



TEAM MANAGER TECHNICAL MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 2024

Alan Bell: opens the Meeting at 9.00

Michael Serralta: Due to the rain, yesterday we had two groups of Pole Vault in the warming-up hall. It worked well. No written questions today.

Michael thanks all Team Managers for their behaviour and good cooperation.

Mikael Romell (LOC): 4 x 400 relays will start from 10.00 tomorrow; time table will be on website this afternoon.

Margit: it will be very busy day at the Medal Ceremonies tomorrow, so for the teams there will be no national anthems. Diplomas will be presented at the Medal Ceremony.

Vesna Repic: Presentation 20K Road Race Walk (will be send to the TMs).

HKG: Location of the personal refreshments: opposite of the water station; put it on the table yourself (TM or athlete).

FRA: will cut times be equal for men and women: yes.

Sandy Pashin: so far there are 69 Championships records and 96 World Records set in this Championship.

AUT: will there be live stream of the 10K RR Walk? Yes: the finish will be covered.

Lynne Schickert: we would like to take a group photo with the Dague delegation, with as many people as possible, during the Medal Ceremony on Sunday at 5 p.m. Please: be there!

Alan Bell: since this is the last TMs Meeting we would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to the LOC. We had a valued partner in the Swedish Athletics Federation.

He gives the floor to Stefan Ollson, Secretary of the Swedish Athletics Federation.

Stefan Ollson: we went for a mission: we applied for WMAC since 2016. We've had a pandemic, we hoped and after that we've had a lot of work.

We've had a constructive cooperation between the Swedish Athletics Federation and WMA.

Stefan asks for a big applause for his team: Anders, Eva-Lena, Mikael, Anders and all the others. They did an amazing job in the preparations. He is very happy with his team.

Gothenburg is not a big city, but Gothenburg loves athletics, and the city was very happy to host you as guests.

Stefan thanks the Swedish' Team Managers Karin, Roger, Anders and Mikael who managed the group of 2.000 Swedish athletes very well. Thanks to them the Swedish athletes had a 'big party' of friendship, happiness here and they have experienced it is important to do 'Athletics for life'.

Stefan: I used to be mainly involved with young children in athletics, but now I love masters in athletics !

Kalle Glomsaker NOR: I was a Team Manager from 1989, but now I'm proud to be a Scandinavian. We've had a very good cooperation between LOC, WMA and the Team Managers. Congratulations to LOC, WMA and the Swedish Athletics Federation for managing this big Championship with over 8.000 athletes from 110 different countries. WMA has a good staff, there was a good cooperation with LOC. Kalle: I've never seen this before.

On behalf of the Team Managers: congratulations to Stefan and the LOC team!

Alan: from day one WMA thinks: we have created a monster. LOC organized a very big competition, all kinds of things happened and many solutions had to be found: it was an unique process. We have a group of experienced International Officials to help in the competition. In the first days we've had some issues, also due to adding the system because of these large numbers of athletes and events. Evidentially the monster has been tamed !

Team Managers had small issues, no major problems.
The only thing we couldn't control is the weather.
There is growth in our masters athletics movement; performances rises to a higher level.
A benchmark has been set here. For Daegu the bar is high!

Alan: I, as Vice President Competition, can't be anybody's friend.....it's a matter of mutual respect.
We will meet again on the next occasion: thank you all for your support!

The minutes of the daily Team Managers Meeting can be found at:
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No Team Managers Meeting on the last day of competition, Sunday 25 th. August.