



Attendees: Val Foss, Marty Kahler, Mark Dennett, Dennis Kunces, Don Berry, Wendy Serbent, Rosanne Francoeur, Tom Menendex, Ron Kelly, Dustin Williamson, Joiah Winchenbach, Molly Winchenbach, Stephen Foss, Jamie Juntura, Tom Farrell, Bill Mongovan

President V. Foss called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion was made by M. Kahler to accept the February minutes as written, second by D. Berry, passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** The financials were discussed. From the Officials' account the clinic expenses were paid out. In the General account all expenses from the indoor meet including officials. The Trainer has not been paid at this point.

**Committee Reports:**

**Athlete Membership:** There was 453 USATF Memberships as of 3/24/2020

**Clubs:** 18 as of 3/24/2020.

**Sanctions:** 13 as of 3/24/2020

**Officials:** D. Berry discussed that he was only able to do one clinic before the others were canceled due to the stay at home orders. Nationally the certification count is down quite a bit and background checks need to be done. Unfortunately, many meets have been canceled including the recent cancellation of the U20 Championships

**Open:** J. Winchenbach reported that the Indoor Championships had 126 compete out of 133 entered. There was a wide range of ages of a 5-year-old female and an 84-year-old male. As for the Outdoor Championships, he is working on dates and locations to find facilities that can be used. He plans to poll membership about date of week to host meets for the series.

**Masters:** No Report

**LDR:** No Report

**Cross Country:** M. Kahler discussed the location in Elliot is looking forward to hosting the event. The cost will be \$800 plus a \$500 deposit. We will also be responsible for cost of portable toilets and tent. He would like R. Kelly to come and view the facility. R. Kelly feels the cost is small and looks forward to seeing it. M. Kahler said we would have till November 1 to get a return on the deposit.

**Race Walk:** M. Dennett discussed that the championship race is postponed till at least the fall. Planning for a facility would not work in this time.

**Youth Athletics:** The 2020 Region 1 Junior Olympic Championships at Bowdoin College was discussed. Bill Mongovan, Region 1 Youth Chair, discussed the Region 1 set up and qualifying procedures. The associations meet will have to take place by last week in June with the current stance is to wait and see about the possibilities of associations hosting qualifiers. There is two National conference calls regarding these meets this week. Tom Farrell, LOC Representative – Brunswick Recreation Department, discussed that the Bowdoin Representative and himself have discussed that Bowdoin has postponed the opening date of the College Campus. He would like to hear by mid-April about the overall decision, prefer April 15<sup>th</sup>, but okay to wait till next meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion to table the decision about the meet to April 19<sup>th</sup> by M. Kahler, second by R. Kelly. The board discussed that if have to cancel/postpone there is the possibility to move the meet to Maine in 2021, which Tom Farrell said Bowdoin would be okay with hosting the meet.

R. Kelly discussed that the Association Qualifier is to be the last weekend in June at Scarborough. The Summer Schedule is going to be put together shortly. State Meet will be at Massabessic on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The Board

discussed the drop dead date regarding cancelling summer program. R. Kelly discussed that he could make a decision into June, that a lot of it comes down to Rec Departments and if they are able to host or have teams. Everyone currently will have tentative schedules and many clubs are currently registering.

**MUT:** No Report

**Para Athletics:** No Report

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**2020 Accreditation:** We have received preliminary report. M. Kahler discussed concern about the upcoming accreditation with the current cancelation of meets.

**Money Market Account:** D. Kunces reported that things have changed from original research. The basics are there would need a minimum balance of \$2,500 with a much larger interest rate if \$10,000. There are Electronic transfers into checking available with 6 transfers monthly from market account and unlimited into market account. To approve it would need board approval and who can sign on the account. If the balance goes under \$2,500 there is a \$15 activity fee. Motion by D. Kunces to table discussion till banks return to normal, second by M. Kahler, motion passed.

**Newsletter:** V. Foss asked for articles to be submitted ASAP.

**Facebook:** M. Dennett discussed that coming from National Office has said that they want us to use a Page and not a group. The page allows you to professionally post from your association directly with more direct interaction between the association and membership. The Association can also host and advertise events as the association. This was directly from the Ashley Mitchell, Senior Manager, Marketing & Communications. M. Dennett discussed that it is not a legal issue for use of logo as long as we upload logo directly without altering it. The board discussed that the one run by M. Winchenbach and M. Dennett is a Page and the one V. Foss is classified as a group. V. Foss feels that hers is a page and the other page should be deleted. More discussion took place about the Facebook page.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Membership Increase:** D. Kunces discussed the cost for the membership increase and fees. Motion to set the Maine Association fee at \$20 for Youth Membership fee, second by J. Winchenbach. Discussion took place clearly advertising the change in fee to all members and clubs. It has been about 15 years since the last membership increase. J. Juntura, coach of Healthy Hornets Club, feels the \$20 is more reasonable and there was a lot of concern with \$25 fee. R. Franceour will put together something for the change in youth fee. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by R. Kelly to adjust the adult membership fee to \$35, Second by M. Kahler. D. Berry discussed that the adult membership fee for officials would still be \$40 as that is set by National Officials Committee as there is a 4-year membership deal for officials that is \$35 per year. Motion failed 0-9 with 4 abstain.

**USATF Rally Towels:** V. Foss reported that she was not able to get more rally towels through Nationals. She went to Absolutely graphic in Skowhegan. The cost per towel ranged from \$2.15 for 72-216 towels, 217-503 towels @ \$1.93 each, and 605-1007 towels at \$1.78 each. There was also a 50\$ set up fee. The board asked if a written quote was provided. V. Foss will get it and email the quote.

**Club Late Fees:** W. Serbent is worried with the current situation. Motion that we keep the fee at \$75 with no late fee after May 1<sup>st</sup> with current situation for 2020 only. It was discussed that this would need to be discussed with Lori Bird at nationals and see what they are doing at Nationals. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Sam's Club:** Sam's Club membership is due for renewal. It has decreased to \$40.

**Payment for Data Entry:** V. Foss reported that she had submitted an invoice to pay her for inputting of sanctions, officials and adult memberships. M. Kahler discussed that it was a past decision that we are volunteers as a board and do not pay for input outside of the summer months. Topic table till next meeting.

Next meeting: 4/19/2020 at 6:00 p.m. Location: Teleconference

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by President V. Foss

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Dennett – Secretary