



Attendees: Valaree Foss, Ron Kelly, John Sinclair, Dennis Kunces, Marty Kahler, Christine Lipsky, Marty Thornton, David Thornton and Taylor Harmon.

President Foss called the monthly Meeting to order at 2:45 PM

Secretary's Report: September 2009 minutes were reviewed and were accepted as written by members present.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis reported that the association has \$4,343.00 in the basic checking account. Motion was made by MT to accept the treasurer's report, MK 2nd the motion, all was in favor of accepting the report. Dennis also reminder all present that the association's books will closed after December 15th, 2009 until the New Year and to remit all receipts from convention before said date for reimbursement. Paul Morency – 2009 Registering Agent to assist Dennis with the 2010 Tax Exempt Status renewal which will be done Jan 2010.

Committee Reports:

Athlete Membership: 1777 as of 10/24/09

Past years membership totals for MEUSATF: 2004 - 1492 / 2005 – 1567 / 2006 - 1520 / 2007 – 1576 / 2008 - 1546.

Clubs and Sanctions: Clubs: 58; Sanctions: 62

Officials: Val has contacted Don and he has put out a call to all our officials of the up coming cross country meets. More help is needed. **November 15, 2009 - Sunday** at Cony HS – Augusta, Me is the MEUSATF Youth State & Region 1 Qualifying Meet. MEUSATF is hosting the **USATF Region 1 Cross Country Qualifying Meet will be held November 22 – Sunday at Cony HS – Augusta, Me.** Officials & many volunteers are needed. Please contact Don Berry at chemman@fairpoint.net or Valaree Foss at metrkfld@roadrunner.com if you can HELP us out.

Masters/Open: Christine still hasn't made contact with NSF check person. Val mentioned that she hasn't had time to deal with the party involved but will continue on trying to contact said party. Christine also mentioned the MEUSATF Indoor championship meet. She will make contact with Rolland Ranson regarding renting the facility / date and rental cost. More information to follow as it becomes available. Both Marty Thornton & Christine to work together on this meet. Val mentioned that there should be some more youth events added to the meet. To be looked into by both MT & CL.

Race Walk: Valaree reported that she did send a request off to Tom but hasn't received any report back from him yet.

M/W Masters LDR: No Report.



Cross Country: Taylor and Marty T., went over the course for the MEUSATF State & Region 1 Qualifying Meet. Grounds crew will be adding more drainage in one area on the course in the next week or so. Taylor mentioned that he has received the USATF 3rd Party Insurance Certificates and will give them to the requesting party. Taylor requested different colored spray paint so that the different courses are painted in different colors. Example: 3k different than the 4k & 5K courses. Ron to get Taylor the different colored spray paint for the courses.

Cross Country T-Shirt sales: Fine Design (the company that did the t-shirt sales at the youth outdoor state championship meet) requested that they be able to also do the t-shirt sales for the cross country meets. After much discussion by board members and club representative present, board members and club representatives present voted to have MEUSATF do all the merchandise sales for these meets. Ron reported that he is working on the 2009 cross country tee shirt design. Also, Ron's checking the availability and cost of gloves and knitted caps that will be for sale at both meets.

Youth Athletics: Ron reported that the cross country series around the state are going well. Val reported that the Bangor area athlete numbers have been low, but this is a "new series" in this area after many years of being stagnant.

New Business:

Election of Officers for ME-USATF 2010: Up-dated Report

2010 Chair Appointments:

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| Men's T&F: | Rolland Ranson |
| Women's T&F: | Stefanie Foss-Worster |
| Youth: | Ronald Kelly |
| Race Walking: | Thomas Eastler |
| Men's LDR: | Marty Kahler |
| Women's LDR: | Chair - To be appointed at next scheduled meeting |
| Masters LDR: | Chair - To be appointed at next scheduled meeting |
| Cross Country: | Taylor Harmon |
| Masters & Open: | Christine Lipsky |
| MUT: | Chair - To be appointed at next scheduled meeting |
| Officials: | Donald Berry |
| Membership: | Wendy Serbent |
| Associations: | Valaree Foss |



Maine Tourism Marketing Partnership Program: Dave Watson wasn't present at the meeting and this topic will be tabled for the next meeting. Val will send Dave a reminder of the meeting scheduled for Nov 15, 2009 **after** the cross country meet.

Purchase extra USATF - Maine Banners: Val requested that the association purchase extra USATF – Maine banners to have available at each area around the state re: 1 banner for southern / central / northern areas, each banner would have grommets inserted – suitable for hanging on fences. The association only owns one large banner and isn't suitable to hang on grade stakes for promotion. Cost at a local company to do the banners is \$79.00 each as the digitization has already been done. If purchased at a different company the cost would be around \$125.00 each not to include the digitization cost. The banners would be shorter and be able to slip over grade stakes so they wouldn't drag or fold on the ground when a fence isn't available for hanging the banners. JS made the motion to have Val purchase a total of 3 banners; TH 2nd the motion and motion passed by members present.

2010 Board Members USATF Memberships: Val reported that it's that time of year that 2010 USATF Membership Registrations be paid for. For those members that aren't certified officials will be paying for their 2010 me membership numbers within the next few weeks. Val will renew all board members and provide a list to Don of the board members who are officials with their 2010 numbers for his records. DT asked how and why the cost is broken down. Val explained that all certified officials who pay their yearly dues of \$30.00 to the Maine Officials' Group; part of the thirty dollar fee includes the current year's USATF Registration Number. If an official doesn't pay the thirty dollar yearly official's fee, a current year USATF Registration Number isn't provided to them and the official's insurance become null and void to that person and said official isn't covered by the Official's Insurance provided to them by USATFOC. If an official went to the USATF On-Line Membership Registration, the cost is \$30.00.

Unclaimed Property – Maine State: Val stated that she went to the Maine State web site and began to look at all the unclaimed property listing. She noticed that MEUSATF was listed and she has done all the necessary paperwork to file the claim with the State of Maine. At this time Val doesn't know how much money the association will be receiving – anywhere's from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Lakers Travel Grant: Marty Thornton reported that the Lakers Team received a USATF Mark Springer Travel Grant. For more information regarding this travel grant, please refer to the Financial Assistance Criteria that's posted on the association's web site. Athletes must be a member of the Lakers Cross Country Team or contact Marty Thornton at marty.thornton@gmail.com for more information regarding the travel grant request.



MEUSATF State X-C & Region 1 Events: Valaree reported that contact has been made with area certified athletic trainers for the up coming meets. For November 15, 2009 event, emergency services will be on call as the association does have certified officials who are registered EMT's. Certified Trainers will be on site for the Region 1 event on November 22, 2009.

Old Business:

LDR Program: No Report.

MPA: No meeting has been schedule yet with the MPA.

2010 USATF Grant: The association has been awarded \$900.00 (nine hundred dollars) for office equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 15, 2009 - **SUNDAY** will be our held **AFTER** the cross country meet which will be held at Cony HS – Augusta, Me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valaree J.L. Foss
President – USATF Maine