



**Maine Association of USATF
Annual Meeting**

**Sept 24, 2005
Best West
Waterville, ME**

Members Present: Valaree Foss, Paul Morency, John Sinclair, Dennis Kunces, Rolland Ransom, Don Berry, Stefanie Foss-Worster and Kurt Mathieus (Hampden TC).

President Valaree Foss called the meeting to order at 13:20 hrs.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were not taken at last gathering of Board, as there was no quorum to conduct business after the Maine State Youth State Championship 14-Under Meet.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis reported that the association has \$ 14,012.28 dollars in the checking account. Motion to accept made by (PM), seconded by (JS), and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Athlete Membership: Paul reported that as of September 23, 2005 we have 1479 members in ME-USATF.

Clubs and Sanctioned Events: Clubs: 48 Sanctions: 49

Officials: Don reported that he has received all USATF-ME officials certification badges from Jim Flanik and will be mailing them out to all officials that have completed their testing. He still has some forms that need to go to national as soon as some people return the information sheet into him - Don. In the future renewing officials paperwork and upgrades will be handled in state, only **new** officials will have to have there paperwork go to national committee. We have 55 USATF certified officials at this time; Don will be sending a letter to all officials that have not re-certified stating until they do so their not to wear any "certified official" lapel pins, shirts that have the USATF Certified Official's logo on them during any meet.

Paul reported that we have been awarded a \$ 2,000.00 grant to purchase a Track Master Weights & Measures system for the association. We will have to submit a six month and one year report to the national office as to how the system is being used. Don will be conducting classes with the new system to bring more officials up to speed on weights & measures. The system will be available to use at our meets and others in the state as needed, the board will setup guidelines for its use by other groups.

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: No Report Given. Discussion - Tabled. John stated that he was happy with the summer track July series.

Race Walk: No Report Given, Discussion - Tabled. Val reported that she and Paul went to the JR National RW Championships in Bar Harbor.

LDR: No Report Given, Discussion -Tabled.

Youth Athletics / Cross Country: No Report Given. Discussion - Tabled. Val did pass out the fall cross-country schedule for review.

M/W & Masters LDR: No Report Given

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 on the background checks that will become mandatory in 2007 and optional in 2006. Paul made motion to table implementation of checks till final draft is done and received from USATF, with a vote at that time as to implementation in 2006 or 2007, seconded by (DB), passed unanimously.

New Business:

Election of Officers 2006: Paul read the Nomination Committee report; after a request for nominations from the floor, the secretary cast vote one in the affirmative for all nominated officials of ME-USATF, as officers for 2006.

President: Valaree Foss

Vice President: John Sinclair

Secretary: Paul Morency

Treasurer: Dennis Kunces

2007 National Masters Meet: Rolland reported that things are in the works for the meet and will have updates in the future.

Future Purchase of Mobil Radio's: Val reported that she had been in contact with Yankee Communications for the purchase of 10 - 5 watt radio's to be used at ME-USATF meets. Price is \$150.00 per radio with charger for each. Discussion was held on this. Motion made by (JS) to purchase 10 radio's w/chargers from Yankee Communications, seconded by (DB), passed unanimously.

Membership Restructuring: Val reported that USATF board is looking at a downsizing, and a possible fee increase for membership dues. **The Board of ME-USATF strongly opposes any increase in membership fees.** All interested parties should send your comments via E-mail to the USATF National Office – Bill Roe; bill.roe@usatf and or Karen Krasak n2track@aol.com before Oct. 31, 05.

Quarterly Meetings: Val made a request to have quarterly meetings in the future, or to have them at the same time as we are having a meet, clinic. Discussion was held on the matter. We will keep meeting as they are in our by-laws.

2006 Meet Dates: Val requested all committee chairs have meet dates / sites for 2006 set by January 2006 so they can be posted.

14-UNDER Championship Meet: Kurt Mathieus – Hampden TC Director, had some comments about the running of the state 14 under meet and some idea's for changing parts of the meet. Discussion was held on the matters, vote was tabled till both the RW and Youth Chairs were able to respond to requests. Kurt is a representative from the Maine Parks & Recreation Committee; Valaree asked Kurt the committee's next meeting date / site being held and a representative from MEUSATF to attend. Kurt will be in contact with Val with the meeting information.

Meeting adjourned at 15:40hrs

**Next meeting will be held after the Cross Country meet in Augusta on Oct 23rd , 2005.
Meeting site to be determined – re: local restaurant.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul W. Morency
Secretary