

Executive Committee Meeting (Open to the public)

Mar 16, 2018, Landover, MD

MTF Executive Committee Attendees

Rex Harvey, Chair
Jerry Bookin-Weiner, Vice Chair
Amanda Scotti, Secretary
Carroll DeWeese (arrived late), Treasurer
Sandy Triolo, Communications Subcommittee Chair
Sandy Pashkin, Chair Appointee
Bill Murray, South East Region Chair

George Mathews, Northwest Region Chair
Mark Cleary, West Region Chair
Christel and Jerry Donley, Mid America Region Chairs
Robert Thomas, Midwest Region Chair
Latashia Key, Active Athlete Representative
Jim Flanik, Games Committee
Len, Games Committee

Other Attendees

Bob Weiner Communications Subcommittee member
John Seto Rankings
Sue Hallen Throws Subcommittee Chair
Joy Upshaw, MEE Subcommittee Chair
Zack Raubuck, USATF MTF Liaison
Tina Klein, WMA Women's Delegate
Marilyn Mitchell, I don't know
Cheryl Bellaire, Substance Abuse Subcommittee Chair
Roger Vergin, All American Standards task force chair

Guest

Julia Hawkins

Rex Harvey Opened Meeting at 7:45 pm

Media Presence at the meet. Bob Weiner announced that the Communication Sub Committee had arranged to have ESPN at the meet. He also introduced Julia Hawkins, oldest competitor ever at a Masters meet. Weiner also mentioned the current conflict regarding ESPN filming portions of the meet; USATF has a contract with NBC giving them the rights to all broadcasting. Rex Harvey pointed out that NBC was not present at the meet. After some discussion at the meet, USATF allowed ESPN to film portions of the meet. Zack Raubuck relayed that requests for outside media presence in the future must go through the National Office. Rex introduced USATF Board Member Bill Shelton, his term is up soon but he will be running for another term.

MEE. Joy Upshaw highlighted the recent Masters Exhibition Event, held at the USATF Indoor Championships in Albuquerque. The goal of the event was to showcase to the public what older masters groups can do. There was a M75+ and a W65+ 200m; the lanes were filled with top notch competitors. Upshaw thanked Zack Raubuck for his assistance with the sign ups and more. The event was very well received and the USATF event announcers did a great job. The event was marketed on the MTF social media sites and the feedback was positive.

The next MEE will be at the USATF Outdoor Championships. Likely a M50+ mile and a W45+ 800m. The event is not approved yet, it will be announced and open for entry once it is.

Rex Harvey said that Drake Relays is asking for masters athletes to compete in an age-graded 100m. Bob Lida has said that he is interested. In addition to official MEE, other meets provide masters races too; Penn, and Mt. Sac were named. These are great ways to promote Masters track.

Mentorships. Bill Shelton spoke to having masters mentor elite athletes. He is currently working on a survey to begin the process of finding mentors, skill sets, interested parties.

Active Athletes. Rex Harvey and Latashia Key are currently working on a way to streamline the Active Athlete sign ups and roll call at the Annual Meeting.

Records. Records Subcommittee Chair Jeff Brower was not at the meeting. Records that need approving will be voted upon by email after they are prepared.

Malaga

Physiotherapist

Robert Thomas currently has three interested in working the meet
It was Proposed that with NO help, when uniform confirmations are sent out that a form be included asking the athlete whether they expect to use the trainers and if they would be willing to pay.
Zack said it's possible.

Uniforms

The Malaga uniform plan is currently awaiting approval. The plan is to have team processing in Spokane for those using it as a tune-up meet. For those not going to Spokane. Unis can be mailed. The Toronto uni is the Malaga uniform. There was some discussion re ripped up old unis or wrong sizes.

Pins- athletes will get country pins for trading/cost 2 euros ea/this will also be processed in Spokane. Each athlete will receive one free.

Elected Head of New Communications Subcommittee

Sandy Triolo- was elected and stated that the Largest chore so far was getting the press releases out.
She had to learned how the process worked and thanked Bob Weiner for his help
Five photographers were at this meet. This way more people can get their photos taken as this is the language of social media. People sharing photos promotes the sport
A new website is being built
Currently we have nearly 6000 followers on social media accts, most are on FB
Announcing: It's Important that announcers have info about the athletes so she hopes to create a database of athletes and wants to create a link to a form to put out to athletes to gather info

Inclusion Subcommittee

George Melichar reported that the subcommittee's action plans include:
Packet supported new athletes with a 411 card to help them navigate the meet
Table- at the meet with a professional presence
Work on policy visibility i.e. disabled athletes
Creating an inclusion scoreboard...to be able to fill in data such as veterans, women, etc

Subcommittees Info:

Duane Gosa is shadowing the referee/to learn how to bring in younger officials

Roger Vergin reported that John Seto is reviewing the AA Standards presented in Baton Rouge/no negative feedback. The new marks take into account the number of participants and provide incentive for people to support NMN. The Exec Committee will vote by email to accept or not.

Meet production manager/Lisa Roseborough/Event producer/Head Announcer said that she wanted to recognize women in leadership roles at tomorrow's meet.

Minor Championships (Combined Events/ Throws) stated that the NO Legal Dept. has drawn up unreasonable contracts, so those will not be contested this year as those willing to put on the meets do not wish to adhere to those contracts. Rex/Jerry/Zack have been working on this. The effect of the contract has been to drive meets away. The terms in current form don't work for these meets and Sue Hallen, Bill Murray, and George Mathews described how events with small attendance cannot support the requirements of the USATF contracts

Misc.

All 50 'Administrators' need to do:
Safe Sport training online
NN background checks – USATF one
Confirm that they've read the Volunteer Handbook
Submit the Conflict of Interest declaration

Officials (per Jerry)

The Budget this year included paying officials. Here they are getting \$35 per day stipend/first time other than in Boston. It was a battle to get the NO to agree to this, they feel the LOC should pay the officials, However we wish to reward them as most officials pay their own way...about \$2000 per meet