



Members Present: Valaree Foss, Don Berry, Dennis Kunces, Paul Morency, John Sinclair, Joanne Petkis, Ron Kelly, Diane Fournier, Jerry LeVasseur, Dave Watson, and Marty Kahler and Steve Ballou.

President Valaree Foss called the meeting to order at 12:45 hrs.

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

Treasurer's Report: Dennis reported that we have \$5,483.93 in checking at the present time. Motion was made by (JP), seconded by (JS) to accept report as given, passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Athlete Membership/Clubs: Clubs: 42 Memberships 2006: 172 x-o: 24

Event Sanctions: 10

Officials: Don Berry reported that we just finished our fourth official's clinic of the year with about 12 people in attendance, and a good number of them were new people. Six new officials have turned in paperwork to Don just from the Orono clinic. Don reported that at least two Master level officials have not re-certified as of yet and he may look into dropping those persons from the Masters down to the National level ranks. Don reported that new forms are being tested at this time and will cut down on the certification paperwork and time factor to getting your new ID.

Master's & Open T&F: Joanne reported that she was in contact with Chuck Record from METCA and is working on the Wednesday night meets with their group; we have given them our dates for meets in June & July.

The date has been set for the Maine USATF Open/Masters Championship Meet, it will be held the 22nd of July 2006 in Lewiston, Maine at the Franklin Pastures Athletic Facility. Joanne heard nothing back from Bates College so we will be having the meet at Lewiston.

Meet dates again are June 21, 28, July 5 & 12, with the Championship Meet on the 22nd of July. (The June & July meet dates are also for the 15-18 year old athletes to compete).

Everyone on the board was asked to start looking for a place to hold an indoor meet this winter and have a confirmed site by August 2006.

Race Walk: Val reported that Tom could not attend as he was at the selection meet in New York State, for the upcoming 2006 USA World Cup Race Walk Team. Coach Eastler will lead a contingent of 25 athletes and others to La Coruna, Spain for the May 13th and 14th World Cup

Race Walk competition.

Youth Athletics: Ron reported that the summer schedule is done; he needs to find one more site for Group D during the second week if anyone from that group could host the meet, and he will also be making some phone calls as well.

To accept teams youth entries into the 14-Under Qualifying and Championship Meet in August, all teams must use Team Manager Lite and to include the 2006 USATF registration number assigned for each club youth athlete entered in both the Qualifying and State Meet. This data must be sent to Ron Kelly by July 29th 2006. If you have questions contact Ron.

Saturday - June 17th, 2006 is the Region 1 Qualifying Meet: Date to be held at the Augusta Track & Field Facility - Augusta, Me. and it would be a one-day meet for all age groups instead of two days as in the past. (**Note:** The Heptathlon and Decathlon will be held as a two day meet). More information will be posted on the web site as well as mailed out to the youth athletes.

“Association Medal Design”: Ron has received the new association medals and he presented to the board a representation of the new medal design.

The board had a short discussion as to a possible spectator (admission) fee; \$1.00 per single person and \$2.00 for the family for the 14-Under state meet in August. The entry fee would be to help pay the officials for the meet as well as grounds fees we have to pay to host the meet. No decision was made and talks will continue.

M/W & Master’s LDR: Jerry introduced Steve Ballou to the board. Steve is the meet director for the Craig Cup Meet in Cumberland which is held every year for the past few years. The board had a discussion with Jerry about hosting a Maine USATF Cross Country Championship Meet. After some discussion about time and place it was agreed that the **Craig Cup 5k X-C meet would be the Championship Meet in Cross Country for MEUSATF in 2006. The meet date will be 7 October 2006 at 9AM, at Twin Brooks Recreation Area in Cumberland.** Jerry will ask Peak Performance to overlay some items for the meet along with the sponsorship they provide to the Craig Cup Meet.

Paul made a motion that the Craig Cup Meet* at Cumberland will be held on 7 October 2006 and to be designated as the Maine USATF Cross Country Championship Meet for 2006 as well as the Craig Cup Meet. Motion seconded and passed. (Note:* Events are in the process of being sanctioned).

Maine USATF Grand Prix Series:

Maine will have a Grand Prix for clubs and individuals by age group. Age groups will be 39 and under, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over. Races are as follows:

Sea Dogs 5k Portland May 14th (sanctioned)

Friendly’s Mile Portland June 18th

Maine USATF Grand Prix Series con’t:

L/A Bridge 5k Auburn August 27th (sanctioned)

Physical Therapy 8k Brunswick October 15th

Craig Cup Final Race 5k X-C Cumberland, Late October, State USATF Championship
Points are awarded to results for each race with merchandise by Brooks given for final Grand
Prix standings.

Standings will be posted at the races as well as on several websites.

Requirements are that clubs and individuals be members of USATF (any association) and that
individuals be Maine residents.

This is a start for what hopes to be a long-term series. For more information contact Jerry
LaVasseur at 207-729-6180 or jerardl@verizon.net.

Cross Country: Tabled

Old Business:

Blistered Foot Newsletter: Mailed and e-mailed out to all 2005 & 2006 USATF registered
Maine Members.

2006 USATF Grant Application: Paul will start work on the 2006 Grant Application and have
it ready for the board to look at during the next meeting.

New Business:

Mileage Compensation for Executive Board Members Meetings and Officials' Business:

Don made a motion that those persons from the executive board of ME-USATF be compensated
at the rate of .30 per mile. Discussion was held and motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 14:22 hrs

Next meeting to be held at the **Augusta Ground Round** in the small meeting room off the main
dining area at **12:30 hrs on May 21, 2006.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul W. Morency
Secretary