



TEAM MANAGER MEETING MINUTES

FRYDAY 31 MARCH 2023

Opening of the meeting 9:00 am

Alan Bell

Again, yesterday everything was going well; there were very good performances. The championships are excellent, partly because of the outstanding Polish judges. Alan thanks Helena Carvalho, along the team of international officials, especially for her work in the call room. Incredibly remarkable is that they do their job really calmly and well organized.

Margit states that yesterday she had a marvelous day with Cherry Alexander. Cherry experienced what master athletics means; she was amazed about the level of the competition, all going on the same time, and well organized. It is good to have feedback from the 'outside'; this feedback to WA will be very positive.

Yesterday there was an unfortunate incident. An athlete fell down, banged her head, and was unconscious for a while. She was brought to the hospital. The First Aid help in the Arena was first class. The athlete is back in her hotel now.

Michael Serralta

The pole vault stands were broken, but now we are back on schedule. There was a safety problem on the track, but that has been solved.

There were some problems with the seeding, but Sandy will take care of it for today. Tomorrow the lights in the hall must be on at 7.00 am; pole vault will start at 8.00 am.

Team managers: the forms for the relays must be handed over in TIC before 12.00 today. A maximum of 7 athletes can be on the list; 4 out of these 7 athletes will run; the order need not to be specified.

In the call room will be explained where the first athlete can cut in. There are 2 separate relays: 4x200 (M & W) and 4x200 mixed. So an athlete can compete in both, possibly in 2 different age groups. The mixed relays are an experiment for WMA; team managers are asked to give their feedback. It is a chance for athletes from little countries to run in a relay team.

Sandy Pashkin

Yesterday it was 'record day': there were 5 WRs (60m., 200m., 800m. and triple jump). Sandy will recheck the seedings of the 200m. and 1500m. today.

Archie Jenkins

Archie gave some additional information about the half marathon. The PowerPoint presentation will be posted on WMAI website.

Alan

On behalf of WMA Alan thanks Slawek and his team for their great job in this championship.

They've got well-deserved big applause from the team managers.

Alan states that it was again a remarkable experience here in Torun. The overall management was close to perfection, given the number of athletes.

And: thanks to the team managers, he had not that much work. We are working together to give the athletes a good experience.

And a 'thank you' also for Alan's team.

On behalf of the team managers Verne Christensen says to the LOC and the whole team:

Dziękuję bardzo !!

and to the WMA group as well.

Vern tells: yesterday it affected me personally: Slawek said to him: "when I was in North America, they helped me when I had some problems. Now I gave back to you, what the people did for me."

What goes around that comes around.

Closing of the meeting at 9.35 am.

There will be NO team managers meeting on the last day of competition, tomorrow (Saturday)