



Technical Committee Report November 7, 2016

Committee Members

1. Robert Tucker, Chair
2. Harry Stansos, Member
3. Enrico Toscano, Member
4. Barclay Frost, Member
5. John Stevenson, Director
6. Lisa Ferdinand, Director
7. Nicole Clarke, Director
8. Randolph Fajardo, Staff

Committee Meetings

1. March 30, 2016, conference call
2. July 23, 2016, conference call
3. August 22, 2016, conference call
4. September 21, 2016, conference call
5. November 9, 2016, conference call

Attendance at Committee Meeting(s)

All members attended full Committee meetings. Email correspondence for topics brought up earlier in the year was minimal and one on ones were done to get input on items that needed immediate attention.

Summary

The technical committee communicated via email correspondence in the beginning of the year as most information from past meetings were not readily available. The technical committee was requested to make some urgent decisions on items that needed approval from the board regarding a new championship model early in the year. As well as what direction AO should go with respect to the recent change by the IAAF to the Senior Women's cross country distances.

Previous discussion on race walk rules and implementation of a penalty box was discussed via email but no conclusive recommendation was made and thus not implemented into the AO Policy and Procedure. The item has been tabled for a future Technical Committee meeting.

A survey to the membership was put out asking if AO should change event offerings for the Midget 200mH, women's cross country distances, as well as offer a 300m bantam race. The committee then reviewed the results as well as gathered information from experienced coaches in each respective discipline to make recommendations for change in the November committee meeting.



Issues

Agenda Meeting Focus

- Approve records
- Policy and Procedure split
- Implement new female cross country distances in a phased approach
- Discussion on penalty box for race walk
- Added offering for Bantam races between 150m and 800m
- Updates to distances to long hurdles for Midget and Youth
- Cross country team scoring

Accomplishments

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- Records ratified and recommended to the Board for approval

Goals Not Yet Met

- Implement plan for female cross country distances
- Recommendation of changes to cross country scoring to send to the Board
- Policy and Procedure document split – review and submit to board
- Updates on Midget and Youth long hurdle changes
- Offering of a Bantam track event between the distances of 150m and 800m

Near-Term Plans

- Discussion on Bantam Tetrathlon as a championship offering
- Bring up preferred lanes for indoor championships
- Find remaining unresolved issues from past Technical Committee meetings

Formal Motions to the Board

None at this time

Informal Recommendation(s)

The technical committee has been responsive to the topics and issues at hand. A scheduled timeline for the year would be beneficial for all members. Also the committee should be allowed/encouraged to reach out to other members in the association on topics that are being proposed on Technical Committee meetings in order give broader recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Technical Committee, Staff

cc: Technical Committee