



Attendees: Val Foss, Tavi Norton, Marty Kahler, Stefanie Worster, Dave Watson, Marty Thornton, Dennis Kunces, Christine Lipsky, Allen Geiser and Darcy Murphy.

Call to Order: Val Foss called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

Secretary's Report: November 2009 minutes were accepted as read, motion made by (MK), seconded by (MT) and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis reported that he and Paul Morency have been working on the 2010 Non-Profit Filing with the State of Maine. When Paul M was the registering agent for past years, in order to change the registering agent to Dennis, Paul had to change address and fees charges do apply. Dennis to have a final report once the filling is completed. Dennis will be the new registering agent. Dennis reported that he still has one outstanding check. As of December 15, 2009 the books were closed. Ron has paid many high school students for working the cross country meet and some of the checks have not been cashed. About \$4300 is the checking account. Bills that will be needing to pay; \$275 tax bill, \$100 non profit filing with the state, and \$1,000 for the Youth, Open and Masters Indoor Championship Meet which will be held at the University of Maine – Orono – Campus on February 28. (MT) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, (MK) second, and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Athlete Membership: Val reported for Wendy that as of day's date 1/4/2010 there is 132 Maine members registered with USATF.

Clubs and Sanctions: Clubs: 2 Sanctions: 2

Officials: Marty Kahler reported for Don that the MPA (Maine Principal's Association) wanted to have a meeting during the time board members were away at national convention. Meeting will be rescheduled. Val mentioned that she will contact Don and request that he send out a call for Officials to work at the University on 2/28/10.

Masters/Open: Christine reported for the Indoor Meet, the distances have been changed to apply to the track facility. The Race Walk event will be the first track event for the day and added distances for the youth athletes. Christine said the there's roughly 8 people have signed up to attend the meet. Val has notified Greg Allen as well as sending the entry form to the New England Association. Val has sent to Christine the list of 2009 MEUSATF members who have e-mail addresses. Christine has in turn has sent out to all e-mail address the meet entry form. In 2009, rental fee was \$975 for the use of the indoor track sand the same fee applies for 2010. Val has contacted the trainer to attend the meet.

LDR: Allan reported that he has been working on the 2010 race schedule. February races looks good, The Sea Dogs, MDI half, Bar Harbor Marathon, and Fourth of July race. Allen decided to



take out Sugarloaf race. We do need some sponsors. Think about sponsors who can help with the LDR races. Val mentioned that we'll need to get the perpetual plaque from Jerry LeVasseur. For 2009, there was no team champion but there were individual athletes who won monetary awards. Val will make contact with Jerry.

Race Walking: Tom sent Marty T an e-mail of Maine Race Walkers who participated at the Dartmouth Relays. Most all walkers placed or PR'd.

Cross Country: Marty T suggested having a X-C European steeple chase with bails of hay (about 12 bails) on the course. Marty T reported, for the Region 1 X-C Qualifying Meet there were about 700 athletes pre registered and 651 at the actual meet. We received a check for \$100 from New England and the check was mailed to Dennis for their entrants. Val thanked everyone for their help at the meet.

Youth Athletics: Marty T reported that not too many cross country athletes from Maine went to Nationals.

New Business:

2010 Sam's Club Invoice – On the account Val, Ron & Tom = \$105.00 due 3-24: This item was discussed and board members agreed that the association will only be paying for one business card and will pay for Valaree to hold. Both Ron K and Tom E will be kept on the association's account, but both will have to go into Sam's and pay for their own Sam's Club membership to continue to be on the account. Val will e-mail both and inform them of the boards' decision.

2010 Blistered Foot Articles: Articles are needed for the Winter-Spring 2010 edition. Please send to Marty T immediately.

2009 Web Site Hits: Valaree reported for 2009 there were 17,189 web site hits.

Co-Chairs --> Chair backups: Valaree has suggested having co-chairs within the organization. Val pointed out that within the organization; practically no body knows what other chairs do for association work - responsibilities (organization of scheduling meets etc.) in their appointed chair position. Like Val pointed out, when she was gravely ill, at least there were others who could step into her elected position, being that time the MEUSATF Secretary. Marty K reported that he is now working with Don, Marty K learning Don's responsibilities of being the appointed MEUSATF Officials Chair with USATF Officials Organization. Marty K will speak to Ron regarding his duties and the responsibilities' of being appointed Youth Chair within MEUSATF. Dennis asked about finding another person to take over the Officials Checking Account Duties. Val said that she would try and find another person to work in conjunction with Dennis and share responsibilities. This topic to be discussed more in depth at future board meetings.



Dave Watson --→ Region 1: Dave reported that the Region 1 meet preparations are coming right along. There will be photographers doing still shots, live web cam from the local cable company. Marty T will step down as the association photographer as she wants to work in the capacity of meet Official. A board member brought up a concern regarding “Official” Meet Photographers and have they had a background with the company they are employed with. Dave W said that he would look into this.

The USATF Region 1 Meet will be held at Bowdoin College – Brunswick Maine on June 25, 26, and 27, 2010.

Old Business:

2009 USATF Convention Report from MEUSATF Chairs: The only two items that was mentioned was, Valaree receiving the **2009 USATFOC James Grey Award** and Paul Morency received the Association’s **2009 Horace Crow Award.**

Valaree did mention that at the associations meetings she attended, there has been Association Website Guidelines & Accreditation Requirements set in place. This will be discussed at the next meeting regarding the requirements that we’re lacking in.

Being no more business to attend to, MK made the motion for the meeting to be adjourned (AG 2nd), meeting adjourned at 20:45 (8:45pm) hours.

Next meeting will be held **AFTER** the Indoor Championship Meet at the University of Maine – Orono Campus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tavi Norton
Secretary