

## Annual Meeting Dec. 7, 2019

Meeting opened at 10am by MTF Exec. Committee Chair Rex Harvey

### Operating Procedures Changes

Presented by Jerry Bookin-Weiner. The vast majority of the proposed changes are editorial. More substantive changes include:

- Further definitions of the role of the Active Athlete Representative and their term (changing to two years in 2021).
- Other changes detail the number of delegates to WMA, detailed in the appendix. For 2020, the status quo will remain (MTF 3 MLDR 2). In order to make it proportional to the type of athletes entered, this may change, depending upon participation. A question was asked, "Does the new amendment address proportional expenses?" Response: It does currently does not.

- Sandy Pashkin asked to have **Section X1D13** amended to read: "The Records Subcommittee shall maintain and update age-group American records for Masters Athletics. The Subcommittee shall periodically submit a report to the Executive Committee consisting of a list of records that are recommended for ratification. The accumulation of these reports throughout the year shall be included with the formal reporting of the USATF Annual Meeting. The chair of this Subcommittee shall serve as the MTF Representative to the USATF Records Committee."

**Motion made to accept the change, seconded, passed**

- Bob Weiner asked to have **Section IX B5** of the Operating Procedures amended to read: "Secretary to read and display the numbered names of athletes submitting a valid written application to be designated as Active Athletes.

Verify these Active Athletes by majority vote of full MTF Committee.

Those Active Athlete members and others known to the Secretary shall determine their Representative to the MTF Executive Committee by a process of nominations, seconds and acceptance.

The remainder of committee procedure on speaking time limits and questions shall be promulgated at the meeting by the Chair and confirmed by the Parliamentarian."

**Motion made to accept the change, seconded, passed.**

- **Section 11A8** It was proposed that the Hall of Fame Subcommittee be comprised of at least 50% current Hall of Fame members. As the current committee has four people on it, the Chair (Mark Cleary) asked that he be allowed to add just three current HoF members to the committee as he would like to keep the committee small. This would satisfy the 50% Hall of Fame member requirement, as the Chair does not count. **A motion was made to adopt this change, seconded, and passed.**

**A motion was made to accept the Revised Operating Procedures with the approved changes. It was seconded, a vote taken and passed**

### New Business

- Jim Walczyk presented a summary of the USATF Outdoor T&F Championships held in Ames, Iowa in July. The same LOC and track facility would interested in hosting future meets in a couple of years, including a Throws Championship in 2021 or 2022. The facility is great, the throwing events are near the track area and easily accessible. Bill Murray, Combined Events Subcommittee chair, would like to have them host the CE Championship. They are still looking

for a 2020 venue and would prefer to hold their meet in August, post the WMA meet or in early June. They need a facility with both two Pole Vault and two High Jump pits.

-Robert Thomas announced and described upcoming championship sites and asked that if anyone had an idea for a site to please pass the information to him and he will follow up.

-Sue Hallen announced upcoming sites for the Throws Championships: 2020 will be in West Seattle, 2021 will potentially be in Iowa, 2022 will again be Iowa or Illinois.

-Christine Gentile relayed that a redrafted Active Athlete definition was currently being presented at the L&L meeting, it had not yet been passed.

-Awards for the top men's teams, women's teams and combined team awards vote yesterday was in conflict with a decision voted at the MTF Exec. Committee meeting held in July. Those minutes read:

"- A proposal was made to separate the Men's and Women's teams scoring at MTF national championships. Discussion: Mark Cleary stated this has been brought up in the past. He feels it decentivises athletes from joining certain clubs. Jim Pearce disagreed, saying it may create more club participation  
**Motion made to add awards for; Men's teams, Women's team, Combined teams to begin with the next Indoor Championships**  
Seconded, Vote: Ayes, Unanimous, Nays, one by Mike Travers"

A revote was taken and the new vote aligns with the one made in July. Beginning with the 2020 Indoor Championships, awards will be given for Top 3 Men's, Women's and Combined Teams.

**-Region Coordinator Reports** (all are also posted online at USATFmasters.org) Each Region masters coordinator, except East Region Coordinator Mike Travers who had to catch a flight) gave brief summaries of their seasons.

- MidAmerica – Jim Weed
- Midwest – Robert Thomas
- Southwest – Lester Mount,
- Northwest – George Mathews who noted that there may be a Hayward classic meet in 2020, it's not definite, a May date has been requested for that.
- Southeast – Bill Murray Notable – who noted that his region is hoping to conduct another Super
- Regional meet next year
- West – Mark Cleary who noted that his region is adding an indoor meet next year, in Flagstaff AZ after not having one for several years, and that Feb 16, 2020 is the date for the Indoor meet outdoors date.

- USATF MTF Team Manager Phil Greenwald's report is available online at USATFmasters.org.

-Graeme Shirley Rules addressed rule updates and said that the 30-second rule, although changed by WA, will not be changed by WMA it this year. USATF MTF wants US athletes to follow the 30-second rule, as that is what will be used in Toronto.

Communications Subcommittee Chair Sandy Triolo gave a Communications Report including video of various pertinent 2019 news clips presented by MTF Championship Media Director Bob Weiner. The in-depth Communication Subcommittee report is online at USATFmasters.org.

-Brian Keaveney, WMA VP Competition, asked those present to stress that both MUT (Mountain, Ultra, Trail) running events and nonstadia WMA events are open to all who would like to enter. Keaveney again described the three Toronto track venues, and added that he has visited the three confirmed nonstadia venues and that the meet is providing shuttles to those sites. He also informed the group that the Athlete Social will be held on July 28.

New Business– Phil Greenwald, meet director for the 2021 Indoors Meet Director at the Armory provided details about some of the facility and expectations. It is a six-lane banked track, there are multiple throwing areas and two High Jump Pits. The meet dates are **March 19-21, 2021**. On Thursdays the facility is open to all for \$20 for practice. The venue is at the 168<sup>th</sup> Subway stop or the bus stop at 178<sup>th</sup> St. Central Hotel on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and 54<sup>th</sup>. If the turnout follows recent year's trends they may consider adding a fourth day to the meet.

Sandy Pashkin added that as the straightaway is on the infield, throws cannot be conducted simultaneously with the sprints. Unfortunately, the venue needs to be booked prior to knowing the final entry count. By a straw vote, those in attendance opted for a fourth day rather than extra long days.

Jerry Bookin-Weiner asked those in attendance to think about a strategic planning process for MTF. The Exec. Committee will be soliciting input on various topics.

Meeting Adjourned