



Attendees: Val Foss, Marty Kahler, Dennis Kunces, Mark Dennett, Don Berry, Tom Menendez, Dustin Williamson, Ron Kelly, Stephen Foss, Jim Fecteau, Rod White, Dan Roy, John Sinclair

President V. Foss called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Secretary's Report: February 2017 minutes submitted by M. Dennett were reviewed. Motion was made by J. Fecteau to accept the minutes as written, second by M. Kahler, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The financials were discussed and the ending balance of \$3,710.79 in Officials USATF and \$33,562.61 in the USATF Checkbook. The balance for USA - Balance for activities less cash on hand and money allotted for travel funds, Gray Award, Taxes and USATF Grant is \$29,898.61. There is an overall balance with CDs of \$56,753.55. Major expenses for the last month have been for UMaine Field House for Indoor Championships and Officials. He has added money to the travel fund and received the Grant from USATF.

Committee Reports:

Athlete Membership: There was 377 USATF Memberships for 2017 as of 3/19/2017

Clubs: 17 (8 still waiting approval) for 2017 as of 3/19/2017

Sanctions: 25 for 2017 as of 3/19/2017

Officials: D. Berry reported that he is finally able to certify people through the new system. He is working with the MPA on a rate of pay with mileage for State Meet officiating. For the Indoor Championships there was a substantial difference in pay between the two High School Indoor State Championships. The New Balance Nationals went very well with officials from Maine. The High School Outdoor State Championships locations have been set (Class A – Masseur; Class B- Yarmouth; Class C – Foxcroft)

Open: M. Dennett Reported that there were 124 athletes registered for the Indoor Championships with 110 competing.

Masters: 2017 USATF-Maine Association Open/Masters Outdoor Championships won't be held in conjunction with METCA. The board asked to be able to hold the Meet at Maranacook. M. Dennett will arrange to host the meet there. He will also be hosting a couple Developmental Open/Masters Meets at Maranacook. The proposal to allow 14 year old athletes to compete at the Open/Masters Outdoor Championships was discussed. This is not allowed under Rule 141 in the 2017 USATF Rule Book.

LDR: No Report – In need of a committee chair

Cross Country: R. Kelly has been added as co-chair. V. Foss commended R. White with the program and set up of the meet for the Cross Country Series.

Race Walk: M. Dennett has attempted to get information regarding the Eastern Region 1 Hour Championships from D. Lawrence. T. Menendez will assist with getting information. T. Menendez reported 3 athletes from Maine competed at New Balance Nationals. The Pan Am Trials will be taking place in Philadelphia next weekend (April 2nd).

Youth Athletics: USATF-Maine will not be hosting the Region 1 JO Championships as Colby is not able to be secured for a facility. It will be July 6-9, 2017 possibly in New England Association. R. Kelly passed out the tentative schedule but locations are still to be secured. The 2017 Youth Developmental Summer Series Rules were

discussed. There were group coordinators who had a teleconference call. Current rule changes were discussed with the one item put to the board. The one rule needing input from the Board was regarding the Javelin (two options proposed were to keep the weights as listed in the rules or keep all the javelin at 300g as thrown in the past). Motion to keep 8&U and 9-10 Javelin as 300g Turbo Javelin and change the 11-12 to 400g Turbo Javelin, and 13-14 to 600g Turbo Javelin second by R. White. Discussion took place. D. Roy felt that the Finn Flyers could present a danger and on behalf of Group B does not want the liability and expense. V. Foss reported she has already purchase (12) 600g Turbo Javelins and (12) Finn Flyers. Each Group will get 2 of each of the Javelins to use at the group meets. Vote was taken and motion passed to keep 8&U and 9-10 Javelin as 300g Turbo Javelin and change the 11-12 to 400g Turbo Javelin, and 13-14 to 600g Turbo Javelin. M. Dennett made a motion to defray the cost of new equipment USATF-Maine will reimburse up to 65\$ per club with proof of purchase (check or invoice) of new Javelins, second by J. Sinclair, motion passed.

MUT: 2017 Father's Day 5k will be held on June 17th. There is a new race director this year.

Para Athletics: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Website Analytics: M. Dennett reported that there has been 2053 hits in 2016 and 3310 in 2017 through 2/25/2017

2017 Grant Request Items: Money has been received. M. Kahler and V. Foss are purchasing the equipment.

Storage Unit: V. Foss is looking into it. M. Dennett suggested Evergreen Self Storage off of I-95 in Fairfield exit 132.

Membership Concerns: Tabled till next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

New Financial Assistance Request: T. Eastler reported he will connect with M. Forgues regarding the financial assistance through NARI.

Lightning Detectors: V. Foss has distributed the Lightning Detectors for the Groups during the Summer Meets.

Non Profit Filing: D. Kunces has re-filed for the Non Profit Status.

2016 Accreditation: Accreditation has not been fully approved yet as they are waiting on the Website to be reviewed.

USATF Meeting 1/30/2017: M.Kahler reported that the meeting with V. Lananna had good conversation.

Summer Youth Membership Entry Options: Clubs will have the option to submit paper forms or input their membership rosters into a google sheet or google form.

Communications Chair: M. Thornton has stepped down and we are in need of a new Communications Chair.

Next meeting: 4/16/2017 via Teleconference Call

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00pm by President V. Foss

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Dennett – Secretary