

**MTF Executive Committee Minutes**  
Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 9 pm Eastern Time

Meeting Called to Order at 9:03 pm EST

**Attendees**

Jerry Bookin-Weiner, Chair  
Robert Thomas, Vice Chair  
Amanda Scotti, Secretary  
Mike Travers, Treasurer  
Vin Lananna, USATF President (guest)  
Lloyd Hansen, USATF MLDR Chair (guest)  
Jim Weed, Mid America Region Coordinator  
Phil Pillin, Midwest Region Coordinator  
George Mathews, Northwest Region Coordinator  
Tina Klein, Southeast Region Coordinator  
Damon Blakemore, Southwest Region Coordinator  
Mark Cleary, West Region Coordinator  
Cheryl Bellaire, Anti-Doping Chair  
Rachel Guest, Awards Chair/Chair Appointee  
Linda Carty, Exhibition Events Chair  
Bill Murray, Games Chair  
John Seto, HOF Chair  
Calvin T. Williams, Jr., Inclusion Chair

Jo Burrows, Race Walk Chair  
Roger Vergin, Rankings Chair  
Dave Bickel, Records Chair  
Perry Jenkins, Chair Appointee  
Rod Larsen, USATF Associations Comm Rep  
George Harris, USATF Coaching Ed Comm Rep  
Danny Monistere, USATF Ethics Comm Rep  
John Bahakel, USATF L&L Comm Rep  
Euleen Josiah-Tanner, USATF MLDR Comm Rep  
Carroll DeWeese, USATF Org Svcs and Para Rep  
Sandy Pashkin, USATF Rules Comm Rep/Ch App  
Moira Davenport, USATF Sports Med Comm Rep  
Jeff Davison, Historical Task Force Manager  
James Pearce, Strat Plan Implementation TF Mgr  
Phil Greenwald, International Team Manager  
Marty Kahler, Scheduling Shadow  
Roman Marenin, Mid America Region Deputy Coor

**Comments from the Chair**

**Orientation Sessions**

All Subcommittee Chairs must attend the upcoming sessions. They will be held over Zoom and will be scheduled after the USATF Committee Chair Orientation. Chairs should be sending Subcommittee members to Jerry for official appointments and appointing Vice Chairs and secretaries. They also need a “charge” for their subcommittees; Jerry will provide a sample of that.

**Three Step Certification Requirement – must be completed by 3/8/21**

Required for everyone on the call. Elizabeth Guarneri will check the National Office database to ascertain who needs to do what.

**Social Media Protocols**

Robert Thomas was asked to present. He told the group that they need to be mindful to separate personal views from their USATF positions. If posting on a USATF page, do not post personal comments use private pages for such posts.

**National Masters News**

Official MTF publication. Amanda Scotti is editor and publisher, Jerry urged everyone to subscribe - \$25/year for digital subscriptions, \$39/year for hard copy.

**Masters Rankings**

Every masters athlete uses this service, it survives via memberships. Everyone on the call was encouraged to purchase a membership. Attendees were also encouraged to get their clubs and Associations to make donations.

**Acton Items**

Approval of L&L Rep – John Bahakel

The Executive committee last week approved Subcommittee chairs, liaisons, task force managers and USATF representatives, but the L&L designee has had a change, which needs approval.

**Motion made to approve/seconded/passed**

Approval of International Team Manager – Phil Greenwald

This position also was not included in the approval call last week,

**Motion made to approve/seconded/passed**

Approval of Creation of Strategic Plan Implementation Task Force

This Task force is being appointed for the purpose of implementation of the plan.

**Motion made to establish implementation of task force. / Approve/seconded/passed**

Approval of Request from Spokane to defer 2023 Indoor Championships to 2024

We will need to rebid the 2023 Indoor and 2024 Outdoor Championships at the next Annual Meeting

Robert Thomas is seeking out bidders for 2023 currently.

**Motion made to approve/seconded/passed**

Approval of WMA Rule Change Proposal for Submission to NCCMA Regarding 30 second Rule for Field Events  
The NCCMA president wants the US to propose this.

**Motion made to discuss the rule**

Sandy Pashkin moved to table it so that the new people could become informed

**Motion to table withdrawn by Sandy so that we didn't have to make an immediate vote.**

The chair described how World Athletics changed field event 60-second rule to 30 seconds. It was repealed very soon after. WMA did not change theirs back, however.

The Pros/Cons of keeping the rule at 30 seconds was discussed. Sandy Pashkin stated that it was initiated to accommodate TV, to speed up the event. National and World events for masters have lots of throwers/jumpers, and this helps the meets go faster. There is a warning flag that goes up when the competitor has 15 seconds to go, and that part of the rule didn't change, and many athletes do not like this as it is a distraction and breaks their concentration. Also, Officials don't always adhere to calling athletes up in orderly fashion which is a huge problem for Masters competitors. The problem is really when to start the clock: when athletes enter the circle, or when the athlete's name is called. So, per Bill Murray and Sandy Pashkin, the problem with the 30-second rule lies with the officiating.

**Sandy Pashkin made a motion to table discussion/Seconded/no opposition/the Motion is laid on the table.**

The chair asked that the Throwing Events, Games and Combined Events subcommittees discuss this.

### **2021 Outdoor Championships Update**

Robert Thomas relayed that we've had two calls with the LOC. Sacramento State is not available as venue. David from the Sacramento Sports Commission and John Mansoor, Pacific Association President, have reached out to Junior Colleges in the area in an attempt to secure a venue. This or next week we will find out what dates/venues are available and if they are open. A site inspection will be required. If Sacramento just doesn't work out, there are other locations we're considering. Regarding the Mega Regionals in South Carolina, questions have been asked of the USATF Director of Sports Medicine regarding COVID protocols. We are told we will get a response this week. These responses will also drive some decision making for Outdoor Nationals.

### **Update on National Senior Games for 2022 (deferred from 2021))**

These games have been postponed to May of 2022. The Track & Field dates are May 14-18<sup>th</sup> in Miramar, Florida, which is near Miami.

### **Update on WMA**

Finland 2022, no dates yet.

2023 the Indoor meet is in Edmonton, in April

2024 is Sweden

2025 Indoor and 2026 Outdoor will be bid for in Finland/

### **Other**

Lloyd Hansen, MLDR Chair announced tomorrow evening's MDLR Ambassador call and invited anyone who wanted to attend. Contact him at: [MLDRchair@usaf.com](mailto:MLDRchair@usaf.com)

On the call they will discuss the MLDR events for 2021.

Lloyd thanked Jerry and the website team, they've seen a lot of progress.

Mike Travers stated that he will reach out to everyone on this call to explain MTF reimbursements/budgets/access/etc. The biggest change going forward is that all expenditures need to be approved in advance.

**Motion to adjourn/seconded/adjourned**

**Adjourned at 10:05 pm EST**