



Attendees: Valaree Foss, Paul Morency, Don Berry, Taylor Harmon, Roland Ranson, Ron Kelly, Marty Kahler, Dennis Kunces.

President Foss called the ME-USATF Annual meeting to order at 13:10 hr.

Election of Officers: President Foss asked for nominations and challengers from the floor, hearing none, motion made by (DB), seconded by (MK) to have the current slate of officers be voted on as the 2008 officers of ME-USATF. Hearing no objections, President Foss asked that the secretary will record one vote in the affirmative and the slate be passed.

Secretary's Report: August minutes were accepted as read, motion made by (DB), seconded by (MK) and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis reported that we have \$ 10,782.73 in our basic checking account. Motion was made by (PM), and seconded by (DB), and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Val has decided that all committee appointments will remain the same as in 2007, and all present agreed to their appointments for the year 2008.

Athlete Membership: Paul had reported that we had 1555 as of October 7th.

Clubs and Sanctions: Clubs: 49 Sanctions: 45

Officials: Don reported that we have 75 officials in the association at this time and our goal for the following year is to reach 100, so we may get another vote in the officials committee at national convention. The officials' insurance issue is still being discussed and different forms of how to handle this are still in the works. Don is planning a clinic in Gorham for the spring and another one in Orono at this time.

Masters/Open: Marty Thornton set Val a written report as she was not able to attend. Marty's T., report sent to Val: "Our year in Masters track and field had both lows and highs. The low, was very low level of participation in our Open/Masters meet held in Lewiston on the same day as the cooperate track meet. We had only 12 participants. The high was two national masters' champions in the big meet at Orono: Sue Weimer and Kevin Russell. Recommendation that next year (2008), the Masters meets leading up to the championship is held in two different locations, Lewiston and Augusta are options. Also, that careful selection of a date is made to avoid conflicts. On a positive note: not for Masters T&F but for the Grand Prix...Old Hallowell Day's race would like to be one of the series(July about 2nd weekend) and Dr. Dan Buck has agreed to donate \$1500.00 to be split between the OHD race and the Grand Prix". End of Marty Thornton's e-mail report.



Race Walk: No Report.

M/W Masters LDR: Marty Kahler reported that the last meet in the Grand Prix series this year is next Saturday (Oct. 13th) in Cumberland at Twin Brook at 10AM. Val reported that the ME-USATF will again provide a 2008 USATF Registration number to each Maine resident age group winner provided athletes are already a current USATF member, like MEUSATF did last year. Marty K., asked who was going to the meet and over half the board will be there to help out.

Cross Country: Taylor reported that Cony HS x-c trails will be ready for the scheduled meets being held at the site. The Region 1 Cross Country Qualifying meet can be held there with no problems, he will see about getting the training room and a golf cart to follow the runners during the cross county meet series.

Youth Athletics: Ron reported that the summer season was another success and that the flyers are out at this time for the Cross Country season, he will also be taking them to the regional races for high school at the end of the month. The first scheduled cross county meet is next Sunday, October 14th.

Old Business:

2008 Membership Rates: Val made request that the dues for youth go up one dollar for 2008, discussion was held about the topic and how to handle it as we are being charged \$12.00 by National and charging \$14.00 to youth thus the request for a one dollar increase. After much discussion motion made by (RK), seconded by (DB) that if clubs get there athlete's registration in and post marked by **12 July 2008** the fee will be \$14.00 and **after** 12 July 2008 the fee will be \$15.00, and will remain at \$15.00 for the following year - 2009. Voted on and passed unanimously.

2008 Dates : Val has requested that all chairs get the dates in for all events as soon as possible, sites to be determined at a later date, but at least get the dates in.

2009 Coaches Level Clinic: Val asked Paul to follow up with Pat Pretty and see which type of clinic we need to hold in the year 2009, and schedule a date(s) and site.

2007 Delinquent Clubs Youth Memberships: Val and Ron have had discussions about clubs not getting their dues in on time, and it was decided that this topic will be tabled till after December 2007 so more information can be gathered before a vote will be taken on what to do with these delinquent clubs.



New Business:

E-Z Up Tent - Donated by USATF: Val reported that USATF had donated one of the e-z up tents that were used at the Masters Championships in Orono to the association. The tent was used the next week at the 14-Under T&F Maine Championships in Augusta, and will certainly be utilized within the association youth and adult track and field / cross country / LDR series in coming months - years. **Maine USATF Association sends to the USATF (Andy Martin & Staff) our many thanks for the donation.**

2006 Statistical Report - Maine: Val requested that Don look at the information in Regulation 15 to make sure our by-laws are in line as there have been some changes noted at the workshop and in emails that have been sent out by the national office.

Internet Access: Val reported that as of Oct 6, 2007 she did not have Internet access due to her provider being sold to another company. She has looked for a local provider and found none with a local access number. She has decided to go with Time- Warner as a package. Motion made by (MK), seconded by (TH), that the ME-USATF compensate Val for the new on line service for a total of \$25.00 per month. Discussion held and this will also save the association some moneys in the end as long distance phone charges are included in the increased fee. Vote was taken and passed unanimously by the board members present.

2007 National Convention: Val reported that Sandra Berry will accompany Don to the national convention and that the association will pay for her convention registration only, as she will be another delegate for us. Val, Don, and Paul will be the other persons going this year, due to the high travel / lodging cost to attend the 2007 USATF National Convention in Hawaii.

2008 Validation Stamps: Val requested that the association purchase 80 - 2008 validation stickers to be used mainly during the upcoming cross country season. Val will be returning the unassigned 2007 validation stamps to USATF for credit.

2007 Expenses & Credits Masters Meet: Dennis requested some guidance as to what to do about moneys we have for tee shirt sales at the masters meet and some expenses we still have outstanding. Ron and Rolland will get together and finish up these items before our next meeting. Dennis was fine with that and he requested that we do the same as last year and process no requests for money after Dec 15, 2007 to get the books ready for the accounting, all agreed, except for emergencies.

Meeting adjourned at 14:43 hours.

Next meeting will be in Augusta at Cony High School after the cross country meet on November 11, 2007.



Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Morency
Secretary
Attendees: