

## **MTF Executive Committee Agenda**

Thursday, March 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 pm EDT

### **ATTENDEES**

Jerry Bookin-Weiner  
Bill Murray  
Sandy Pashkin  
Mark Cleary  
Jim Weed  
Perry Jenkins  
Phil Pillin  
Colleen Barney  
Roman Marenin

Tina Klein  
Damon Blakemore  
George Mathews  
Mark Williams  
Mike Travers  
Robert Thomas  
Rachel Guest  
Amanda Scotti  
Sandy Triolo

### **Outdoor Championships Update and Proposal**

Robert Thomas reported that because of the “myriad of challenges” they faced to host the Outdoor Championships this year, the Sacramento Sports Commission informed USATF on March 9 that they were withdrawing to give USATF time to find an alternative host. Searching for alternate venues, Robert contacted five places that have recently hosted the meet or will be hosting the meet in the near future. The only one to step forward was Ames, Iowa and the CVB, together with USATF Iowa, submitted a bid which has been approved by the National Office. They asked for some considerations, to be sure that they don’t experience a loss including waiving the \$2000 rights fee, to which the National Office agreed. We (MTF) will transport the hurdles/implements to the meet.

The Games Committee is working on the schedule, which may be done by early next week. It will include the new 25-29 age group. The meet dates are 22-25 July.

Our 2019 liaison has left the CVB, but her replacement, Kim Abels, has been very easy to work with on the bid process. Jim Walczyk, meet director in 2019, has also been very much involved in the bid process, and will be Meet director again. No changes have been made to the facility. The host hotel will be the Radisson, which is less expensive than the one used in 2019.

Earliest this will be a done deal is Monday. Things are not official until the agreement is signed but Jerry will put out a notice of “pending” date venue tomorrow.

Motion was made to accept the proposal, seconded, passed unanimously.

### **Request for a Special Meeting of the Full MTF Committee to Amend the Operating Procedures (see below)**

Proposal made/seconded to call a special meeting, seconded, passed unanimously. It is left to the offices to decide the date of the special meeting, likely will be early part of May.

#### ***Amendments to MTF Operating Procedures for Special MTF Meeting***

*These changes are proposed to take immediate effect after the Special Meeting at which they would be considered:*

*Change Section XI E.2 as follows:*

The Awards Subcommittee shall, under the direction of MTF, select outstanding MTF athletes for annual age group, *event group*, and overall athlete-of-the-year awards, for distinguished service to MTF and collaborate with other Subcommittees that present awards. The Subcommittee also shall select nominees for WMA annual Athlete of the Year awards in each appropriate category.

Change Section XI.E.8 as follows:

The Hall of Fame (“HOF”) Subcommittee shall annually research, solicit, and present nominees for selection to the MTF Hall of Fame. Nominees may include active or retired MTF athletes and administrators who have been involved in MTF for a minimum of ten (10) years. ~~The HOF Subcommittee shall be comprised of at least 50% members of the MTF Hall of Fame.~~ Voters shall include the HOF Subcommittee, current members of the Hall of Fame, *and* members of the MTF Executive Committee, *MTF Subcommittee Chairs, MTF Task Force Managers, and USATF Association Masters Chairs.* Criteria for selection to the MTF Hall of Fame shall be established by the HOF Subcommittee.

NOTE: All changes are indicated in red

### **Resolution of Thanks to Former Executive Committee Members**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Resolution of Thanks (see below).

This will be published and sent to people involved. All dates will be confirmed.

A suggestion was made to also give those mentioned each a plaque. A motion was made to amend the motion to adopt the resolution to include providing plaques, It was seconded and passed unanimously., and then the amended motion was adopted unanimously.

*Whereas Stephen Cohen served USATF Masters Track & Field by establishing the Anti-Doping and Substance Abuse Subcommittee and served as its chair and served as a chair appointee on the Masters Track & Field Executive Committee until 2020,*

*And Whereas Carroll DeWeese served as USATF Masters Track & Field Treasurer from 2008 to 2020,*

*And Whereas Jim Flanik served as USATF Masters Track & Field Championships Games Subcommittee Chair from 2006 to 2020,*

*And Whereas Lester Mount served as USATF Masters Track & Field Southwest Region Coordinator from 2000 to 2020,*

*And Whereas Graeme Shirley represented the Masters Track & Field on the TAC/USATF Rules Committee for a period more than 30 years,*

*And Whereas Bob Weiner served USATF Masters Track & Field by establishing the Media Subcommittee in 2003 and served as its chair until 2016, and served as a chair appointee member on the Masters Track & Field Executive Committee from 2018 until 2020,*

*Be it therefore resolved that the USATF Masters Track & Field Executive Committee recognizes the aforementioned individuals for their long and dedicated service to USATF Masters Track & Field and expresses its gratitude for their contributions to the success of Masters Track & Field in the USA and in the future.*

*This resolution is adopted by the USATF Masters Track & Field Executive Committee on March 25, 2021.*

### **Update on Rex Harvey Masters Exhibition Long Jump at Drake**

30+ Applied. Four men/four women have been sent invitations; there also are alternates. Those names are not yet published. Lodging will be provided from the Rex Harvey Memorial Endowment, as will ground transportation in Des Moines and some meals. We still need to know the Covid protocol. The event will be held Saturday afternoon.

MEE at the Olympic Trials is not yet out of the question, the NO will let us know once all the details of the meet are worked out. Because of COVID, it is a very challenging meet to stage. A co-ed relay has been proposed. Sandy Pashkin can keep us advised of Covid protocols in Oregon.

### **Updates on Regional Meets**

Mega Regional is scheduled for Myrtle Beach, SC June 5-6. Bill Murray will have a meeting with the LOC liaison on Monday. They don't yet have a Meet hotel and a cage has not yet been found for the Weight Throw. It's possible that the WT will not be contested.

SW Region, Damon Blakemore said they are currently looking at a meet in conjunction with the Gulf Association Youth meet in Houston; Masters events will be held in the morning, youth in the afternoon.

Mid-America Region, Jim Weed they are working with Brian Bedard, the head coach at Colorado State and he is hopeful that they will be able to get a contract for the facility. They are currently investigating the Covid protocols and these protocols will also impact the Combined Events Championships to be held at the same venue earlier in the week (August 11-12). The Mid America meet is scheduled for August 14-15.

NW Region, George Mathews reported he has two more steps to go to complete their Meet plans. The date is July 17. The Throws Championships (August 21-22) are already registerable online and a LOT of people are signing up.

West Region, Mark Cleary reported that the meet might happen post nationals due to Covid restrictions in California

Mike Travers asked that the Region Coordinators submit to him the number of medals that they think they will need. The SE needs zero.

### **Other Business**

WMA Championships are scheduled for the end of June/thru July 10, 2022 in Tampere, Finland. Not yet announced, but likely to be on the WMA website in the coming days.

The World Athletics XC Championships in Australia will have masters events. This information is available on the WMA website. The events differ from the nonstadia WMA championships events.

Edmonton Indoor WMA Championship dates are March 27-April 3, 2023.

Sacramento will host the 2024 Outdoor Championships

HTWO – We've now received two checks, for over \$5000 each and one for around \$700. In May the product will be sold in Safeway stores in the Pacific Northwest,

USATF now has an Amazon Smile and will receive .05% of Amazon purchases of those who buy on smile.amazon.com and have designated USATF as the beneficiary. That money will go into a pool; USATF Sport Committees, such as MTF, will be able to access funds for specific projects; proposals will be solicited either annually or semi-annually.

USATF Foundation. Board Member Chris Pasko has been working with the Foundation to create a funding mechanism for masters and be used especially for the World #1 program. He is looking for two \$25,000 donors to seed it. The Foundation is completely separate from USATF.

Jerry will work on HTWO having a booth in Iowa.

**The meeting adjourned on a motion made, seconded and adopted unanimously at 10:15 pm Eastern Time.**