

USATF MTF Exec Committee Meeting

Indoor Championships, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, March 1, 2019, 8pm



Attendees

Rex Harvey – MTF Chair
Jerry Bookin-Weiner – MTF Vice-Chair
Amanda Scotti – MTF Secretary
Carroll DeWeese – MTF Treasurer
Chris Pasko – USATF Board Member (by phone)
Elizabeth Guarneri – USATF MTF Liaison
Sandy Triolo – Communications Chair
Latashia Key – Active Athlete Representative
Bill Murray – Southeast Region Chair
George Mathews – Northwest Region Chair
Mark Cleary – West Region Chair
Sue Hallen – Throwing Events Subcommittee Chair
Rachel Guest – Awards Subcommittee Chair
Bob Weiner – Exec. Committee Chair Appointee
Ron Pate – MLDR Committee Representative
Marilyn Mitchell – Hall of Fame Make-up Class Task Force Chair
Linda Carty – Masters Exhibition Event Chair
Jim Pearce – Clubs Task Force
Jeff Brower- MTF Records Subcommittee Chair
Tina Klein – WMA Women's Representative

Meeting called to order by Rex Harvey.

- The committee heard a report by phone from USATF MTF Board Representative Chris Pasko, who had attended USATF Board Meeting Feb 23-24. Accomplishments included an agreement to develop a workable system for vetting track meet volunteers, including a wrist band system, to hopefully be in place by April. Trish Meyers (Youth Committee Chair and USATF Board Member) is leading this project.

Also coming: IT changes, including a new contract with an unnamed provider. The website will be completely replaced and will include changes to the meet registration system. The board members viewed a mock up of the new site.

Pasko, when allowed to speak at the meeting, focused on the MTF World #1 Program. He challenged the other board members to donate to forge a connection with MTF, forwarded our info to NCAA, and provide donation links for the new website. The board was impressed with all that Rex and Jerry have done for MTF, including the World #1 Program.

Pasko asked a lot of questions at the meeting, as did several of the new board members, emphasizing finance, his area of expertise.

Sunday's closed meeting session meeting was more constructive, less contentious. Pasko received an income/balance statement but did not receive a cash flow statement, which is what he asked for. The board also discussed Vin Lanana's leave and grievance, but they are not permitted to comment about that at this time as there is an ongoing investigation. Call concluded.

- Treasurer Carroll DeWeese gave an update about the World #1 Program progress. The National Office donated \$25,000, An anonymous donor matched it. Twenty people made donations to date totaling \$65,000. An additional \$35,000 is still needed to cover the medal payouts.

Re other budget matters, there are still challenges. Carroll had not yet been given a ledger to close out for 2018 OR for 2017, nor for the first quarter of 2019. Some expenditure reimbursements have taken 3-4 months, some 9-15 months. However, they are now coming faster, thanks to Elizabeth Guarneri. Per Carroll: after 45 days past an event or activity USATF has the right to deny the reimbursement. Getting those submitted in a timely matter also helps with the next years budget figuring.

Elizabeth spoke Re TA's – TA's are a requirement for ANY travel-related reimbursements. Members will book own hotel and have been given permission to purchase their own airline tickets. Expenses cannot be turned in until the event. All TA's go through Rex. The window is six weeks out.

- Rex Harvey said that there has been no resolution at the National Office regarding the status of Vin Lanana as president. The reason this is of any concern to MTF is that MTF's L&L Committee representative is David Greifinger who

received a letter from the National Office saying they wanted his resignation. The reason given was the Greifinger spoke with the press advocating for Lanana but was unauthorized to do so. MTF wishes to stay on the good side of the National Office

David Grefinger was initially supposed to speak with the Executive Committee by conference call but attempts to contact him were unsuccessful.

- The World #1 Program for Torun is evolving well but is a process.
- Rex- Asked for support for Mark Cleary as the new HOF Sub Committee Chair. Cleary stated that he needs 'real workers' for his committee and that he is putting out feelers for members. He mentioned the 'make up' class project and that the HOF voters will vote on that. There were no objections to Cleary's appointment and it was approved.
- Roger Vergin has agreed to be the Rankings Subcommittee chair as David Bickel stepped down. There were no objections, Vergin was approved.
- Rex Harvey recommended that Dr. Cheryl Bellaire apply to be on the WMA Anti-doping Committee as she was approached by Steve Peters to apply. There is no downside to that for MTF. Cheryl just needs to be aware that we (MTF) have an independent action on doping which is not exactly the same as WMA's.
- Jeff Brower – MTF Records Subcommittee Chair asked for approval for the latest set of records. As there is a new rule that moved all relays to 5-year (vs. former 10-year) age groups, there will be a ton of records set in the coming years. He will determine the ages of athletes of past relays to see if they have a record under the new rules. Any questioning of a record will see that record removed from this ratification process to be investigated. The records were approved.
- Linda Carty, MEE Subcommittee Chair said the recent Masters 60m race at the Indoor Championships was well received despite her having a very short time to pull the event together. She is concerned for the next event, the Open championships 200m in Des Moines due to the expense of travel and the date being so close to MTF's outdoor meet and the Toronto NCCWMA meet.
- Sandy Triolo, MTF Communications Chair and Bob Weiner gave a communications report. The meet was mentioned on the local TV News, and in the Wall Street Journal. They thanked those who have provided photos and videos for social media content. Weiner was able to get a waiver from USATF for MTF to film finish lines and clips longer than 6 seconds. Without such a waiver the news stations can't do their job. Clips are OK'd to go on the news, but may not be loaded to social media.
- Jim Pearce reports that his committee has a draft of the process of how to handle a club recruitment complaint.
See the attached documents.
A motion was made to adopt the process with the stipulation that future changes may be made.
Seconded Vote: Ayes, Unanimous, Nays, zero

- Rex Harvey stated that MTF now has had a half a dozen WMA citizen changes due to new rule. For example, Neringa Jakstiene set Age Group WR's in the Pent/60mH, and LJ. She was formerly a Lithuanian citizen who now lives in the US and went thru the WMA process of changing to a US athlete.
- Jerry Bookin-Weiner stated that MTF now owns three Normatec Recovery Devices for use by our international teams. Two were provided by the PVTC, and one was purchased by Bill Murray. To get them to Poland Tina Klein, Bill Murray, and Sandy Triolo volunteered to transport them. Jerry also said that MTF will have two official physiotherapists going to Torun, plus two unofficial ones. Athletes should pay the unofficial ones outright, the official ones should be tipped.
- Bob Weiner, speaking on behalf the of the Anti Doping Subcommittee, stated that testing was being conducted at the Indoor meet. Steve Cohen, the Subcommittee chair, who could not make the meet asked to:
"Authorized the chair to convey to USADA that a targeted subject can be tested based on credible evidence and to ask USADA to include that athlete in the pool." **Weiner has a document with details, however, it was not provided**
A Motion was made to accept the proposal.
Seconded Vote: Ayes, unanimous, Nays, zero
There was a post-vote question: If information comes to the chair re a targeted athlete, should a test be given out of competition, or at the next competition. George Mathews stated that it's extremely complicated and expensive to test out of competition. Rex Harvey made a **motion to have the Anti-doping Substance Abuse Committee investigate out of competition testing options including costs, and compare to what other sports do re masters testing.**
Seconded Vote: Ayes, unanimous Nays, zero
A post-vote suggestion was made to publish a list of sanctioned athletes on our website.
Meeting adjourned