



Attendees: Valaree Foss, Paul Morency, Taylor Harmon, Ron Kelly, Marty Kahler, Dennis Kunces, Don Berry, Marty Thornton, John Sinclair.

President Foss called the ME-USATF Annual meeting to order at 11:55 hr.

Secretary's Report: November 2007 minutes were accepted as read, motion made by (DB), seconded by (MK) and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis reported that we have \$ 3,203.00 in our basic checking account at the end of 2007. After paying all bills during the month of December to close out the year 2007, we have a balance of \$ 716.40 starting 2008. Motion was made by (MK), and seconded by (JS), and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Athlete Membership: Paul had reported that we had 113 for 2008 to include crossovers.

Clubs and Sanctions: Clubs: 12 Sanctions: 3

Officials: Liability insurance of 2 million dollars will cost each official about \$10.00, we are waiting on the final numbers before we announce this. It will cover all meets an official does to include HS, College, and USATF. The new officials' shirt hasn't been made available as of yet, maybe in March is what we are hearing.

Officials clinics will be in Orono the first Sunday in April, Gorham, and will try to get a clinic at Maranacook HS also in the spring before spring track season. Don will send out confirmed dates and times when dates have been established.

Masters/Open: Marty T reported that the Youth/Open/Masters Indoor Championships will be held at the University of Maine in Orono on 24 February 2008.

The outdoor championship meet will be the 19th of July 2008 in Lewiston, Maine.

We are going to try and see about having some of the summer meets in the Augusta area as well as Lewiston. We will hear from Taylor in about 60-75 days to know if we will be able to use the Augusta track.

Summertime Wednesday Meets will be 18 June, 25 June, July 2, and July 9.

We discussed a possible increase for the outdoor championship meet. Marty K made a motion that the base 4 events stay at \$10. And charge \$5 for each additional event entered., seconded by (DB), discussion was held and motion was amended by Marty K to read that the base fee would stay at \$ 10,for four events, and fee would be \$ 3.00 for each extra event. Question was moved



by Don to have this same pricing go into effect for the indoor meet in 2009. Passed unanimously.

Race Walk: No Report. Val showed the board the Plaque that was presented to the Maine Association for being the 2007 Ron Zinn Race Walk Association of the Year.

M/W Masters LDR: Marty K stated that Jerry and the group for the Grand Prix series and they have added some meets to the list in the northern part of the state. All the details - rules are listed on the MEUSATF.ORG website.

Cross Country: Taylor had no report but the board was happy with the turnout at the Cross country championships we had in November, and thanked him and his crew for a the hard work they had done to get the courses ready.

Youth Athletics: Ron reported that the Region 1 qualifying meet will be held at Scarborough HS on the 21st of June 2008. The region one meet maybe the second weekend in July 2008, more information as it becomes available.

New Business:

Computer Programs: Val requested a program to write PDF files as needed, and board approved this when we have the funds for it. She also requested Meet Manager II and will be granted rights to it for Championship meets.

2008 Indoor Meet Championship: 24 February 2008, University of Maine Orono.

Parent Request: Kelly Cullenberg asked that ME-USATF purchase jackets for the second place age group winners (Intermediate Boys). The board had a long discussion on the matter and a letter was drawn up stating the board's reasons for not approving the request.

Gill Invoice: The 27 inch hurdles from the Masters Championships were not packed correctly for shipment back to Gill and there were extra costs incurred. Val will have Rolland make contact with Jim Flank of the masters committee to resolve this matter.

Maine Officials Yearly Dues Increase: The board had discussion on the matter, and came to the opinion that dues for USATF officials will be \$25.00 from the \$15.00 we charge now, as long as the insurance is included this coming year.

2008 Grant Submission: Paul reported that the grant had been approved for the extra singe and a projector that will work with a computer for teaching classes.

2007 X-C reimbursement -workers: The board approved a \$50.00 stipend for Debra Grant who sold tee shirts for us at the meet.



2008 Maine Non-Profit Filing Status: Paul will take care of the paperwork.

Sam's Club Renewal: Val will take care of this item when funds become available.

Budget; Marty T requested that Dennis look at line items we spend money on and start to put together a budget for 2009 as it is too late for 2008. This will be a work in progress and we hope to have it done by fall 2008.

"Blog" site: Board members requested information on having a link added to our web site for "blog's". Val stated that she will contact Bill Wheeler and see if the blog link is possible and the cost to maintain such site.

Old Business:

2008 Membership Rates: Taken care off during last meeting in November 2007.

2008 Series dates: Chairs are still working on dates and sites.

2009 Level One USATF Coaches Clinic: Paul spoke to Pat Pretty in Hawaii and we only need to host a level one clinic. Paul will send Pat dates and places that would be good for us to do one.

2008 Coaches Background Checks: Paul will be checking the database and each coach needs to have this done once every 12 months. Paul will start sending out renewal notice and when you are due. If you have not done one as of yet contact Paul at PO Box 406, Clinton, Me 04927 for paperwork and how to fill out the forms. Coaches/Volunteers Background Check forms will be included with the 2008 USATF Club/Organization Registration Form. **All 2008 USATF Club/Organization Registration Forms are due to the office by April 26, 2008** as all forms are due at the national office on or before May 1. All club packets will be mailed out to all clubs sometime in late February, early March 2008.

Marketing Kit: Val reported that we had picked up banners for start and finish, flagging tape and other items to be used at track and field / cross country meets.

Validation Stamps: Have received the ones requested and will be sending in left over 2007 stamps (80 validation stamps returned) for credit for 2008 validation stamps with National office.

Internet Connection: Val reported that she is now connected to high speed Internet at metrkfld@roadrunner.com

2007/ 2008 Coaches Background Checks: Val made motion to have all board and chairpersons have a background check done this coming year. Motion passed.

Paul reminded all present that the Background Checks are good for one year from date listed on



Association web site. All coaches of youth teams should have this done by start of any practice this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 14:07 hours.

Next meeting will be in Orono after the Open/Masters Indoor Championship Meet on the 24th of February 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Morency
Secretary