

USATF Oregon Association Annual Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2022  
Zoom Virtual Meeting

**Breakout sessions:**

12:00 - 12:45 Race Walking (Marie/Roger)  
1:00 - 1:45 LDR/Master (Mike)  
2:00 - 2:45 Officials (Jerry/Scott)  
3:00 - 3:45 Youth (Association Executive Board)

**4:00 - 4:45 General session (election if needed) (Jay)**

Approval of 2021 minutes

State of the Association

Election of Board Positions – (Lynn)

- President (Currently held by Jay Miles) – With no nominations, Jay will retain his position as President by acclamation.
- 2nd Vice President (Currently held by Pete Brefczynski. Pete is not running for reelection) Debi Hanson has been nominated for this position. As no one has been nominated to run against her, she will be elected to this position.

Introduction of committee chairs and roles – The current Oregon Board

Members are:

President: Jay Miles

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Scott Jones

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Sanctions: Debi Hanson

Secretary: Lynn Brown

Treasurer: Pete Castro

Executive Director: Jerry Westfall

Past President: Roger Hall

Membership Chair: Lynn Brown

Sanctions Chair: Debi Hanson

Youth Chair: Billy Fields

Certification Chair: Scott Phoenix

Open Chair: Vacant – Voting today for this position.

Masters/LDR Chair: Mike Blackmore

Race Walk: Marie VerMeer/Roger Hall

Officials Chair: Jerry Westfall

Coaches Education: Tom Milbrooke/Matt Lydum

By-Laws: Carol McLatchie

*More...*

Communications Chair/Webmaster: Phil Sutton  
Membership report

Treasurer's report - Attached

What the future looks like for USATF Oregon – We are looking to return to a full schedule of meets in 2023.

New Business – After the election for the Opens Chair position, LaKadron Ivery-Shabazz was voted in and has accepted this position.

## **5:00 Association Board Meeting**

Championship Meet updates

- XC
- JO Association
- LDR/Masters
- JO Regionals
- Race Walk

Annual Meeting Information – The Annual Meeting Delegates that will be travelling to Orlando in December have been selected. Lynn will be in contact with additional Information.

Reimbursement Policy  
New Business

### **USATF OREGON ASSOCIATION RACE WALK COMMITTEE**

#### **ANNUAL MEETING BREAKOUT – SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**

**12:00-12:45 PM**

**VIRTUAL**

#### **1. 2022 Highlights**

- **We held a very successful 5K Association Championship along with a 1500 Developmental Race Walk and Race Walk Clinic in memory of Jim Bean. We had 14 in the 1500 and 8 participants in the 5K, including 2 elite athletes (Stephanie Casey and Katie Burnett). Special thanks go to Carmen Jackinsky, who conducted the Race Walk clinic and to Georgann Pierce, who led the charge for Developmental participants. This will become an annual event in conjunction with our annual 5K Championship.**
- **Zoom in to Race Walk Officiating: Second annual virtual clinic hosted by Jeff Salvage and Gary Westerfield on May 15. Another excellent session! Jeff has agreed to make this an annual event – and we are excited to partner with him on the organization.**

- **World Championships:** Congratulations to Stephanie Casey, who was a member of the US 35K team. Stephanie was also a member of the US team at the NACAC 2022 competition in the Bahamas in August, among other competitions. Well done, Stephanie!
- **Debra Bridges**, one of our Oregon Masters athletes, competed in multiple National and International competitions this year, including the WMA Championships in Finland. Deb competed in multiple race walk events: 5k (5<sup>th</sup>), 10k (5<sup>th</sup>), and 20k (4<sup>th</sup>). She also competed in the National Masters Outdoor in Lexington and placed first in both the 5 and 10k race walks for her age group. Congratulations, Deb!
- For the first time in recent memory we held the 10K Association Championship in conjunction with another meet – the USATF Oregon Open and Masters Championship. The numbers were small (3 participants) – our goal next year is to grow the numbers.

## 2. New Business (30 minutes)

- **2022 Northwest Regional One Hour Postal Race Walk** – tentatively set for Sunday, October 16 at Rex Putnam. Officials and volunteers needed – also an opportunity for those interested in race walk officiating to shadow and assist!
- **2023 5K/10K tentative schedule** – Marie/Roger
  - 5K – May 2
  - 10K – TBD (will likely be combined with USATF Open and Masters Championship)
  - One Hour – September (date TBD)
- **Race Walk Officials Clinic** - Marie
- **Race Walk Officials Clinic** – plan one for 2023 – likely March – and we desperately need RW officials. Good questions in the Annual Meeting regarding how members can support race walking and help.
  - If you're a certified official, assist at one of our events (One Hour in October is a great opportunity to shadow and learn). If you're not yet a certified official, Scott Phoenix (USATF Oregon Certification Chair) can get you started on your journey. We have designed an apprentice program to help officials get familiar with the various roles in the race walk officiating discipline.
  - Watch the Zoom Into Race Walk Officiating video – you can find the link on the USATF Oregon Race Walk page.
- **Quarterly Race Walk Zoom** – first one in January – recap activities from USATF National Annual Meeting (100% in person this year; Marie is planning to attend.)
- **2023 Awards Committee** – need 3 volunteers. If you're interested in assisting with race walk award nominations, please contact Marie.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie VerMeer, USATF Oregon Race Walk Chair



## Membership

Current Active Members: 2520

Current Active Clubs: 57



## Youth

We welcome Billy Fields as our new Youth Chair.

With a return to the track, USATF Oregon had a great showing at our Association Meet. Many of our athletes qualified to advance to Regionals and on to Nationals.

TrackTown will be hosting USATF National Junior Olympics at Heyward Field in July 2023. The Oregon Association Board looks forward to this partnership opportunity. More details and information will come. One important note: USATF Oregon will be Region 16 and not part of Region 13 for the Track & Field season in 2023. The Oregon will host the Association Meet June 24-25, 2023 (tentatively scheduled) and the Region 16 Meet July 6-9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (location information will be provided when available). We will advance top 16 to the Regional meet. We are still working on clarification of how many athletes will advance from Regionals to Nationals (5 or 8).

USATF Oregon will host the Youth XC Meet November 5<sup>th</sup> at Bush Park in Salem Oregon. All registration must be completed on Athletic.net, no later than November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Members that sign up for a new membership on November 1<sup>st</sup>, should contact Lynn Brown at [membership@oregon.usatf.org](mailto:membership@oregon.usatf.org) for assistance with age verification.

### Reminders:

**Age Verification:** This is no longer processed at the Association level. The Association Membership Chair cannot process your age verification. The USATF National Office requests at least 5 business days to complete age verification. If your athlete requires age verification prior to a Championship Meet, there will be no exception for the 5-business day rule. If there is an issue with the athlete's age verification, the parent will need to contact the USATF National Office Customer Service at [membership@usatf.org](mailto:membership@usatf.org) or by calling (317) 261-0500.

**Club Transfers:** Club transfer requests will not be accepted or processed if submitted by a coach. Per USATF Rules, a club transfer/Association request must be submitted by the Athlete (or parent if the athlete is under the age of 18).

**Membership Connect Profiles:** In 2020, USATF switched the membership portals to USATF Connect. While this happened at the beginning of the pandemic, many athletes will need to recover their old membership to be eligible to renew their membership. If the profile is not recovered from the old system, this will create duplicate profiles in the system and require a new age verification.

SafeSport: The U.S. Center for SafeSport (Center) is recognized by the United States Congress, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), and the National Governing Bodies (NGBs) as the official safe sport organization for all Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American and Para Pan American sports in the United States. The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) limits one-on-one adult/minor interactions and sets standards for training and sport settings that prevent abuse and misconduct. Sport organizations invested in keeping young athletes free of abuse are strongly encouraged to adopt the MAAPP—now required throughout the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement. It is required that all coaches, administrative staff, and athletes age 18 and over, that have access to minor athletes complete the SafeSport Courses. The SafeSport courses are available in the USATF Connect profiles. It is recommended that all adults that have access to your minor athletes, even if they are supervised, complete the SafeSport education. This can be beneficial in locating volunteers as needed. The current Association SafeSport Volunteer Coordinator is Lynn Brown. If you need assistance, please send her an email.

**Certification Chair Report  
Scott Phoenix  
September 2022 Report**

In the process of going through each official's profile to see what needs attention and am contacting people individually.

**Will be lining up clinics for next year – to include**

**EDM** – several clinics conducted by Joey Blum and Eric Johnson

**1-2 over administering CPR** - I would like all officials trained in this vital health issue.

**Virtual Zooms over all disciplines** – Year three of popular Zoom on One series

**In-person clinics** – two (one for field events and one for track events)

**Certified two new officials.**

**Assisting people in securing their shirts.**