cummings, NOC Treasurer, about setting up at Hayward for the USATF U20 Championship an officials' recruiting table.

Served as assignor for the Big Sky Outdoor Championship held May 13-16 at Mt. Hood CC.

### Open (Ivan)

### Para Athletics (Phil)

Phil got a list of all the Para certified officials across the US... #2 on the list is Oregon! (37)

The Region 13 Para Championship has no new information as of now.

### Race Walk (Marie)

Today was the Association 5K - we had 9 people register. 10 for the demo, and 2 officials shadowing as future RW officials.

- Drafted and distributed (thank you, Phil Sutton!) the inaugural USATF Oregon Race Walk Newsletter – topics included information about the 5K Association Championship, the demise (hopefully not permanently) 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 member of the Judging Panel at the 2026 Half Marathon and 10K Race Walking World Team Trials in Gainesville, FL on March 8. Lauren Harris and Nick Christie were the top finishers; Lauren set another pending American Record for the Half. In the 10K, Gael Plascencia and Grace Wegener were top finishers for men and women. Madison Palek was first overall in the Open 5K event. We're awaiting the roster for Team USA for the 2026 World Race Walking Championships.

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 (Stephanie Casey and Marie will partner on this). Currently soliciting officials and volunteers. Thanks to those who have volunteered:
  - 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 draft newsletter for Phil to modify and distribute.
- Finalize schedule for 10K Association RW Championship – likely the last day/first event of the 2026 USATF Oregon State JO Meet.
- Collaborate with Competition Committee on dates and location options for 2026 Association Open/Masters Championship.

- Begin organizational activities for the USATF National U20 RW Championships in June (Marie is the Head Official/Chief Judge and Roger is a member of the crew.)
- Need to begin an effort to collect Oregon Association Race Walk Records. Any sources or suggestions from the Oregon Association Board is appreciated. There was a call for a volunteer in the March newsletter; no responses yet.

#### Safe Sport (Carl)

As for my Safe Sport report, track and field season has slowed much of my activity. My focus at this point will be to prepare for the upcoming association championships in late June which involves preparing posters and displays, checking officials and volunteers on Safe Sport and USATF databases, and gathering necessary supplies. My principal co-workers for this project will likely be Gibby and Scott or other designated official who will be recruiting our meet officials.

#### Sanctions (Debi)

Nothing to report. Lots of sanctions are coming in.

#### Treasury (Pete)

As of April 30, 2026:

General Account is: \$127,876.42

Officials Account is: \$6,891.88

Savings Account is: \$30,064.82

Reftown Account :\$42,244.70

Total: \$207,077.82

#### Youth (Doug)

Coaches and parents at the meets, seems like there are more than before.

Still looking to start a Youth Committee with a Vice Chair, Secretary, etc.

There has been a change of venue for the Regional Meet - Juanita HS in Kirkland, WA.

Volunteers: Clubs are required to supply a volunteer for every 10 athletes entered, minimum of 1. We would like to get school track teams involved; we can give a stipend to the club.

#### 5- Policy & Procedures

Table this until next meeting, (July).

#### 6- Delegate Subsidy Criteria

**VOTE:** Accept the criteria as it was sent out. Lynn made the motion, Phil seconded. Doug and Ivan abstain. The vote carried and the Delegate Subsidy Criteria will be sent out to member ship.

#### 7- Para Scholarships

**VOTE:** Permission to buy awards for participants. Mike seconds the motion. All in favor - passed.

#### 8- Committee Chair/Board Member Removal

The vote to make Scott a board member happened a month after the new Bylaws were approved and they state that we need the membership to vote on that. This will be tabled for people to think about how to go about this.

#### 9- Board/Committee Meeting Schedule

Meetings are being rescheduled only for good reasons. There are none being canceled. The meetings set for June are 6/14/26 competition, 6/15/26 officials, 6/24/26 coaches, 6/30/26 meet wrap-up.

#### 10-New business

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02PM by acclamation.