



Attendees: Val Foss, Dennis Kunces, Mark Dennett, Don Berry, Kevin Russell, Ron Kelly, Marty Thornton, John Sinclair

President V. Foss called the meeting to order at 12:20pm

**Secretary's Report:** March 2016 and April 2016 minutes submitted by M. Dennett were reviewed. Motion was made by (D. Berry) to accept the March and April 2016 minutes as written, second by (J. Sinclair), passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** The financials were discussed. D. Kunces reported there is about 44,000 in the account as an approximate. He is currently waiting on the statement to be released. Mary Cady has approached Val regarding deposits for entry fees from Group D. Dennis will set this up with Mary Cady. D. Berry, has made about \$1800 in deposits to the officials account.

**Committee Reports:**

**Athlete Membership:** There was 482 USATF Memberships for 2016 as of 4/28/2016

**Clubs:** 34 for 2016 as of 4/28/2016 some awaiting approval due to needing Safesport or a Background Check.

**Sanctions:** 36 for 2016 as of 4/28/2016

**Officials:** D. Berry reported that the National Officials committee set up an account with \$5000 for young officials as what was done with ludus tours grant. He is currently needing officials for the State meets.

**Open:** Decathlon/Heptathlon Championships will be held June 18 & 19 during the Region 1 Qualifier – R. Kelly will be the contact regarding this meet.

**Masters:** K. Russell is currently looking into setting up a summer series with a couple of meets. The Outdoor Championships will be on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Hammer will not be contested due to the venue. Discussion took place regarding allowing 15-18 year old athletes compete at the Outdoor Championships. Motion by R. Kelly that an 15 and Older (high school age) athletes who compete must use open age group equipment, second by J. Sinclair, motion passed unanimously.

**LDR:** There has been no update on a new co-chair. We are looking for a new 5k Championship. Proposal to look into the Old Hallowell Days 5k. M. Thornton will speak with the race director about working with them.

**Cross Country:** No report or no financial report from the State XC Meet.

**Race Walk:** No Report. National Championship Bid is tabled.

**Youth Athletics:** The Rules have been set, move to accept rules as written by D. Berry, second by K. Russell, Motion passed unanimously. The Summer Series schedule is tentative, working to solidify the last couple meets. There will be a Safesport Clinic in June for Group C in Augusta. The Region 1 Qualifier on June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> is sanctioned. The top placers advance to Region 1 JO Championships on July 7-10 at University of Albany.

**MUT:** Trail Championships are on 6/19/2016 at the Leavitt Father's Day 5k.

**Para Athletics:** Discussion took place about having meets at July 17<sup>th</sup> Open Championships. M. Dennett will work with K. Russell to have a selection of events at the meet.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Website:** M. Dennett and V. Foss have watched the webinar. Currently paying \$23 per month for website hosting and \$1000-\$2000 per year for posting. We also pay Comcast for internet service at Val's office. Motion by D. Berry that the association move to switch to the USATF website service, second R. Kelly. Discussion took place about when site will be active and determined October 1<sup>st</sup> is an acceptable deadline. Motion passed.

**Association Marketing Kit:** Items are starting to come in. M. Dennett has a banner for summer meets through the marketing kit.

**2017 Grant Request Items:** Any 2017 grant items need to be submitted to M. Kahler by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Association Committee Annual Meeting Grant-in-Aid:** Discussion about submitting for Annual Meeting Grant-in-aid and how to use this.

**USATF Membership Assistance:** Discussion about how to use USATF Membership Assistance fund. It is a smaller amount of \$100. Suggestion about using to promote USATF at high school meets, but that is not allowed by MPA.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mileage to Board Meetings:** D. Berry made the motion to eliminate deduction of mileage compensation at meets and keep board travel mileage separate from officials fee, second by M. Thornton. Discussion about other practices and current mileage rates with other organizations and throughout the state. Motion passed (7-0 with 1 abstain-R. Kelly).

**Blog:** M. Thornton suggested to use a blog along with current and more social media. K. Russell supports the use of a blog as well as many other people who use other social media platforms. M. Thornton will head up the blog and make others administrators. Motion by J. Sinclair to set up blog, second by D. Kunces, motion passed.

Next meeting: 6/5/2016 Location: Conference call if needed

Meeting Adjourned at 2:20 pm by President V. Foss

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Dennett – Secretary