



Attendees: Valaree Foss, Dennis Kunces, Tavi Norton, Marty Thornton, Dave Thornton, Don Berry, Taylor Harmon, Christine Lipsky, David Colby-Young, Marty Kahler and Rolland Ranson.

President Foss called the meeting to order at Meeting called to order at 3:30 pm

Secretary's Report: January 2009 minutes were accepted (DB) and (seconded VF).

Treasurer's Report: Dennis handed out the treasurer report and went over expenses. 2008 Taxes were sent out to the company and has not heard anything back from them. Also, the trainer was paid for the Indoor Meet. Motion was made to accept the report by (MT), and seconded by (DB), and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Athlete Membership: 145 **Clubs and Event Sanctions:** Clubs: 12 Event Sanctions: 6

Officials: Don explained that this is a new Olympiad year and time for all of us to recertify as officials. Two items that are required to have this happen, **a:** Exam for certification and **b:** attendance of one of the clinics this late winter and spring. The cost of recertification this year is \$30.00 plus \$15 to recertify to NUSATFOC. The \$15.00 fee is for the four years of the Olympiad and the \$30 is for the membership in USATF each year. You can not be certified until both of these fees are paid. (\$9.95 of the \$30 fee is for the liability insurance coverage that each of you will have with your membership). This insurance is going to give us the coverage when we work all non-USATF track & field and cross country meets in the country. Marty K proposed we raise the fee from \$25 to \$30 for the officials. (DB) second the motion and motion carried. Officials Clinic Dates have been set and they are: **March 7th** at Cony HS - Augusta, **March 22nd** at the Gorham Recreation Center - Gorham, **April 4th** at Town of Brunswick Meeting Facility – 44 McKeen St. and **April 5th** at the Town Council Chambers, Orono Municipal Building - Orono.

Masters & Open T&F: Marty T., reported that for the Indoor Championship meet attendance was down. She could only surmise that this is due to the weather report of the bad weather conditions for the day and may have kept the attendance down. (Blizzard arriving).

Masters/Open LDR: Marty K reported that the USATF Coaches Level 1 Clinic has been cancelled for March. Val will be in contact with the New England Association and inquire in co-hosting the clinic. Val wanted to make sure that the plaque was presented to the individual who received the award from the National Office. David Young reported that in April the individual will be running a race and the plaque will be presented then.



Cross Country: Nothing to report.

Race Walking: No report.

Youth Athletics: No report.

New Business:

Financial Requests: Val requested that board members submit to her their thoughts on criteria that the association to establish for the record. Too: Establish Guidelines in awarding financial requests from individual athletes. A monetary award has been given the athletes to help the athletes defray the cost to attend National USA track and Field sanctioned events. At this time, the association doesn't have a written policy in place and should have one. Presently, all an athlete had to do was to submit in writing where and what National meet they would be attending and a small monetary award was given.

Side walls: Val reported that she's been looking in the purchase of side walls for the E-Z Up Tent. Upon her inquires to the E-Z Up Company, cost per side wall is \$155./side wall (3) 1 zipper wall - \$172. - vs. a Caravan Brand easy up tent purchase cost. Upon Valaree's telephone calls to both companies and comparing prices, the Caravan Brand of tent (10'x10') was a better price with Side Walls than purchasing the E-Z Up brand side walls of more of a cost overall. Board members present voted unanimously on the Caravan Tent & Side walls purchase.

Track & Field Equipment Purchase: Val reported she's in the ordering process of purchasing the equipment with the grant money.

Revisions of Associations Meet Entry Forms: Val and Marty T to work on this together. For the Indoor Championship meet – adding more events for the youth and adding a “still and action” photograph clause for posting pictures on the web site.

Old Business:

2009 Maine Non-Profit Filing Status: Val Reported that this has been filed with the State of Maine and a report has also been sent to NUSATF for the association's file.

2009 Sam's Club Business Card Renewal: Val renewed the association's Sam's Business Card.

Blistered Foot Newsletter Publication: Val has reminded to all committee chairs write a brief article for the spring issue of the Blistered Foot Newsletter and submit their articles for publication to Marty Thornton for a March 2009 publication. Val will also send out reminder e-mails to each chair.

2009 Club Packets: Still waiting for NUSATF to send out important information regarding the background screening process to be enclosed with the club packet mailings.



2009 Youth Coaches Background Screening Process: No new information has been received from NUSATF.

Dimdim Company: Val to inquire about using the swipe card – punching in CC numbers etc.

Lewiston Club: Val met with Lewiston Rec. Department regarding 16 athletes who are delinquent. They will pay the outstanding balance and make sure that all bills are paid on time.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Next association's meeting: To Be Announced via e-mail notification and posted on the association's web site.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tavi J. Norton – MEUSATF Secretary