



Attendees: Val Foss,, Mark Dennett, Don Berry, Kim Schwickraith, Tom Menendez, Ron Kelly, Stephen Foss, Steve Ross, Tavi Norton, R. Francour

President V. Foss called the meeting to order at 1:10

**Secretary's Report:** June 2017 and July 2017 minutes submitted by M. Dennett were reviewed. Motion was made by D. Berry to accept the minutes as written, second by K. Schwickrath, passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** No Report, but major expenditures have been for State Meet and memberships.

**Committee Reports:**

**Athlete Membership:** There was 2404 USATF Memberships for 2017 as of 8/20/2017 (up from 2127 at this point last year)

**Clubs:** 47 for 2017 as of 8/20/2017

**Sanctions:** 82 for 2017 as of 8/22/2017

**Officials:** D. Berry reported that he is pleased with all officials work over the past year and the growth as an organization is starting to get recognized. We have officials going to work more national championships. He has received names for officials' awards at the award banquet who have been nominated by USATF-Maine's Masters Levels Officials.

**Open:** No Report

**Masters:** No Report

**LDR:** No Report

**Cross Country:** R. Kelly reported the state Championships will either be November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> or October 29<sup>th</sup>. Region 1 Championships are November 19<sup>th</sup> in Rhode Island.

**Race Walk:** T. Menendez reported that Maine had 2 athletes qualify for USA vs. Canada Dual Meet with Spencer Dunn placing 3<sup>rd</sup> and Kayla Allen 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Athletics:** R. Kelly recapped the 2017 Developmental State Meet. The meet went very well. The facility cost was \$150. We will have to pay \$500 for the gate ticket takers and parking crew. There were 20 toilets that could have been decreased to just 15. The Athletic Trainer may be interested in working future meets for us. D. Berry is working on officials lists. There have been complaints about the distance, but there were also complaints about the distance when it is in northern Maine.

**MUT:** No Report

**Para Athletics:** No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2017 Grant Request Items:** V. Foss reported that all items have been purchased and the finalized letter.

**Storage Unit:** Tabled until a unit is found.

**LDR and Communications Chair:** Still looking for Chairs

**Javelin Reimbursement Submissions:** M. Dennett reported that there were 14 clubs who submitted for a total of \$881.99.

**NABR Nominations:** M. Kahler and D. Berry were nominated from the Maine Association.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2017 USATF-Maine Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet;** The awards/meeting are scheduled for Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The room is booked for the Governor's Restaurant in Waterville. Members of the board spoke up about that being the day of Festival of Champions and asked for it to be changed. V. Foss will try for Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2017 National Annual Meeting:** Currently attending will be D. Berry, M. Kahler, R. Kelly, V. Foss, S. Worster, K. Schwickrath, and M. Dennett. D. Berry will also be checking with Faye Lacourse and Courtney Kromko. R. Kelly made a motion for food amount be increased from \$75 to \$100, second by D. Berry, motion passed unanimously. Motion by D. Berry that the Maine Association buy a table at the official's banquet, second by K. Schwickrath, motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Assistance Request:** A financial Assistance request was received from Jarret and Emerson Flaker after the last meeting. In the interest in supporting these athletes before the Hershey JO Championships, each athlete was awarded \$100. The also sent in a recap for the board.

**Youth State Meet Medals:** This was a topic from previous month's agenda and should have been taken off.

**14 Year Olds Competing at Open & Masters Championships:** S. Ross spoke regarding the association not allowing 14 year olds to compete at the Open and Masters Championships. He feels that since New England allows it then Maine should allow it and we should not be discriminating against this one age of athletes. V. Foss spoke that we are a different association. The board discussed that this was decision a few years back after a lengthy discussion and recommendation by R. Kelly to have it be 15 and older because 14 & Under have their championship a few weeks after. It was offered to S. Ross, since he is a voting member to make a motion for this. He declined. Motion made by R. Kelly for the Open and Masters Outdoor Championships allow 14 & Older athletes (determined by birth year under applicable USATF Rules) can compete in open division, K. Schwickrath, motion passed.

**2018 Budgets:** 2018 Budgets are due by November Meeting to M. Kahler.

**Membership:** V. Foss wanted reports on membership input this summer from T. Norton and R. Francour. T. Norton had no problems. There were some coaches who were rude about needing to supply birth certificates. R. Francour got the hang of it with her first year. There were a few clubs/people she had trouble getting information or items from. Next year she will send reports when inputting them to the clubs. M. Dennett has a sheet with membership numbers input by T. Norton and R. Francour and will get the total amounts to send to D. Kunces to send out checks. V. Foss reported that W. Serbent, who entered Group C, said her numbers can be included with T. Norton's check.

**Team Awards:** V. Foss has submitted the awards to be made up already. She split out top team awards for the large team awards into a boys and girls awards. The board discussed the splitting of the award into two as this has never been done before. M. Dennett asked where the numbers came from for the awards and asked for the break-down of the divisions. V. Foss did not have them with her at the meeting.

Next meeting: TBD Location: Governor's Restaurant after the Awards Banquet

Meeting Adjourned at 3:10 pm by President V. Foss

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Dennett – Secretary