



Attendees: Val Foss, Marty Kahler, Mark Dennett, Don Berry, Roseanne Franceour, Stephen Foss

President V. Foss called the meeting to order at 1:50 pm.

Secretary's Report: July 2018 minutes submitted by M. Dennett were reviewed. Motion was made by M. Kahler to accept the minutes as written, second by D. Berry, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No Report Available

Committee Reports:

Athlete Membership: There was 2440 USATF Memberships for 2018 as of 8/18/2018

Clubs: 54 (46 approved) for 2018 as of 8/18/2018

Sanctions: 75 for 2018 as of 8/21/2018. V. Foss reminded people that sanctions need to be submitted 30 days prior to event or there is a late fee.

Officials: D. Berry commended all officials for a great job at the State Championships. Maine has added a couple new officials trained on the lasers for measuring field events. D. Berry discussed the difficulty when certifying an official that he must contact the national office to get each card for each official. D. Berry reported he is seeking nominations for officials. USATF-Maine can now submit 5 names for outstanding officials to be recognized by the National Officials Committee

Open: V. Foss emailed the Open and Masters Chairs to start looking at dates for next year's Outdoor Championships. She also discussed looking for a new Women's Track & Field Chair.

Masters: No Report

LDR: V. Foss reported that Jim Fecteau has resigned from his positions and we are looking for a new LDR Chair.

Cross Country: No Report. V. Foss asked for schedule soon to get events sanctioned in time.

Race Walk: No Report

Youth Athletics: The Summer Series was briefly recapped. An average of 1100 athletes competed each week with 1757 competing statewide over the summer. There were 81 waivers submitted, down from previous years. M. Dennett felt the difficulties were with weather cancelling some meets or moving others to Friday. Group B did not offer pole vault at any meet and this needs to be looked at for next year. Positives were there were 4 new clubs this summer and improved again on getting memberships for athletes that competed. There were 5 new records broken at the State Championships. The options to determine team score awards (Small, Medium, Large Clubs) from the state meet. It was decided to split numbers based on the number of athletes that competed during the season for each team. The cut offs will be 29 or less for small club, 30-50 for medium and 51 or more for large club.

MUT: No Report

Para Athletics: S. Foss reported a new ruling change for Para Athletics regarding the resting period for shot and discus.

OLD BUSINESS:

USATF-Maine Volunteer Association Award: V. Foss discussed the criteria. She feels we need this award because her award nominee last year did not receive an award at the Annual Meeting. She wants to ensure Maine recognizes its volunteers. It was clarified that each Association's nominees were put into a pool and the awardee was chosen from that pool in each region for the associations. She took the criteria from the national volunteer award. The board discussed taking the awardee and nominating them for the national award. V. Foss will use the name she has chosen for this year, submit that to nationals again this year and the criteria will be used starting in 2019. The board discussed the nomination criteria and papers will be sent to clubs when the summer rules are released. Nominations will be due end of August to be prepared for the Annual Awards.

Equipment Rental Plan: Tabled

2020 Region 1 Championships - RFP: M. Kahler discussed the draft RFP. He set the dates as approximate timelines. The board agreed with the dates as a good timeline and suggested meet dates. He took items from suggestions to include in the RFP. He will forward to the rest of the executive board for their input. V. Foss discussed that J. Fecteau should still be included with this as he has experience with RFPs and would like to be involved with this still.

Sanction Fees: Tabled till Annual Meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 USATF-Maine Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be held 9/30/2018 at Governor's Restaurant. Luncheon and awards will begin about 11am with the meeting to follow starting about 1:00pm.

2018 USATF National Annual Meeting – Columbus, OH: We are currently looking for members to go and attend. Val, Don, Marty, Ron, Mark are possible attendees. The board discussed the number of attendees required for our association. This will be looked into.

Financial Assistance Request: A Financial Assistance Request was received to attend the 2018 Hershey Junior Olympic National Championships. The request was received after the last board meeting, and there was a request last year from the same family that was submitted the day after a board meeting. This request was sent and received the day the meet started. It was also mentioned that the athlete qualified a couple weeks earlier at the Regional Championships and there was time to get the request in earlier. Motion by V. Foss to deny the request and send a letter explaining reason for denial of request, second by D. Berry, Motion passed unanimously.

USATF Grant Application: M. Kahler is putting together the Grant Application for this year. He is suggesting putting in for a grant to purchase a metal rimmed discus for each summer series club. He feels we should do this to give back to the clubs that have supported us and ensure they have appropriate legal implements. Motion by M. Kahler to submit for the 2018 USATF Grant to purchase a Metal Rimmed Discus for each youth Summer Series club, second by D. Berry, motion passed unanimously.

Summer Youth Membership Input: M. Dennett reviewed the numbers Tavi and Roseanne registered this summer for the summer Youth teams. M. Dennett will send the amounts to Dennis to get them paid for their help.

Next meeting: 9/30/2018 at Following the 2018 USATF-Maine Awards Banquet at Governor's Restaurant in Waterville, ME

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 p.m. by President V. Foss

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Dennett – Secretary