



Attendees: Valaree Foss, Dennis Kunces, Tavi Norton, Paul Morency, Marty Thornton, Dave Thornton, John Sinclair, Don Berry, Taylor Harmon, and David Colby-Young.

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

Secretary's Report: November 2008 minutes were accepted (DB) but needs to be amended, once Valaree finds the missing information which was omitted in error. (Seconded JS)

Treasurer's Report: Dennis reported that there's variety of prices have been tossed around for accounting purposes. Accountants' fees range from \$500, \$400, and \$200. Val will need to ask Ron who the person is and if he or she is an accountant (CPA) that knows the IRS form 990. Date of taxes due is August 15. If we need an extension, we would have to get it in April or May, the accountant usually takes care of this for us. This has been tabled until the February Meeting or until Valaree receives answers from Ron regarding the boards inquires. She will inform board members of the accountant's qualifications. Dennis handed out the treasurer report and went over expenses. Motion was made to accept the report by (JS), and seconded by (PM), and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Athlete Membership: 137 people who have registered thus far in 2009. Val reported that for 2008, the web site counter registered 1,287 ± hits. Unable to determine what pages were "hit" the most for information. Counter was set back to zero on Jan. 1, 2009 (00:001).

Clubs and Event Sanctions: Clubs: 12 Event Sanctions: 3

Officials: Don explained the recertification process, which is complicated. Don will e-mail the USATFOC test people regarding a "question" on one of the Master's Rules Review exam (re: III Field Event Differences Situation B" question makes no sense. Documents will go out next week regarding the testing, and Officials insurance. Out of \$30.00 officials' yearly association fee, \$9.99 will be for officials insurance. In order to be valid, officials must maintain a current year(s) USATF Membership during the Olympiad. Don has access for the USATF membership status. USATF membership is available online or directly from Don. NCAA has now gone to a two year publication Rule book and hopefully USATF will also follow suit within the next few years and only print up-dates for insert. Clinics dates and sites have yet to formally set. At the February meeting, Don to announce dates and clinic sites throughout the state.

Masters & Open T&F: Marty reported that the MEUSATF Indoor Y/O/M Championship meet is being held on February 22, 2009 at the University of Maine – Orono campus. Marty also reported that rental cost for the Indoor Track facility at the university has increased. We will have a trainer available at the meet and the trainer's cost will be approximate \$100.00 for the day and we do not have to supply any medical supplies to the trainer with expectation we'll bring ice and plastic bags for her to use. Valaree did mention that for the Indoor Meet in 2010 that more



events need to be added for the youth divisions and members present did agree. This will be done before the next indoor championship meet. We are need of officials to work the meet. Please contact Marty Thornton if you can officiate at the meet. Val mentioned that she has sent out to all Maine registered athletes (2008 & 2009 with valid e-mail addresses) e-mail notification of the meet and is posted on the association's web site. www.meusatf.org
For the **2009 Open and Masters Outdoor Championship meet, the date has been set for July 18th, 2008** with the host site undetermined at this time.

Masters/Open LDR: David Young was present at the meeting and he inquired regarding funding for the LDR series. At this time there is no money available but within a few months there ought to be enough in the primary checking account to help out the series.

Valaree asked David to give to Jerry a National Award Plaque with the understanding that the National Award Plaques be presented to the athlete at an event that is coming within the near future and not to wait in presenting the award to said athlete. NUSATF Office wants the presentation done immediately.

The National Award Recipient is; _____. Sorry, but this award recipient doesn't know their receiving the award and Val's requesting that the name be withheld within the minutes until the recipient receives the award. Until the next minutes.....

Cross Country: Taylor reported that at the 2008 USATF National Cross Country Championship, the Intermediate Boys – Lakers Team placed first at the National meet. The Youth girls' team either placed seconded or third over all. These athletes will be recognized at the 2009 Awards Banquet which is held late September or the first of October.

Race Walking: Nothing to report.

Youth Athletics: No report.

New Business:

2009 USATF Grant Application: MEUSATF did receive the requested funding for purchase of track and field equipment.

2009 Indoor Championship Meet: At the University of Maine on February 22, 2009.

2009 Maine Non-Profit Filing Status: The association's registering agent will file with the State of Maine.

2009 Sam's Club Business Card Renewal: Val will renew the business card after she inquires to both Ron and Tom on their card status usage.

2009 USATF On-Line Membership Costs: Adults is \$30.00 and Youth is \$20.00.

Blistered Foot Newsletter Publication: Val has requested that 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.

2009 Club Packets: Valaree is in the process of getting the material photocopied and compiled for each Maine Club to be mailed out sometime in late February.

2009 Youth Coaches Background Screening Process: All screening of youth coaches will be done by NUSATF at a cost of \$8.00/coach. More information regarding this subject will be forthcoming from NUSATF within a couple of weeks.

Dimdim Company: Paul explained that Dimdim is a processing company for taking payments by credit card. \$20.00 for use of card reader per event or \$170.00 for a permanent card reader to be placed at the association's office. No monthly fee, processing fee of \$0.97 for every thing under \$12.00 and \$1.94 over \$12.00. Dimdim will accept the following credit cards: Master, Visa, Discovery, and American Express. Motion was made to follow-up with the company to establish an account.

Old Business:

2009 USATF Coaches Clinic Level 1: Val reported for Marty K., that progress for the level 1 Coaches Clinic is still a work in process. The clinic will be held at the Gorham Recreation Center – Gorham, Me. Date: Late March 2009. A definite date has yet been established due to the availability of the Coaches Clinicians. The clinic will begin on a Friday evening until a Sunday late am. Val will contact Patrick Pretty (Wisconsin) and request that Pat contact Marty directly to give guidance in the Clinicians / Clinic requirements.

2008 USATF National Convention Report: Both Don Berry (MEUSATF Officials Chair) and Valaree Foss (MEUSATF – President) both received USATFOC National Awards. Don received his USATFOC award in the John Davis category – Humanitarian efforts by leadership, fellowship and developmental welfare of others. Valaree received the USATFOC award in the James Gray category - Recognition by peers for achievement by an individual who by providing the leadership.

Lewiston Club Sanction: Valaree will be meeting with the Lewiston Recreation Director and staff on Jan. 28, 2009 to discuss the club being sanctioned and help to resolve issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:11 pm.

Next meeting will be held on February 22, 2009 after the Indoor Championship meet.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tavi J. Norton – MEUSATF Secretary