



Members Present: Valaree Foss, Paul Morency, John Sinclair, Dennis Kunces, Rolland Ranson, Don Berry, Ron Kelly, Taylor Harmon, Joanne Petkus, Tom Eastler

President Valaree Foss called the meeting to order at 16:39 hrs.

Secretary's Report: President Foss accepted the September 2005 minutes with one amendment, that ME-USATF was the recipient of the 2004 Gold Association Award for Recognition of Outstanding Association by the USATF Associations Committee, motion made by (DB) seconded by (JS).

Treasurer's Report: Dennis reported that the association has \$ 9, 028.55 dollars in the checking account. Motion to accept made by (DB), seconded by (JS), and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Athlete Membership: Paul reported that as of October 22, 2005 we have 1490 members in ME-USATF.

Clubs and Sanctioned Events: Clubs: 49 Sanctions: 51

Officials: Don reported that several people have not re-certified and that he will be sending out letters to those in question. Don is in the process of mailing certification badges to people with test score results, most will be in the mail by Monday afternoon.

You can now download materials for officials tests and registration forms on our web site at www.meusatf.org, go to the official's section of the web page.

Masters/Open: Joanne reported to the board on the Championship meet held in July 2005. She gave monies from the meet to the treasurer. Her ideas for the next year are to revise the meet application to one page, have a place for team application, if possible in the future have a championship medal done up, and award a patch also to each event, age group winner. In 2006, have the meets in July on Wednesday not on Friday and the Championship meet in the third Wednesday in July of every coming year, so a confirmed date will be known. Joanne has e-mails out to Lynn Ruddy at Bowdoin College for the indoor meet at this time, shooting for late weekend in February 2006.

M/W & Masters LDR: Val requested from the board to make contact with Jerry LeVasseur to become the new chair as Kevin Russell has a new child and can not devote the time to the position, board members agreed and she'll make contact with Jerry.

Cross Country: Val introduced Taylor Harmon as the new Cross Country representative to the ME-USATF board. Valaree also presented to Taylor the 2005 Presidential Award from the 2005 Awards Banquet that Taylor wasn't able to attend.



Race Walk: Tom reported that the Race Walk Camp went very well this past July. Tom has submitted the name of David Baldwin for the race walk contributor of the year, and also ME-USATF as the race walk association of the year to the USATF Racewalk National Committee. Tom reported that many high school kids were taken out of state within the last year to compete at different meets around the country and all the athletes competed very well within those meets.

Youth Athletics / Cross Country: Ron passed out information about the upcoming cross country season and meet schedule. Rooms have been booked with the University of Maine – Augusta Campus for the state cross country meet to be held on Nov 13, 2005 in Augusta, ME. Discussion was held about the last 14-Under state meet with Ron and Tom as to having the race walk distances extended. John proposed that the 400M go to 800M for the 8-Unders, 9-10 would do 800M, 11-12 would do 1500M and 13-14 stay the same, this item was approved by the board. The parade will stay the same and if an event like the high jump is in progress we will wait till that age division is done competition before starting the parade. To help with teaching the proper race walk technique, coaches can go to www.Racewalk.com for more assistance. There will also be a flyer printed and mailed out to all clubs before the summer track & field season starts; as to where racewalk clinics will be held and who to contact to schedule a racewalk clinic. Val requested that the \$ 7.00 fee be done away with for the coming year.

Old Business:

2005 USATF National Convention: Val reminded those members planning to attend the national convention to get their registration form completed and into Paul so he can send it in. If you haven't received the form, contact Valaree ASAP.

Association's Workshop Report-Criminal Background Checks: Paul reported that he had not received a reply from the National office as of the meeting date and would look into it further.

Tom had a request for the National Associations Committee of USATF that these committees clarify for ME-USATF the following questions with regard to the impending background check Legislation:

- A. Can the background checks identify and individuals who are not already convicted felons, pedophiles or other types of criminals. If not how does the background check purpose to identify potential criminals?
- B. Can the background checks identify said criminals in all states and associations equally?

Membership Restructuring: Val reported that there is a possibility that USATF will be going up on the fees charged for membership in 2006. Paul is on the AEC board now and has made recommendations that the fee stay the same as is now, will know more after the annual convention as it will be voted on there.

Meet Selection Dates for 2006: Val requested that all chairs have dates in mind for 2006 meets so we can post them as soon as possible, due date will be January 2006.



Purchase of Radios: Val advised the board that ten (10) 5-watt radios, with 10 channels each had been purchased from Yankee Communications and were ready for use at meets.

New Business:

2006 ME-USATF Committee Appointments:

President Foss made the following appointments for 2006:

Officials:	Don Berry
Masters & Open T&F:	Joanne Petkus
Cross Country:	Taylor Harmon
M/W Race Walking:	Tom Eastler
Youth Athletics:	Ron Kelly
Men's T&F:	Rolland Ranson
Women's T&F:	Stefanie Foss-Worster
M/W & Masters LDR:	(pending) Jerry LeVasseur

Website Payment: Val will pay the website bill as soon as she gets the address from Marty Thornton.

2007 National Masters Meet: Rolland reported that things are in the works, is in the process of meeting with university personnel about getting sponsors for the meet.

Clinic Proposal: Rolland is looking at having clinics at the University of Maine at Orono this year and request that ME-USATF be a co-sponsor. Some of the clinics would be for women's pole vault, and other half-day clinics in field events. Tom made a motion that ME-USATF cover the sanction for these clinics, seconded by (JS) and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 18:52 hrs

Next meeting will be held at Taylor Harmon's residence after the MEUSATF Championship State Cross County M / Region 1 Qualifying meet in Augusta at the University of Maine – Augusta Campus on November 13, 2005. The directions to Taylor's residents will have to be attached within the Nov.'s agenda.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul W. Morency
Secretary