



In attendance were Valaree Foss (President), Marty Kahler (Vice President), Dennis Kunces (Treasurer), Don Berry, Dustin Williamson, Jim Fecteau, John Sinclair, Kim Schwickrath, Rolland Ranson, Ron Kelly, Steve Foss and Wendy Serbent.

The meeting was called to order by Valaree Foss at 3:19 PM.

Secretary's Report - Minutes for the last month's meeting were not available.

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Kunces reviewed activity and balances within each of the association's two accounts, as reflected in the schedules circulated to members prior to the meeting. Dennis noted that the USA account did not reflect 1) roughly \$8K in two invoices received within the preceding few days and 2) any charge from the City of Augusta for the use of its Cony track facility for the youth meet last month. Marty Kahler inquired whether \$2K in travel grant funds from the National association had been received and it was determined that this funding was still outstanding. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Committee Reports

Athlete Membership – The number of members as of Sep 21, 2016 was noted, as reflected in the meeting agenda.

Clubs – Wendy noted the number of clubs, as of Aug 21, 2016, as reflected in the meeting agenda and noted that approximately six clubs were not in good standing with the National association due to incomplete or missing reporting. Their representatives have been contacted.

Event Sanctions - The number of events as of Sep 19, 2016 was noted by Valaree, as reflected in the meeting agenda.

Officials – Don Berry discussed the difficulties he and other counterparts were facing in dealing with the National Chair in charge of Officials, an individual who was completely unresponsive to email correspondence and phone calls. It was noted that new tests for certification of officials were reportedly complete but unavailable. It was believed that other National representatives would intervene to resolve this ongoing problem prior to the meeting in Orlando in early-November. Don confirmed that the registration fees for the upcoming Olympiad would remain at current levels (\$30 per year for an annual registration or \$100 for an upfront payment of fees for the four year period), but that the Olympiad fee would increase from \$15 to \$20. He reiterated that each official was entitled to receive one new shirt from the National organization. Finally, it was noted that Lance Turley had passed away suddenly within the past week.

Open – Val noted that Lee Jackson was being recruited to replace Rolland Ranson as the Men's Track and Field replacement. Lee was unable to attend the meeting due to a business travel conflict.

Masters – No report was provided, though an impending change in Masters age group levels was discussed briefly. Also discussed was meet participation within this level and Seniors, within Maine and neighboring states.

LDR – No report was available and it was noted that the committee chairs would not return for 2017.

Cross Country – The schedule of meets for the upcoming season was circulated by Ron Kelly and reviewed by those present. It was noted that the schedule had been posted on the USATF-ME website.

Race Walking – No report was available and the status of the bid for the National Championship Meet was not known.

Youth – The report (previously circulated via email) on participation at the summer youth championship meet was

reviewed and discussed at length. It was noted that there were discrepancies, for certain locations/clubs, between the numbers of athletes registered versus the numbers participating in the meet. It was believed that historical enrollment location choices might not be current. A detailed review and reconciliation of registration choice versus team participation was recommended and would be performed. Ron Kelly would be responsible for this but would likely enlist outside assistance.

MUT – Dustin Williamson reported that the Fathers’ Day event that had occurred in 2016 at Leavitt HS was expected to recur in 2017. The event was in the early-planning stage. Information on the event was requested for posting on the USATF-ME website, once the event was confirmed.

Para Athletics – Limited participation during the 2016 season was noted.

Election of Officers

The current slate of officers was nominated to continue in present posts and the vote to approve was unanimous. Continuing in present positions would be Valaree Foss, President; Marty Kahler, Vice President; Mark Dennett, Secretary; and Dennis Kunces, Treasurer.

Old Business

Website - work was reported to be still in progress.

2017 grant request - no response had yet been received.

2016 USATF annual meeting – it was reported that race walker Matt Forges was receptive to participating as Maine’s 10-year athlete at the upcoming meeting in Orlando. Don Berry, Val and Marty would be attending the meeting as Maine’s three voting members. Dennis reviewed the current meeting expense reimbursement policy (except food costs, see new business). Discussion involved other likely meeting attendees.

2017 budget – Marty updated attendees on his approach for preparing the upcoming budget.

New Business

Val circulated the letter from Jon Whitcomb, thanking the Maine association for providing financial assistance in order for him to participate in the National JO meet.

Convention Food Allowance – Dennis proposed that the food allowance for attendance at the USATF Annual Meeting be increased from \$75 for the entire period to \$100. After a brief discussion, the proposal was approved.

Assistant Treasurer position – Val proposed that Jim Fecteau serve as the association’s Assistant Treasurer, a non-officer position. The proposal was approved after a brief discussion.

Certificate of Deposit research – Dennis reported on early findings concerning rates of return on a CD investment, including rates from TD Bank (the Maine association’s current bank) as well as other national, web-based financial institutions. Discussion focused on the inconvenience of using a non-local institution and the amount and terms of potential investments. It was noted that the association currently had a \$2K CD that would mature in April 2017. Jim Fecteau agreed to research published rates of returns for other Maine financial institutions and would circulate findings. It was also proposed that Val and Dennis be authorized to invest up to \$20K based on best available rates, terms and locations, based on research findings; the proposal was approved.

Committee Appointments – Upcoming turnover in current committee chair positions was discussed and it was noted that the search for replacements would continue. It was agreed that Marty Kahler, Dustin Williamson and Tom Menendez would serve on the Association Grievance and Disciplinary Committee, with Brenda Oldfield, Wendy Serbent and Mark Dennett serving as alternates.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Fecteau