



Attendees: Val Foss, Marty Kahler, Don Berry, Dennis Kunces. Stephen Foss. Ron Kelly, Rolland Ranson, Jim Fecteau, Tom Menendez, Kim Schwickrath, Mark Dennett.

President V. Foss called the meeting to order at 6PM.

**Secretary's Report: Nov 2016 report to be reviewed/approved at the Feb 26, 2017 meeting.**

**Treasurer's Report:** D. Kunces mentioned that USATF-Maine has filed with the State of Maine the 2017 Non-profit Status. Also he has sent our 2016 taxes out to the CPA firm for filing. Dennis also mentioned that USATF had requested the association's banking information. A new way of doing business – re: deposits and debits.

Valaree also mentioned that for the 2016 Association Accreditation process that she had to file a current association bank statement.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Athlete Membership:** For 2016 there was a total membership of **2,152**. As of 01-15-2017, there are a total of 171 thus far for 2017.

Concerns for the 2017 Youth membership registrations – to be discussed at the March 2017 meeting. Mark to work on a computer generated program for club input.

**Clubs:** Wendy reported for 2017, thus far, currently there are 7 approved clubs and 6 waiting approval.

\*A **reminder, beginning as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**, everyone that comes in direct contact with any Youth athlete, ALL must complete the **\*SafeSport On-line program or attend a USATF-Maine Officials clinic in 2017**. This program has been implemented by USATF for all to take the SafeSport program. **Everyone also needs to go through the new Background Check Program with USATF.** **BEFORE** you begin the process, SCAN & download your Maine Driver's license or Passport, as this is a **new requirement** by new company Web site address is: <http://www.usatf.org/Resources-for---/Coaches.aspx> . Cost is \$16.00 for 2 years.

**Sanctions:** There are 16 event sanctions thus far for 2017.

**Officials:** Val mentioned that she was contacted by the newly elected NTFOC Chair – Mike Armstrong to continue as NTFOC vice Chair of Nominations, and has accepted the position. Don Berry will continue as the NTFOC **Parliamentarian**. Val raised the question regarding that the NHSF will be going to be using the metric system in all throws events. Don replied that in the new 2016 NHSF Rule Book this wasn't addressed – yet. To be determined.

**Masters/Open:** No Report.

**M/W Masters LDR:** Vacant Chair\*.

**Vacant:** Cross Country Chair\*.

**Race Walk:** Tom Menendez reported that there were some athletes taken to an event and the race walk athletes did well.

**Youth Athletics:** Ron inquired how the Brunswick Parks & Rec 2017 Youth TF& RW Winter Program was coming along. Both Val and Mark replied that there were about 50 youth athletes that attended the first winter program of the season. There was a new event added – which is the vertical jump. For more information regarding the winter program, visit: [www. Brunswickme.org/departments/parks-recreation](http://www.Brunswickme.org/departments/parks-recreation)

**2017 USATF-Maine Y-O-M Indoor T&F & RW Championship:** Mark has sent out a e-mail blast to all USATF-Maine members. Also information has been posted on the web site – [www.maine.usatf.org](http://www.maine.usatf.org) Another e-mail blast to be sent out. **USATF-Maine Officials** – if you can work this meet, please contact Lee Jackson - [leejackson633@gmail.com](mailto:leejackson633@gmail.com)  
**Date: Sunday - Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**MUT:** 2017 Father’s Day 5k will be the 2017 Trail Championships - Date to be determined.

**Para Athletics:** Stephen has nothing to report.

**Next meeting will take place AFTER the 2017 USATF-Maine Y-O-M Indoor T&F & RW Championship at the University Of Maine New Balance Field House – Orono Campus.**

**Telephone conference call,** Adjourned at 7pm by President V. Foss

Respectfully Submitted,

*Valaree J.L Foss*

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