



Teleconference Call attendees: Valaree Foss, Tavi Norton, Marty Thornton, Marty Keller, Paul Morency, Taylor Harmon, Ron Kelley, Christine Lipsky.

President Foss called the meeting to order at Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm

**Secretary's Report:** April 2009 minutes were accepted (MT) and (seconded PM).

**Treasurer's Report:** Dennis sent out an accounting report was distributed to members by Val prior to the conference call. Money is still being taken out of officials' membership cards. Val needs to let Dennis know how much to transfer from METRKFLD account to USATF account. A total of \$1545.00 as of 4/14. Dennis has an extra \$200 on hand so that he does not have to keep running to the bank. The account will be down to about \$1200.00. Tax preparation cost was \$275.00. We have not heard anything back from the accountant regarding the IRS filing of 2008 taxes.

Motion was made to accept the report by (MK), and seconded by (MT), and passed unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Athlete Membership:** As of today's date there are 182 MEUSATF Members entered in the national database.

**Clubs and Event Sanctions:** Clubs: 31    Event Sanctions: 12

**Officials:** No report was available.

**Masters & Open T&F:** Will update form and will email to everybody for the final approval before posting on the web site. Augusta Facility will be done by July 1st. Val will contact John Sinclair to get the dates for Lewiston.

Due to unforeseen circumstances arising, the MEUSATF Outdoor Open & Masters Championship Meet has been rescheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> and **NOT** July 18<sup>th</sup> as previously stated in past minutes.

**Masters/Open LDR:** Marty Kahler reported that the Award for Katherine West was mailed out after all emails that were received. The other award not sure if it has been awarded. Next race is Mother's day.

From the January minutes, The National Award Recipient was Joan Samuelson.

**Cross Country:** Region 1 X-County meet to be held in Augusta. Ron and Taylor will need to meet to figure things out. Please refer all questions to Ron if asked. Nothing has been set in stone yet. Taylor can try and get the facilities for custodial fees. Would have the shower facilities plus the inside gym. All relay teams will be contested at the Qualifying meet.



**Race Walking:** No report was available.

**Youth Athletics:** Ron stated that athletes that will be turning 15 or entering the 9th grade will be able to participate but will not receive points.

**New Business:**

**2010 USATF Grant Application:** Val will ask Paul to help fill out the 2010 Grant Request. Dennis thinks that we should invest in a laptop, 3 in 1 printer, copier, scanner. The association is leasing a tower computer at this time to do association business.

**Youth T&F Club Coaches Meeting:** To be scheduled before the summer season begins with all clubs attending. Date & Site to be announced for this meeting.

**Criteria to award Financial Requests:** Association financial request criteria has now been established for all future financial assistance to participate at USATF Sanctioned events.

Criteria now in place for future requests:

1. Must be a ME USATF member
2. Must be attending a JR National meet or higher
3. Must have a recommendation from a board member (if applicable)
4. Promises to send back a report of how the competition went
5. Will be a written request, with the date, location and events that the participant plans to participate listed.
6. Participation in a local meet for that event.
7. Letter or statement by participant about why they deserving.
8. Note by parents or participant on how money will be used.
9. Performance history in the event or events they will be competing in.

**Financial Requests:** Val reported that she has received two requests for financial assistance from T. Campbell & M. Forgues to attend national and international meets.

Marty K made a motion that the associations donate \$100.00 to each youth athlete – T. Campbell and Matt Forgues. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PM, motion passed.

**T-shirt vendor:** Ron brought up the subject regarding a t-shirt vendor. Would be 20% of gross sales we would get. A minimum of \$5.50 per garment. No more workers, no more left over's, to sell the shirts, and making sure we had enough sizes. We sold them for about \$10.00 a piece. We made about \$2500 with selling 500 shirts. We would sell them for \$11.00 a piece. Make sure that they had a lower end price shirt. Ron will talk with the vendor about the particulars. We will make a decision in May.



**Old Business:**

**MEUSATF Historian:** We are still looking for paper work. Ron has a couple of boxes that needs to be looked through. Boxes will be going to Dennis to look through. Marty T and Dave only had a box of financial paper work. . Information only goes back to 2001. All “old” board members that have old files, please bring with you to the May – June Meeting.

**2009 Youth Coaches Background Screening Process:** ALL Background checks are being done through USATF office. Paul has nothing to do with them now.

**MEUSATF Youth Records:** Carry over from Nov. 2008 Agenda

**Rain Date for Youth Qualifying Meet – Rain date be determined by each section.**

Youth T& F New State Records able to set @ any Qualifying Meet or at the State Meet Only. Voting Results by the coaches who submitted a ballot was: Only at the State Championship may a NEW RECORD be set. After much decision during the conference call meeting regarding where any youth may set a state record either at the Qualifying or State meet: Marty T made the motion that state records stay at state level. Val 2nd the motion. Ron requested that a roll call be taken so that each board member may cast a vocal ballot and recorded as such. Roll call was taken: Val (yes), Marty K (yes), Paul (no), Taylor (yes), Ron (no), Christine (abstain), Marty T (yes), and Tavi (yes). Motion was passed that the NEW RECORDS may only be set at Youth State Championship level only. Vote: 5-2-1 Motion was passed. Val requested to have the (2008 saved) hand ballots be destroyed. Tavi 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion passed to destroy the ballots.

**2010 Region 1 Qualifying Meet:** Dave Watson to set up a meeting with Brunswick Parks & Recreation and MEUSATF to discuss more in depth and Brunswick being the possible host site in 2010. Marty T., brought up that Colby College has a new track and is out for rent. They have brand new throwing cages, triple jump pits, long jump pits. Marty T will ask Debbie for more information regarding the rental cost etc.

**Lewiston Club :** Club sanction has been removed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

**Next meeting will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Marty Thornton’s Residence in Hallowell @ 1pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tavi J. Norton – MEUSATF Secretary