

Cross Country Council

Conference Room 8

Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 9:30 AM – 11:20 AM

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am

Report on 2015 Events

1. The 2015 USA Cross Country Championships, was held at Flatiron Golf Course in Boulder, Colorado. Over 500 athletes competed for national titles in six championship races and about \$50,000 in prize money.
2. Over 1930 athletes competed at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships, which is a forty percent increase.
3. Team USA did very well at the inaugural Pan Am Cup Cross Country Championships in Barranquilla, Colombia on February 22.

Report on Upcoming Event

1. The 2015 USATF National Club Cross Country Championships is scheduled for Saturday, December 12 at San Francisco's Golden Gate Park
2. The 2015 USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships are scheduled for Saturday, December 12 Albuquerque, NM
3. The 2016 USA Cross Country Championships is scheduled for February 6 in Bend, Oregon
4. The 2016 USATF Masters 5km Cross Country Championships are scheduled for February at Apalachee Regional Park Tallahassee, Florida
5. The 2016 Pan Am Cup Cross Country Championships is scheduled for March 6-7 in Venezuela
6. The 2016 USATF National Cross Country Championships are scheduled for December 10 at scheduled for February at Apalachee Regional Park Tallahassee, Florida

Report on Issues, Concerns and Information

The big topic was on gender equality on competing over the same distance regardless of gender. The IAAF World Cross Country Championships will cover 10km for both genders. There were discussions on changing USATF seniors and juniors distances. They were saying everyone should run the same distance. The 2017 USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships bid was rejected even though Tallahassee, Florida has one of the nation supreme courses. They needs to be some rule change in order to properly score the USATF National Junior Olympic Championships.

Gary Beswick – Florida Association Cross Country Chair