

**USATF Athletes Meeting at the MTF Outdoor Championships
12Jul19**

Attendees

Rex Harvey – MTF Chair
Jerry Bookin-Weiner – MTF Vice-Chair
Amanda Scotti – MTF Secretary
Chris Pasko – USATF Board Member
Sandy Triolo – Communications Chair
Latashia Key – Active Athlete Representative
Rachel Guest – Awards Subcommittee Chair
Sandy Pashkin – Exec. Committee Chair Appointee
Jim Walczyk – USATF MTF Outdoor Championship Meet Director
Various athletes

Jim Walczyk spoke about the meet, advised the athletes to hydrate, and to contact him or Rex if any issues arise. He also pointed out the available massage areas. Jerry Bookin-Weiner stated that this meet had the best throws facilities we've ever seen.

Sandy Triolo asked those present to post photos and notices to USATFmasters.org to build awareness and social media presence. She also asked veteran travelers to help newbies, mentor them especially with declaration and check-in processes. Bob Weiner urged athletes to inform their hometown press about their successes and MTF in general.

Latashia Key, MTF Active Athlete Representative welcomed the athletes and provided information re upcoming meets. She pointed out that officials and staff are all volunteers. She stressed the importance of providing email addresses to aid with athlete communications. She reminded athletes to wear USA gear, official gear when possible. At World meets they are required to wear official gear. Black bottoms are OK and in the prelims the red uniforms are OK, but the Rio blue uniforms should be worn for all finals. BUT at NCCWMA meets, anything USA is OK. The USA portion of your uniform may not be covered up. Bibs may not be folded or mutilated. Also, the Rio unis are not durable, do not wear them if you don't have to.

Rex Harvey referenced a recent email he sent out to athletes planning to attend the NCCWMA meet regarding not over-demonstrating at the meet. He asked for no flags to be paraded on the track, that it was OK in the awards area

Marilyn Mitchell informed the athletes of the NCCWMA social being held at the Chelsea Hotel and hosted by bidders for the 2021 meet, that the US Team has a 10:30 am meeting each day in Toronto, and that athletes should join WhatsApp to read the team managers messages. She also asked for names of past athletes to consider for the Make-up Hall of Fame induction.

Jerry Bookin-Weiner advised athletes that for travel to Canada, they should use ATM's for best exchange rates and do NOT make charges in US Dollars, use Canadian. They should be sure their phone service is aware that they're traveling out of the country and find the best plan for that.

Robert Thomas gave an update on possible future meet sites and explained the bid process.

Rex Harvey Introduced Chris Pasko who said there is hope for a sponsor for MTF and that the World #1 Program likely will be repeated for the Outdoor meet in Sweden. Chris also pointed out that several people on the MTF committees give countless hours of their time to this sport and thanked them.

Rachel Guest gave directions to the Awards Banquet location and let those in attendance know that it was sold out.