



Attendees: Val Foss, Marty Kahler, Dennis Kunces, Mark Dennett, Don Berry, Rolland Ranson, Kim Schwickraith, Tom Menendez, Jen Boudreau, Ron Kelly, Heather Hoisington

President V. Foss called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

**Secretary's Report:** November 2016 minutes submitted by M. Dennett were reviewed. Motion was made by D. Berry to accept the November 2016 minutes as written, second by T. Menendez, passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:** D. Kunces reported that he balanced the books for last year and sent tax info to auditor. He has also has registered and paid the N on-profit Fee. The financials were discussed. All accounts are up from last year. The current balance is currently higher due to deposits that have not been reflected.

**Committee Reports:**

**Athlete Membership:** There was 189 USATF Memberships for 2016 as of 1/17/16.

**Clubs:** 5 for 2016 as of 1/17/16 that are in full compliance with 7 actually registered.

**Sanctions:** 9 for 2016 as of 1/17/16

**Officials:** D. Berry reported that he has clinics that are beginning to be set up. Looks to be holding 4 or 5 clinic but may increase to 6 to cover more areas.

**Open:** M. Dennett is heading the indoor championships. R. Ranson will check with Mark at the University to assist with making sure the meet can be set up. M. Dennett reported that timing is all set up and will confirm all pieces at end of month. He will work on food with the suggestion by D. Berry for looking into Subway rather than a collection of deli sandwich items. R. Kelly will send ribbons up and D. Kunces will bring the medals. The board discussed sales of shirts. R. Kelly suggested he might send up some older shirts to sell.

**Masters:** It needs to be confirmed with K. Russell that the outdoor championships can still be held at Cony on July 17, 2016. Addition of naming of events at the outdoor championship will be – Hurdles (Don Berry); Pole Vault (Taylor Harmon); Hammer Throw (Buster Byrnes).

**LDR:** No Report

**Cross Country:** R. Kelly will take care of sending in a financial report from the Fall Cross Country Championships. R. Kelly will also look into the national report to see if we had any Maine athletes compete at the Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships.

**Race Walk:** No Report

**Youth Athletics:** V. Foss is asking for a mandatory in service on Safesport for all coaches and volunteers. It is an hour and half. She suggested one location, with discussion about having three locations (North – Orono; Central – Augusta; South – Scarborough). Discussion tabled until March 2016. There is no date for Region 1 Championships; however, qualifier is slated for June 18-19. Youth State Meet is to be held August 13, 2016.

**MUT:** Trail Championships to take place at Leavitt Father's Day 5k on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Para Athletics:** No Report

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Timing Bidding Process:** Motion to remove from agenda as no progress has been made by M. Dennett, second by D. Berry. Motion passed

**2015 USATF National Annual Meeting Report:** V. Foss reported in associations they have done away with the gold/silver/bronze awards. M. Kahler reported that in the Masters division they are disappointed with the number of bids.

**2016 Youth Indoor Series:** Starts on 1/23/2016 at Brunswick Recreation Department. They are just waiting on ribbons to arrive.

**2016 Budget - Posted:** The 2016 Operating Budget has been posted.

**NSF Check:** The NSF Check from the Youth State Meet has not been received at this point.

**Facebook Page:** The board discussed use of new Facebook page rather than using the group. H. Hoisington reported that she felt it gave a more professional look and had a better image for our association.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Website:** Last year we had 22920 hits on our page. M. Dennett reported that National Office has done away with any fees for their webhosting service and we need to respond by 1/31/2016 if there is any possible interest in a switch. M. Dennett made the motion to express interest in new webpage to learn more as an association about the new format, second by M. Kahler. Discussion about new website took place. D. Kunces reported we are currently paying \$23 per month for hosting fees plus \$600-\$700 per year to Bill Wheeler for maintaining site. This averages to be \$73 per month. V. Foss said she is against the move. The board discussed that this is only to get more information but not a commitment. Motion passed and M. Dennett will respond and include M. Thornton and H. Hoisington in the email. M. Kahler and H. Hoisington will sit in on any informational meetings/teleconferences that take place.

**2016 Newsletter:** V. Foss asks for newsletter articles to be sent to M. Thornton by 1/31/2016.

**LDR Co-Chair:** V. Foss had a suggestion to have Gary Allen as an LDR Co-Chair with Darcy and Allen. J. Boudreau will move to XC to work with others there.

**Accreditation Process:** There has been a change to the accreditation requirements/process. The board reviewed new requirements.

Next meeting: After the Indoor Championships on 2/28/2016, weather permitting

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm by President V. Foss

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Dennett – Secretary