



Members Present: Valaree Foss, Paul Morency, John Sinclair, Rolland Ransom, Taylor Harmon, Marty Kahler, Don Berry, Dennis Kunces, Jerry LeVasseur, Marty Thornton and Dave Thornton. Guest: Roxie Harmon.

President Valaree Foss called the meeting to order at 13:06 hrs.

Secretary's Report: Motion made to accept the minutes of the last meeting, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis reported that we had \$ 5,572.75 in checking if we counted the monies that were to be saved for possible use during the Masters National Meet, if we do not count those monies we have a total of \$ 1,572.75 in checking at the present time. Discussion was held as to what bills were to be paid with monies on hand. Motion made and taken off the table to discuss this later in the meetings as not all reports have been given with monies still owed and outstanding bills also. Motion was made and passed unanimously to accept the report as read.

Committee Reports:

Athlete Membership/Clubs: Clubs: 8 Memberships 2007: 122

Event Sanctions: 0

Officials: Don reported that the USATF NOC's computer system is up and running, when you go on line now to renew or become a new official you will only see the top portion of the forms, Don will be doing the bottom portion of the form that goes into the NOC. All upgrades will be done it state now. Don also reported that he is now working on dates / sites throughout the state for 2007 Track & Field Officials Clinics.

National High School Federation tests are available now from Don. Don stated it was another interesting test this year. Contact Don for your 2007 NHSF test at: chemman@fairpoint.net

Master's & Open T&F: Val approached Dan Buck to be the association's Chair of Master's & Open T&F, which he was highly recommend by Marty Thornton. Val reported to the group that he would be unable to take on the chair's responsibilities at this time. Val then asked Marty Thornton to take the post and she has accepted the Chair of Master's & Open T&F for 2007.

Race Walk: Val reported that Tom was at the Dartmouth Relays and could not make the meeting. Tom has sent in a request to pay for a Van rental from last year's (2006) account in the amount of \$500.00, the board will take this matter up later in the meeting. He has also requested a midweek nighttime meeting. The board members present discussed this and it was voted down due to too many conflicts with schedules, the best we could come up with was a meeting after one of the clinics for officials.



Youth Athletics: Valaree reported for Ron that he is working on establishing sites / dates for the 2007 youth summertime meets throughout the divisions.

M/W & Master's LDR: Jerry reported that he had had a good meeting in Brunswick in late November to setup the 2007 Grand Prix Series. The schedule and information as to how the series will be run are on the USATFME.ORG web page. Jerry asked for \$1000.00 to run the program again this year this will be taken up later in the meeting.

Cross Country: Taylor was asked by President Foss to go thru the results for the cross country season and make up lists and results for the Blistered Foot newsletter to come out in January 2007. Taylor advised that he would get right on this and have it in a couple of days.

Old Business:

2007 Indoors Meet: Val reported that the entry form was done and ready to be put on the website and other sites of interest. Jerry will get the form out to New England area and Maine Running Club.

USATF Prestigious Awards Recipients: Two individuals from Maine were honored at the 2006 USATF National Convention in Indianapolis, IN during the Awards Breakfast;

President Valaree Foss was presented the *Horace Crowe Jr. Association's Award*. This award is given to **only one person** throughout the 57 associations within USATF Organization, for their work and dedication to their local Association during the past year, and for outstanding work within their own Association over past years. President Bill Roe and Chairman of Associations Allen Roth presented the award at the 2006 Awards Breakfast.

Kevin Eastler formally of Farmington, **was presented the *Capt. Ron Zinn Memorial Award*** for the outstanding Race Walker in the United States for 2006. President Bill Roe and Chairman Vince Peters of the USATF Race Walk Committee presented the award at the awards breakfast. **See MEUSATF.ORG for both stories.**

Canadian Exchange T&F Athletes: Rolland advised that there would be some teams coming to the Indoor Championship Meet which is being held at the University – Orono Campus on Feb. 25th, 2007 (Athlete Entry form is posted on the web site), and he is still working on the summer outdoor meets.

2007 Meets: John will host the summer time meets in Lewiston again this year dates will be posted in the coming months. Marty Thornton will be the Meet Director for the Outdoor Masters and Open Meet.



2007 Directors & Officers Insurance: Val mailed the D&O insurance form to the National Office before leaving the 2006 Convention which was held in Indianapolis, In.

Moose Logo Window Cling: Discussion was held as to if the officials group would sell tee shirts and the window cling at the Masters Meet in August 2007. Motions were made by Marty Kahler to disregard the selling of competing tee shirt and have the Moose Cling only for sale. Motion was passed to sell only the Moose Cling and have a raffle at the Masters Meet in August 2007. All proceeds will be going to the Maine Certified Officials account.

Maine Games: Val tabled this matter as Ian Wilson was at the Dartmouth Relays and could not attend the meeting to give a presentation to the board.

Maine Parks & Rec: The board had a coconscious vote that we need to do our own proven program and not worry about this group.

MEUSATF 2007 Chair Appointments:

Women's T&F: Stefanie Foss-Worster

Men's LDR: Martin Kahler

Cross Country: Taylor Harmon

Youth Athletics: Ron Kelly

Associations: Valaree Foss

Men's T&F: Rolland Ranson

Race Walking: Thomas Eastler

Master's & Women's LDR: Jerry LeVasseur

Master's T&F: Marty Thornton

Officials: Donald Berry

An updated report will be sent to Sherry Quack at USATF before Jan. 12th, 2007.

Reminder: For New & Renewing USATF Memberships to receive the MEUSATF discount cost, athletes of all ages will have to submit the USATF Membership application to the association's office. If individuals go online and registers directly with USATF cost is as follows: Youth - \$19.95 and Adults - \$29.95. **Please note that there are NO REFUNDS to individuals once current year membership data has been entered by either this association or direct online with USATF.**

New Business:

Blistered Foot Newsletter: Val requested that all committee chairs have reports ready for the middle of January 2007. This will be the **last newsletter sent out in a bulk mailing format.**

Future Blistered Foot Newsletter will be posted on the MEUSATF.ORG website after this mailing.

NEW USATF LOGO: Val displayed the new Logo Banner at the meeting. USATF has given the Associations 18 months to change to the new logo. MEUSATF is using the new logo on our website at this time.



2007 Grant Request (sound system): Val and Paul reported that we have been accepted for the grant we put in for a sound system, just waiting for the funds to be released at this time.

NSF Paperwork: Val has completed paperwork to be sent to two parties that have not paid ME-USATF for summer time registrations and this will be served in the near future.

Fire Retardant Security Lock Box: Val has requested the purchase of this item to be used by the screening agent in reference background check materials. (Approved).

2007 Membership for Award Winner: Jerry brought up that the Masters National LDR chair was going to present an award to a 95-year-old runner from Maine in the near future and asked that ME-USATF sponsor her membership for 2007. Motion made and passed after discussion on matter.

Motion brought off the table by Don Berry ref Monies to pay bills:

Don made motion to pay \$500.00 for the van rental owed to Tom Eastler. Pay \$ 700.00 to the University for the startup on the indoor meet. Purchase a Fire Retardant Security Lock Box for screening agent use. Table the monies for Race Walk and Masters LDR for the present time, until we have more monies coming in. Discussion was held on these items and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 16:09 hrs

Next meeting: To be held after the T&F Official's clinic in March 2007, time and place to be announced.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul W. Morency
Secretary - MEUSATF