Members Present: Valaree Foss, Paul Morency, John Sinclair, Taylor Harmon, Ron Kelly, John Sinclair, and Jerry LeVasseur.

President Valaree Foss called the meeting to order at 16:30 hrs.

Secretary's Report: Motion made by (JS), seconded by (RK) to accept the minutes of last meeting, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Val passed out copies of the treasurer's report for Dennis, as he was unable to attend. In the report the association has $8192.06 in checking account. Ron was given a check for the Regional Meet next week. Ron made motion to have the CD's moved to Saco/Biddeford Savings as their rate of interest is one of the best in the state at this time, and to have them run for a six month period, motion seconded by (JS) vote was 5 in favor one abstaining. Motion made by (PM), seconded by (JS) to accept the report with motion passing unanimously to accept treasurer's report as amended.

Committee Reports:

Athlete Membership: Paul reported that as of November 12, 2005 we have 1527 (05), 34 (06) members in ME-USATF.

Clubs and Sanctioned Events: Clubs: 49 Sanctions: 55

Officials: Val reported for Don that the Association would like to thank all those officials that made the meet go so well earlier in the 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: John reported to Joanne that the State Masters/Open Meet would be held in 2006 on the 3rd Saturday in July, site to be determined. Val will make contact with Joanne to see if she has secured a site for the Open/Masters indoor meet and have her start re-vamping the athlete entry application forms for both indoor and outdoor meets.

M/W & Masters LDR: Jerry LeVasseur was introduced to the board by president Foss. Jerry has some ideas for a Grand Prix series, this was discussed with the board, and further talks will take place to get the series off the ground. Jerry has a long distance background and presented some very good ideas to the board.

Cross Country: Taylor had some questions of the board that were discussed and he will work with Val, Ron, and Jerry about promoting cross country in the coming year.

Race Walk: No Report Given.

Youth Athletics / Cross Country: Ron and the Maine Association just finished up the cross country season with our Region 1 qualifying meet in Augusta earlier in the afternoon. Teams were formed before the meet and Maine should have a good representation at Region 1. Ron will be attending the meet in RI. The new radio's worked very well at the meet.

Old Business:

2005 USATF National Convention: Val reminded those members planning to attend the national convention that there would be a motion voted on at the first general session for a re-vote for the position of USATF Secretary and that all delegates from Maine should plan on being in attendance if possible.

Criminal Background Checks: Paul reported that he had received E-mail from Andy Martin at USATF that stated we should be able to vote on the background checks with the material that was presented at the Associations Conference in August 2005. No action taken by the board at this time.

Membership Restructuring: Val reported that the ME-USATF board has set its rates for the coming year (2006) as of October 2005; hopefully there will not be a significant increase in fees if any at all. The board will fight for a **no** fee increase at convention, and will deal with the matter if it needs to be looked at later on.

Web Site: Val has paid the website payment for the next two years as of this date.

New Business:

Blistered Foot News Letter: Val would like to have one printed for the winter of 2005, early 2006 at the latest with a possible meet registration form for the indoor meet; the newsletter to include; fall cross country, region 1 meet and brief reports from all committee chairs.

New Banquet-Awards: Val would like input as to having a separate awards banquet for the cross-country youth athletes in early 2006 for the 2005 and 2006 awards. This would separate that summer track awards from the cross-country program, with the summer track awards still being held in September when we hold the annual meeting. Please send your thoughts on this to Val. This will be discussed again at January 2006 meeting of the board.

State Parks & Recreation Meeting: Val and Paul attended the November meeting of the Maine State Parks & Recreation Assoc in Waterville, Me. on 10 November 2005. Paul and Val both answered questions from board members about the background checks and fees for the coming year.

Permanent Suspension: The board was informed of an athlete/coach who has received a permanent suspension from competition/coaching by the national office of USATF Inc.

Criteria for Top Female & Male / Combined Team Awards: The board is looking into different ways to make this more in line with awards now given out and the criteria to receive these awards. More information to follow as terms for the awards are worked out.

Meeting adjourned at 18:44 hrs

Next meeting to be determined after the National Convention will be in the Augusta area in January.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul W. Morency
Secretary