



Attendees: Valaree Foss, Paul Morency, Ron Kelly, John Sinclair, Dennis Kunces, Don Berry, Stefanie Foss-Worster, Marty Kahler, Taylor Harmon, Rolland Ranson, Tom Eastler, Christine Lipsky

President Foss called the Annual Meeting to order at 12:54 hr.

Secretary's Report: June 2008 minutes were accepted as read, motion made by (DB), seconded by (TE) and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Paul reported for Dennis that we have \$ 19,503.29 in our basic checking account. With outstanding bills to USATF in the amount of \$8,456.20, and money Ron will ask for the summer time championship meet expenses. Motion was made by (DB), and seconded by (TE), and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Athlete Membership: Paul had reported that we had 1535 members as of Sept 13, 2008.

Clubs and Sanctions: Clubs: 49; Sanctions: 49

Officials: Don reported that we have 89 USATF Officials in the association as of the date of this meeting. Break down is as follows; Association Level: 15 women, 40 men, National Level: 8 women, 12 men, and Master Level: 5 women, 9 men. Don made a request that all members try and bring one new member that is interested in becoming an official to a clinic this spring so that we may get over 100 officials and an extra vote in the officials committee next year. He is also looking for the Master level officials to help grade some of the tests we give during our clinics, all at the meeting agreed to help out.

Masters/Open: Marty Thornton sent a written report; The Indoor Championship Meet (Youth, Open and Masters) which was held at the University of Maine was quite successful. Numbers were up from the previous year and the same for the Outdoor Open & Masters Championship Meet which was held at Cony High School – Augusta, the attendance numbers were more than triple the previous year. Comments were made that we should keep the meets on the same weekends in the future. The association's certified USATF Officials were paid for their time/effort at both meets.

Race Walk: Tom reported that the race walkers did very well this year, in Dartmouth, NH, Landover, MD, and the Nike Outdoor in NC. We had walkers that scored well enough to bring Maine Walking 11 National Junior All American Awards.

Kevin Eastler was the winner of the 20K Olympic Trials, and represented the USA in China at the Olympics. Kevin finished 43rd and has now retired from Race Walking.

Tom has kept stats for the walkers in Maine since 1993 to 2007. We have had 147 HS Junior All Americans in that time frame from 27 different high school programs. Tom



plans to write a letter to these schools, and let them know how well their athletes have done in the sport of Race Walking.

M/W Masters LDR: Marty Kahler reported that the Craig Cup will go on this year at the Twinbrook Recreation Area in Cumberland, Maine. There had been some discussion about not having it, but it will take place on Oct 11, 2008 at 0900 hrs. This will also be the ME-USATF 5K Masters and Open Cross Country Championship Meet.

Cross Country: Ron reported that the schedule is done and will be posted on the website soon.

Youth Athletics: Ron reported that there are some issues that need to be taken care of like rain dates for qualifying meets to 14-Under Championships, and payment for summer program. (Refer to new business). Sanctions fees have been sent to the clubs that held meet this year. Ron requested that the board hold off and allow him to have a coaches meeting before the start of next summers meets to vote on whether we will allow a record to be made at qualifying meets as well as the state meet in August, this subject has been tabled until 2009.

New Business:

2008 Update to Maine-USATF Bylaws: Motion was made to amend and correct ME-USATF bylaws to come into compliance with USATF in regard to Regulation 9- Formal Grievances and Disciplinary Actions by (PM), seconded by (DB). Motion passed to amend the by-laws to be in compliance with USATF. Valaree will send to the National Office the amended by-laws via registered mail.

Election of Officers for ME-USATF 2009:

President Foss requested that the four elected positions be done on separate ballots; this was accepted by the board.

2009 Elected Board Members:

President: Valaree Foss
Vice-President: Marty Kahler
Treasurer: Dennis Kunces
Secretary: Wendy Serbent

2009 Chair Appointments:

Men's T&F: Rolland Ranson
Women's T&F: Stefanie Foss-Worster
Race Walking: Tom Eastler
Men's LDR: Jerry LeVasseur



Women's LDR: Marty Kahler
Masters LDR: David Colby Young (if he accepts)
Cross Country: Taylor Harmon
Masters & Open: CO-Chair: Marty Thornton and Christine Lipsky
MUT: Paul Morency
Officials: Don Berry
Associations Valaree Foss

Open Athletes (College) @ Outdoor Championship meets: Discussion was as to whether we will make the college athletes become USATF members before they could compete. Motion was made (VF), seconded by (JS) that all athletes must become USATF members to compete and this to include at the outdoor track and field developmental meet series for both open and master athletes. Motion passed.

Rain Date for Youth Qualifying Meets: (See Youth report).

Youth T&F New State records: Motion was made by (RK), seconded by (JS) to table this matter and have a coaches meeting in the spring of 2009 to have a full vote then. Motion passed. (See Youth report).

2010 Region 1 Meet: Will be held in Maine; sites we are looking at are Bowdoin College, Brunswick HS, and University of Maine – Orono Campus. We want to get a jump on this and not wait till the beginning of the 2010 season.

2008 National Convention: We need a minimum of 6 people to attend as we will not be given a break like we were last year - 2007 in Hawaii. At the present time Val, Don, Stefanie, Ron, and with (Rolland and Paul the association will have pickup registration only this year). More discussion who will be attending the 2008 convention to be continued for more discussion at October meeting.

USATF Membership "Discount" for ME-USATF Adults: Discussion was held as to the association continue "giving" Maine adults the discount of \$25.00 and not charging the full \$ 29.95 as we should be charging. Findings: Most of the adults that register to join in Maine, then request to transfer their membership to a NE Club. Motion (PM), seconded (SW), As of the "new year" that starts in November for 2009 registrations, ME-USATF will charge \$ 29.95 for adults and \$ 15.00 for youth which it is now. Motion passed.

Lewiston Club: Motion was made by (JS) and seconded by (DB) to sanction Lewiston Youth Club. Motion passed. It has been decided that members of the 2008 Lewiston Youth Club, will be sanctioned by ME-USATF to include all results from the 2008 youth state meet are null and void, they will not be allowed to compete in any ME-USATF program and the summer program in 2009 if their memberships for 2008 is not paid in full. **This sanction only applies to those athletes that did not pay their USATF registration –**



membership in 2008 track and field developmental summer program. Ron Kelly has been given the names of the athletes involved, and will try and contact each person. Valaree will make notification to the Lewiston Youth Club service coordinator as well as to the head coach on Monday – September 20, 2008. Valaree will also include to the club's service coordinator and head coach the list of delinquent athletes and an invoice.

Youth Registrations for 2009: The board has come to the decision that **all** members of a club in 2009 will have to be members of ME-USATF **before** the first summertime track and field developmental meet series begins. There will be **No** more grace period as this has been done in past years.

Level 1 Coaches Clinic: Val has received information from national office about this and Marty Thornton and Marty Kahler will work on this project. We hope to have the clinic in the Portland- Gorham area.

Badge for Background Screening: Val will be looking into making a badge that coaches that have passed the USATF background screening program can wear during practices and meets, at no future cost to the coach. (This was discussed at the 2008 association's workshop in Indianapolis).

Future Masters National Meets: Rolland and Don will be getting with each other to plan a bid packet for 2009 as well as for 2011(and beyond) – USATF National Masters Championships.

Blistered Foot: Val has this on her things to do list, with the help of Marty Thornton.

Next meeting: To be held after the Annual Awards Banquet on 18 October 2008 at Governor's Restaurant in Waterville, Maine. If you'd like to attend the Award's Banquet contact Valaree at metrkfld@roadrunner.com or call her at (207) 474-8876 for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 15:11 hr.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Morency
Secretary