



**Members Present:** Valaree Foss, Don Berry, Dennis Kunces, Paul Morency, Tom Eastler, John Sinclair and Joanne Petkus.

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Dennis reported that we have \$5,020.84 in checking at the present time. Motion was made by (TE), seconded by (PM) to accept report as given, passed unanimously. Dennis requested guidance on the CD's that the association has and if we want to move them when they mature, discussion held. Motion to leave the CD's at current banks made by (PM), seconded by (TE), voted and passed unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Athlete Membership/Clubs:** Clubs: 21. Memberships 2006: 149 x-o: 12

**Event Sanctions:** two with one more to be worked on.

**Officials:** Don Berry reported that we just finished our second official's clinic of the year with about 19 people in attendance, and a good number of them were new people. The next clinic will be held in **Orono, ME on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006 at 0900 at the City Hall Chambers**; Mary Cady is the contact person for this clinic. The last clinic of the year will be held in **Bath, ME on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Bath Middle School**; contact person for the Bath clinic is David Watson. Don spoke to the group for a short time about finding qualified umpires for the up coming meets; we have a need if you are interested.

**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.

The date has been set for the **Maine USATF Open/Masters Championship Meet**, it will be held the **22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2006**. Joanne is checking with Bates College, if not there we will hold the meet in Lewiston, ME at the Lewiston HS T&F facility.

**Race Walk:** Tom reported that the Maine Race Walker's Club had race walkers participating at Race Walk competition (weekend of March 11) at New York, and North Carolina. Good luck to them. Tom has been in contact with Bob Whitney of Brunswick, Me, in relation to a walk that will be held the first Sunday of every month for the next 6 months. There is a walking area along the river area that covers about 5km, Bob has made a pledge of \$ 500.00 for the best time on the course during this Sunday morning, 6 month time frame. Tom will get back to Bob about a sanction for this event, and if he would allow us to breakup the prize money, as top male time, top female time, and get the Parks & Recreation Bureau involved also. Val will stay in touch with Tom as this progress.

**Youth Athletics:** Val reported for Ron that the association medals have arrived and that he has them for our outdoor season.

**M/W & Master's LDR:** Jerry sent in a report to Val, excerpts as follows:

We are getting closer to finalizing a Grand Prix series. The last race is a 5K XC at Twin Brooks in Cumberland, it would be held late in October. I suggest it also be the State USATF championship for Open and Master's, it is a good race with good participation run by Steve Ballou, he is going to suggest that Maine Track Club also have a part in this meet, I agree (Jerry Le Vasseur).

**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 14<sup>th</sup>

Friendly's Mile Portland June 18<sup>th</sup>

L/A Bridge 5K Auburn August 27<sup>th</sup>

Physical Therapy 8K Brunswick October 15<sup>th</sup>

Craig Cup Final Race 5K XC 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](mailto:jerardl@verizon.net).

**Cross Country:** Tabled

**Old Business:** Val reported that the Blistered Foot would come out sometime next week.

**Office Computer Upgrade:** Val reported that with Don's help the office has a new/refurbished computer system, and is now working fine after second monitor was obtained. Maine Computer Solutions in Searsport was the vendor.

**Screening Agent:** Paul reported that he has been accepted as the screening agent for ME-USATF with a background check being completed to national office satisfaction. At the present time there is no contract signed between USATF and the screening company. Motion was made by (TE), and seconded by (JS) to opt-out of the screening process for 2006 with ME-USATF starting the program in 2007. Discussion, vote taken and passed 5-1. Maine will opt-out for 2006.

**New Business:**

**2007 USATF Grant Application:** Val requested that we look into a sound system for the association's use at our meets, information will be obtained and a cost to see if we want to go forward with this proposal.

**2007 Indoor Meet Site:** Tabled, as Rolland Ranson was not in attendance. Looking at having an indoor meets series at UMO for different events during the week, not a full meet schedule.

**Purchase Multi Year USATF Memberships for Board members at 2006 rates:** Val requested that we look into the purchase of multi year memberships for the board members at the 2006 rate as we could save money by doing this. Discussion was held, board voted to purchase 3 years, running into 2009.

**Proposed Amendment to the Maine Association of USA Track & Field By-Laws:**

**02-06-2006.**

**Article XIV**

**Fiscal and Legal Matters**

**A. Fiscal Year:**( **The fiscal year of this Association is October 1 through September 30**).

The fiscal year of this Association is January 1 through December 31.

(Submitted by Don Berry)

Vote was taken by the board of Maine USATF to approve the above amendment as written.

Meeting Adjourned at 14:33 hrs

**Next meeting to be held in Bath, Me. on April 8, 2006 after the Official's Clinic; Start time 1300 hrs or as close as we can get to that time.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul W. Morency  
Secretary