



Members Present: Valaree Foss, Don Berry, Dennis Kunces, Paul Morency, John Sinclair, Ron Kelly, Rolland Ramsom, Taylor Harmon.

President Valaree Foss called the meeting to order at 17:07 hrs.

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

Treasurer's Report: Dennis reported that we have \$6,171.28 in checking at the present time. Motion was made by (DB), seconded by (TH) to accept report as given, passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Athlete Membership/Clubs: Clubs: 47 Memberships 2006: 273 x-o: 40

Event Sanctions: 37

Officials: Don Berry reported that we are continuing to register new officials, and have had two new Race Walk officials join the Maine Association after moving here from out of state. Don is working on the new By-Law inclusion that is due by 2007 ref to grievance procedures at this time, and he is waiting for some answers to questions poised to the National Office before we rewrite the By-Law ref to Maine Association and Regulation 11.

Master's & Open T & F: Val is still waiting for the flyer from Joanne re: to the Championship Meet in July, will call and see where we are on this.

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. 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.

Race Walk: Val reported that Tom was at the meet today but had to leave before the meeting, from Tom it was learned that Maine has 5 new HS All-Americans from the meet that was contested in North Carolina. Val will call Tom for the information about the Race Walk Flyer for Brunswick, ME.

Youth Athletics: Ron reported that we just finished our Region 1 Qualifying meet with about 140 athletes participating in the meet. Ron will have a copy out to the clubs sometime in the coming week about the summer program. Within the letter of information to the coaches is the regular meet schedule and 14-Under Championship meet in August.

Val reported to Ron that she has talked to Maj. Jordan of the Maine National Guard, and it was found out that the guard members could only volunteer 4 hours of their time during their drill



weekend so we may not have many Guardsmen take part in a volunteer program for the 14-Under Championship meet.

M/W & Master's LDR: No Report Given

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:

Friendly's Mile Portland June 18th

L/A Bridge 5K Auburn August 27th

Physical Therapy 8K Brunswick October 15th

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.

Cross Country: Taylor is continuing to work on contacts for the upcoming fall programs.

Old Business:

2007 Indoor Meet: Rolland was asked by the board to book the University of Maine track for this meet as soon as July 1, 2006 comes around, and the books open for bookings of events.

Validation Stickers: Val reported that after the meet today we have about 30 stickers left.

Meeting Date with University 2007 Masters: Some discussion was held with Rolland today and we are looking at the first full weekend in August or the second for the meet. Don and Val will setup times when they can meet at the University in the near future.

Web Site Design: Val reported that the web site is about ready to go on line and Don will get with Bill Wheeler about some added content and layout in the coming days.

Old Business cont:

Poland Spring Water: Val or Don has heard nothing back from Poland Spring as a possible sponsor of running shirts for the JO qualifiers.

New Business:

Summer Series with New Brunswick & Nova Scotia: Rolland has made some contacts in the Eastern Canadian Provinces that would like to see more meets between our areas, for youth and



open meets. At the present time the board is looking into having some (a small number of athletes) come down and join us in our 14-Under Championships in 2007, and maybe invite open athletes to the indoor meet this year.

Fax Machine: Val reports that her old fax machine has seen it's better days, as it is now only coming out as a black mass on the paper. Paul will go check out a fax function on her printer in the coming days before we buy a new fax for the office.

Meeting Adjourned at 18:19 hrs

Next meeting: To be held at the **Lewiston HS Track & Field facility**, after the Masters/Open Championships on **July 22, 2006**. Tentative time between 1500 and 1530 hrs for a start of the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul W. Morency
Secretary