

President: Christina Yarmul, Vice President: Dan Pierce, Treasurer: Carol Berglio, Secretary: Rochelle White

## **USATF Colorado Annual Meeting Minutes (DRAFT as of 9/14/25)**

Sep 7, 2025 1:00pm-4pm

Presiding Officer: Christina Yarmul

Meeting Started at 1:03pm

Welcome - Christina Yarmul

- O Quorum established 10
  - Christina Yarmul, Carol Berglio, Rochelle White, Liz Shepard, Jim Berglio, Ben Whisenton, Ed Halik, Roman Marnin, Dan Pierce, Augustine Aygei
  - Attendance total: 21 people
- 3rd Quarter Meeting Minutes Tabled until Andy is available. Will require approval at the next meeting.
- Board Member Introductions
- Correspondence/President Report
  - National Annual Meeting
    - 2025 Agenda shortened to Friday/Saturday.
      - National Office has structured the meeting with the bulk of the process to be handled hybrid style prior to the in-person delegate meeting.
    - Application process. Board members must submit an attendance request for selection to the 2025 Annual Meeting.
      - In person (certain # of delegates)
      - Hybrid (online)
      - CO Association is required to send 3 delegates in person)
    - CO Budget amount to be reviewed with the updated annual meeting structure
    - CO applications will be sent out this month for delegate selection
- Reports of Officers and Board
  - O Vice President Dan Pierce
    - Dan Pierce suggests earlier planning meetings for Association events and information.
    - USATF Masters and Open Championships will be combined for 2026
    - Missing Open Championships for 2025
  - o Treasurer Carol Berglio

- 2025 Budget Report
  - Reports Submitted and presented by Carol Berglio.
  - Carol mentioned CO in a good position as an association to date.
  - Annual Awards Banquet Fund
- 2026 Budget Approval
  - Carol to send the updated budget to Andy to place on the website
  - Outdoor Budget
  - Meet Expenses (to include officials, athletic trainers officials/volunteer meals)
    - Meet Revenue Expectations
      - T-Shirt Revenue
      - Potential Increase in Entry Fees
        - Club meets can set their entry fees
      - Officials stipend potential increase due to officials' national level status..
  - Cross Country budget based on estimate of 700 entries
  - Youth JO, Open and Masters Championship to be held:
    - 6/13-14 CE & Masters Open Championships (forecasted dates)
    - o 6/27-28 JO Championships (forecasted dates)
  - Carol is proposing to include Colorado HS students athletes to increase numbers to the CE and Masters Open meets to boost revenue.
- Motion to approve 2026 budget by Liz Shepard. Motion passes.
  - Approval 20
  - Nay 1
  - Obstain 0
- Secretary Rochelle White
  - Keeping up to date with National Office requests via email and confirming accreditation status.
- Reports of Committees
  - High Performance: Men's T&F, Women's T&F, RaceWalk
    - Men's Open Chris Turner (Not Present)
      - Report submitted and presented by Secretary Rochelle White.
      - Several National Rankings and qualifying marks from the USATF Senior Indoor Championships in Staten Island, NY.. Several CO athletes were selected to compete at the 2025 World Athletics Championship in Nanjing China.
      - Goals highlighted:

- In cooperation with CO Women's Track and Field Chair financial stipends being considered for several eligible athletes from the association.
- Commitment to athlete preparation and competition success.
- Women's Open Lindsay Mintor (Not Present)
  - Report to be presented at the next meeting.
- Racewalk Liz Shepard
  - Report submitted and presented by Liz Shepard.
  - Goals highlighted:
    - Creating a CO Racewalk site to house updated information, records, and racewalking information for future.
- Long Distance Running: (Open) Chris McDonald
  - Report submitted and presented by Christina Yarmul.
  - Chris McDonald to work with local groups to continue providing successful meets.
- General Competitive: Masters T&F, Youth T&F
- Master's Roman Marenin
  - Indoor Regional Championship (Association Championship) was a great successful meet.
  - June 22, 2025 Masters Mid-America Region Outdoor Championships meet was held in Crete Nebraska; proved to be cost effective.
  - July 31st CO Association Championship a success.
  - Gainsville, FL Masters National/World Record sunset
  - National Mark Hustad won award
  - The 2026 Mid Region Outdoor Championship is proposed to be held in Fort Collins or Pueblo. Further discussion. Potentially to be held early February.
  - National Masters Championship Indoor.
    - Mention of bidding for future Outdoor Masters National Championship to be held in Colorado.
- Youth Augustine Agyei
  - June 27th-28, 2025 Outdoor JO's good quality event held.
  - Working to bridge the gap with XC. Brainstorming ideas to increase participation.
  - November 2nd USATF Colorado JO Cross Country Championships to be held in Morrison (Fehringer Ranch Park)
  - Dan Pierce mentioned USATF is undergoing changes to the bidding dates for Nationals between USATF and AAU.

- o Officials Jim Breglio
  - UCCS has asked to have USATF Officials to hold a clinic to train their officials
  - Upcoming Officials Clinics to be held soon. Dates forthcoming.
  - 2025 Officials Numbers Colorado has 83 certified officials across the following levels:
    - Apprentice
    - Association
    - Masters
    - National
  - Encourage officials to add Para Certifications to their credentials for 2026 (only one level to complete for para certification).
  - Parent presented questions about para officials being present to acknowledge para records at meets. Dan Pierce addressed the questions.
- o Development Group (Open)
  - No Report
- Membership and Sanctions Andy Martin (Not Present)
  - Report presented by Carol Berglio
  - Memberships fluctuation due to indoor facilities availability.
  - **2025** 
    - Members down 3% from 2024
    - Adult
    - Club consistent from 2024 (down 3
    - Youth
  - Safe Sport Sanctions and Liability Insurance.
    - Carol encouraging teams to purchase USATF insurance opposed to 3rd party vendors.
- Unfinished Business
  - o None
- New Business
  - Safe Sport Chair/Coordinator
    - Safe Sport Updates/Reminders
  - o LDR Chair
  - Paralympics Committee Nomination
    - President, Christina Yarmul to table nominations and open positions for further discussion at the next meeting.
  - Ed Halik mentioned that there will not be a usual annual meeting in 2026.
    National Meeting to be a hybrid style with only certain delegates attending in person.

- Carol mentioned the budget numbers were approved from 2025 before the updates from the national office were sent out.
- Dan Pierce mentioned the committee to meet to discuss the annual meeting criteria for 2025.
- State requirements for new Colorado SB24-113 ruling mentioned. More information to come.
- Special Presentations & Acknowledgements
  - o Birthdays & Milestones
    - Congratulations to Mark Husted as a recipient of the 2025 Masters National Age Group Award in Distance.
    - Congratulations to Carol Berglio set to compete at World Masters Championships Wallongong, Australia 2025 representing Team USA! She has also qualified to compete at the ½ Iron Man in Niece, France September 2026.

## Closing

- Meeting Adjournment
  - Liz Shepard made a motion to adjourn at 15:42.
  - Motion approved by Christina Yarmul. The meeting adjourned.