

Draft Minutes from the PA-USATF Race Walking Committee meeting on June 1

The Race Walking Committee of the Pacific Association of USATF held its annual meeting on 1 June 2014 at the College of San Mateo track, immediately following the 5,000-meter race walk during the PA-Open Track and Field Championships, beginning at approximately 11:15 and ending at approximately 11:32 a.m. No motions were made.

The schedule for the remainder of 2014 was reviewed. Two of the remaining PA Grand Prix Championship races are also USATF Western Region Championships: the 3,000-meter track race at South Lake Tahoe on August 10 and the 20-kilometer road race in Carmichael/Sacramento on October 26.

Although there was some discussion about scheduling the 1-hour postal later in the season next year, the consensus of those present was that we will probably have a similar schedule of Grand Prix races in 2015: 1-mile, 1-hour, 5,000-meter, 3,000-meter, 10-kilometer, and 20-kilometer. Additional club races and races in conjunction with association youth and masters meets and all-comers meets will be offered as well.

The schedule for 2015 will be discussed in detail at the mid-year meeting of the Race Walking Committee, which will be held immediately following the season's Grand Prix award ceremony after the 20K race on October 26.

The budget for the Race Walking Committee was briefly reviewed. Major items in the budget are the Grand Prix awards and the 20-kilometer race. Other races are either sponsored by clubs or are combined with open or all comers meets.

Joe Berendt announced that there likely will be a Dave McGovern clinic on the weekend of October 18th, the week before the 20-kilometer Grand Prix Championship race (and 5-kilometer road race for those not wanting to go the full distance) in Sacramento/Carmichael. Dave has given helpful clinics for Pacific Association race walkers in the past. As details (cost, exact times, location) are available, the race-walking community will be alerted.