



Members Present: Valaree Foss, Don Berry, Paul Morency, John Sinclair, Ron Kelly, Diane Fournier, Marty Kahler, Stefanie Foss-Worster, Taylor Harmon, Marty Thornton, Dave Thornton, Rolland Ranson, George Mendros, Kurt Mathis, Stephen Foss.

President Valaree Foss called the meeting to order at 13:15 hrs.

Election of Officers 2006-2007: Valaree asked if there were any nominations from the floor, hearing none, Don Berry made a motion that the board elect and have the secretary cast one vote for the following slate of officers, seconded by (JS):

President - Valaree Foss

Vice President - Marty Kahler

Secretary - Paul Morency

Treasurer - Dennis Kunces

President Valaree Foss stated that all Committee Chair appointments will be made at the Nov. 5th, 2006 meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report: Valaree passed out report from Dennis. Motion was made by (JP), seconded by (JS) to accept report as written, passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Athlete Membership/Clubs: Clubs: 48 Memberships 2006: 1499 x-o: 45

Event Sanctions: 50

Officials: Don Berry reported that he has three more officials that he has certified since the last meeting. The new computer program for certification is still being tested and should be out by convention time. We are back into the 70's for a total of officials in the association. Clinics will be held in Bath, Orono and one other site TBD.

Master's & Open T&F: Report tabled by President Foss.

Race Walk: Report tabled by President Foss.

Youth Athletics: Ron reported that the 2006 Youth State meet went well, heard no complaints from anyone about paying the family \$1.00 fee at the gate to help pay for the officials. Ron has three clubs that still owe fees and should have this resolved in a week or so. The cross-country schedule is out on the web at this time.

M/W & Master's LDR: Valaree reported for Jerry that the Open/Masters LDR Championships would be held at Twin Brooks in Cumberland on **OCT. 7th, 2006**. This will also be the last event of



Maine USATF Grand Prix Series.

Cross-Country: Taylor has meet with the new grounds person at University of Maine-Augusta and he walked the trails with Taylor. Taylor made the point that this person is going to make sure for our meets that the course is ready to run as long as we give him two days notice. We will keep the course at 5K for the Championship meet.

President Foss made a motion to take the agenda out of order, seconded by (PM), passed unanimously.

New Business:

Membership Restructuring- Increase in USATF Membership Fees- Beginning Nov 1, 2006:

The word has come down from USATF that there will be an increase of fees for Youth & Adults beginning November 1, 2006. The new fee structure will be \$19.95 for youth, and \$29.95 for Adult. The Maine Association of USATF does not have to follow this price increase and may set fees for our Association.

Two part motion made by Ron: Part 1; increase adults to \$25.00; Part 2; increase youth to \$14.00 per year. Seconded by (JS). Discussion held. Question called, vote taken and passed, 9 for and 5 against. New fees as of Nov 1st, 2006 - Adults: \$25.00, Youth: \$14.00.

So you can understand the national fee structure here is a breakdown of what they will receive and what the association would receive if we went with their plan.

YOUTH: \$19.95 Association Allocation: \$10.00 National Allocation: \$9.95
ADULT: \$29.95 Association Allocation: \$15.00 National Allocation: \$14.95

Maine USATF Association WILL CHARGE THE FOLLOWING:

YOUTH: \$14.00 Association Allocation: \$4.05 National Allocation: \$9.95 Total: \$14.00
ADULT: \$25.00 Association Allocation: \$10.05 National Allocation: \$14.95 Total: \$25.00

We as an Association do not want to pass such a large increase onto our members, but also need to look at running the association in a prudent manner and believe this is possible with the fees we have set forth.

Background Checks: Paul reported that these checks would come into effect as of January 2007. More information for clubs will be forth coming and mailed to all clubs. Paul made motion that the ME-USATF charge a fee of \$ 5.00 per background check, seconded by (MK), motion passed unanimously.

2007 Meet Selection Dates & Sites: Val requested that all dates and sites be setup by the end of January 2007 for the coming year.



Officials- Meet Application Form: Val requested from Don that the form be ready for the next meeting in November 2006.

Blistered Foot Newsletter: Val reported that at the Associations Conference it was stated that the newsletter from an Association could be done on line only if so voted. Motion made by Paul to have the *Blistered Foot News Letter* as web site on line version only. Discussion held, motion passed, 12 for 2 against.

2007 Directors & Officers Insurance: Val stated that we would look into this in November to make sure we have it when the background checks start.

PR Moose Milers Proposal: Val passed around correspondence from the Moose Milers Club and some of there concerns, and a proposal to assist in Grand Prix Series, these will be addressed a future board meetings, and response was sent to club.

Moose Logo Window Cling: Stefanie reported that she and Val had gone to person that could do up a window cling that the officials could sell at the Masters National Meet in August 2007. She passed around some samples and further discussion will occur with the university about selling them.

Youth "8& under" Race Walking Distance for 2007: Ron made motion that the 8 & under race walk event for 2007 be 800 meters instead of the 400 meters, seconded by (JS). Vote taken after discussion and passed unanimously.

Officials Yearly Dues - 2007: Don made motion that the officials dues will be \$20.00 for 2007, seconded by (PM), discussion held, question called. Vote was 9 for and 2 against of members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

2006 National Convention: Val reported that rooms are going fast and those that will be attending need to go on line and register. Val stated that at the present time these are the following persons going: Val Foss, Mary Helen Baldwin, Don Berry, Paul Morency, Rolland Ranson, Joanne Petkis, Stefanie Foss-Worster, and Ron Kelly.

Associations Conference 2006: Val reported that Maine was one two associations that were awarded the Gold Association Award for 2005. This is the third Gold award for the association in the last four years.

2007 USATF Master's National Championship Meet: Rolland reported that the dates are set; the meet will be held at the University of Maine, Orono, Maine on August 2 thru August 5, 2007. Planning has begun, and there will be a meeting on Oct 27, 2006 at the University. There is a time line done for planning of the meet. The University President and Athletic Director are very much involved in the planning of this meet.



Canadian Exchange T&F and Cross-Country: Rolland stated that there are some clubs in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia area that would like to come to our 14-Under meets. President Foss extended an open welcome to them. They would have to follow all youth and USATF rules as far as age and gender.

2007 Indoor Championship Meet: Rolland stated that the date will be confirmed when he gets back to the University. He stated us - MEUSATF, as an association may have to pay a fee for the facility. The board stated that it would be willing to pay between \$500-\$800 for the event.

Annual Meeting Adjourned at 17:12 hrs

Next meeting: To be held after the cross country meet at the **Augusta Ground Round** in the "Board Meeting Room" off the main dining area on **Nov 5th 2006**. Approximate meeting start time – 3pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul W. Morency
Secretary