

USATF National Convention December 3-7 2008

Mountain Ultra Trail Report

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- Elections were held for the Chair and Vice Chair of the MUT Council.
 - A. Nancy Hobbs was elected Chair and
 - B. Roy Pirung was elected Vice Chair.
- The minutes from the 2007 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved.
- The council discussed finances, namely. how they could increase funding for MUT athletes to support their efforts to enter and participate in national and international meets.
- A discussion was had on the use of headphones by the athletes while competing in championship and non championship events.
 - A. Under USATF rules, the use of headphones is banned but the question was raised as to whether this rule is uniformly enforced or if it can be enforced at all. It was suggested that if it was enforced you would lose up to half your entrants in some races.
 - B. Then it was discussed as to whether the rule breaking athlete should be disqualified during or after the race.
 - C. Finally, the group decided that in non championship races, it should be left to the discretion of the race directors.
- Another item that came up in discussion was the use of pacers in 100K and 100 mile races.
 - A. It was felt that pacing should be allowed in those races, meaning that the competing athlete could have someone join the race in progress.
 - B. They could not provide any supplies nor could aid be rendered except in designated aid areas.
- The 2009 schedule for national and international championships was released
 - A. National Meets:
 - 1 March 1, 2009 50K Road, Long Island New York
 - 2 March 14, 2009 Marathon Catalina
 - 3 June 28, 2009 USA Mtn/ NACAC Selection Race
 - 4 July 18, 2009 100 Mile Trail
 - 5 July 25, 2009 50 Mile Trail White River
 - 6 July 26, 2009 Mountain Team selection Colorado Springs
 - 7 August 22, 2009 100k Trail Waldo, Oregon
 - 8 October 3, 2009 50 Mile Road Tussey Mtn, Pa.

B. International Meets

- 1 May 2, 2009 24 hours Bergamo, Italy
 - 2 June 19, 2009 100k Belgium
 - 3 July 12, 2009 IAU Trail World Challenge France
 - 4 September 6, 2009 World Mountain Championships Campoldicino, Italy
 - 5 September 12, 2009 World Masters Mountain Zagreb, Croatia
- Additionally, the process of ratifying pending records was discussed with the expiration date of five years from the occurrence of the record performance.
 - Finally, John Tenboeck was recognized for his years of service to the MUT Council.