

## MTF Exec Committee Meeting 2 May 2023

### Attendees:

Jerry Bookin-Weiner  
Robert Thomas  
Mike Travers  
Amanda Scotti  
Perry Jenkins  
Colleen Barney  
Bill Murray  
Jo Burrows  
Damon Blakemore  
Stephanie Colby  
Tina Klein  
Sandy Triolo  
Sue Hallen  
Roman Marenin  
Sandy Pashkin  
Phil Pillin  
Chris Pasko

Call to Order 6:05pm

### **Administrative Issues** (Mike Travers, Jerry Bookin-Weiner)

Mike: Payment from the National Office on all reimbursement requests are currently running late. Mike cannot say when to expect them.

To assist in faster reimbursements:

- Meal receipts need to be itemized
- Use the USATF Request for Payment form! Mailing address required (Mike will send some forms if needed)
- Use PDFs! Make sure that they are legible
- If have alcohol on a receipt, be sure to note that on the receipt! It cannot be reimbursed.
- If approved for purchasing your own flight, the fare is still subject to the 21-Day advance price
- Best to have Dorothy in the USATF Travel Office make the travel arrangements
- Rental cars must be preapproved

Jerry- There is now another administrative issue re downloading athlete info: The National Office is blocking our access to personal data such as emails, phone numbers, dates of birth, etc.

Now all communications (with athletes) have to go thru our liaison, Elizabeth Guarneri.

### **Report on WMA Indoor in Poland** (Jerry Bookin-Weiner, Robert Thomas)

Jerry: USA Ranked 3rd on the Medal Table behind Germany and Poland (they had the

most athletes). The US did not have as many older (80+) athletes as in 2019 and that year they won a large number of medals.

Robert: The medical team consisted of 2 trainers, 1 Masseuse, 1 Chiro  
The athlete fees (\$28,000) paid for the medical team's travel and a stipend and more medical equipment for future events.

Prize money payments have been turned in to the National Office (needed W9s from all athletes, only two have not sent theirs in). Two people who received travel grants did not go, one returned the money, the other has not (yet)

### **Code of Conduct Update** (Jerry Bookin-Weiner, Robert Thomas)

After speaking with legal, the plan to have this as a part of registration, MTF was told that this was not needed as USATF has a code of conduct and the MTF concerns were addressed in that. They are not against including it in the registration process.

**Problems: Poland** - A couple athletes were rude to women in the medal stand area.

**Louisville** - Athletes had prohibited drinks on the competition floor, challenged the facility people and were expelled by the meet director. One person returned and competed but should not have been able to.

### **WMA Indoor 2025 Update** (Robert Thomas, Jerry Bookin-Weiner)

Robert did a preliminary site visit to a new facility in Gainesville, FL and an interest in bidding for the WMA Indoor in 2025 emerged following that visit. Moving forward currently with that, trying to find a date for a WMA Council site visit. Robert and Bill described the venue in detail, it's quite new.

Motion made to approve support for WMA Champs in Gainesville/Seconded/Vote taken In Favor – 11 Against - 3

### **Future Meet Updates** (Robert Thomas and others)

**Greensboro Update** – schedule changes; charity program; child care (Games Comm; Colleen Barney, Robert Thomas)

Sandy Pashkin – Greensboro: There was a push for moving relays to separate days. The games committee looked at that, and it is possible. So, the schedule will change from year's past and each day will have one relay.

Colleen Barney – Questions re the charity program. Louisville: To show appreciation for host cities, MTF supported some charities via item donations. "A Place to Sleep" and "Home of Innocents". MTF Collected two carloads of materials, plus \$750 for each charity. Colleen is now looking for the Greensboro charities. Greensboro's greatest need is homelessness. One charity that she found that takes items was Interactive Resource Center. They want good,

personal care items. Another one was Backpack Beginnings. They provide kid backpacks with stuffed animals, things kids need. They also have a book program. Less than 50% of kids in Greensboro start school ready to read. Both would be good choices, as they prefer items rather than money. NOTE: The Greensboro LOC has expressed a strong interest in another charity that teaches children to swim – this will require a discussion with them.

Re possible childcare: Robert asked Greensboro LOC if they could suggest a childcare company to help out, maybe a church? No response yet.

### **Chicago Update** (Games Committee, Robert Thomas)

Chicago: Robert: Spoke with them re scheduling, that with the added day the hours may not be so long. Addressed any traffic problems. Date changed. Gately staff in Chicago doesn't seem to know what they're supposed to do. Sue Hallen and Robert will address the issues with who they need to speak with.

### **Sacramento Update**

The LOC has proposed that the meet be held at American River College. Dates need to be set around WMA and Nationals; the Games Committee needs to do a site inspection.

### **Future Bids** (Robert Thomas on possibilities)

Possibilities: Mission Viejo, CA expressed an interest

Gainesville 2025 Indoor Nationals too, perhaps back to back weekends

Gainesville proposed dates: Nationals March 13-16, WMA March 23-20

Des Moines looking at 2027, cannot do 2026

### **NCCMA Update** (Jerry Bookin-Weiner, Bill Murray)

Bill: We don't know anything. No emails have come re a site visit to Monterey, even after Juan Guzman (WMA Secretary) got involved. Dates could be end of October, first of November. A second bid came in from Juarez, Mexico. Bill said we would not even bother with a site visit there.

### **MEE Update** (Jerry Bookin-Weiner, Robert Thomas)

More events this year than ever. Drake was first class, good intros, good bios, good crowd, shuttled them around, provided meals, etc.

> 200m in Bermuda, 21 May as part of the Grand Prix. Deadline is imminent. Holes will be filled in with competitors from Bermuda. A masters meet is coming up for Masters in Bermuda too on 20 May.

> 100m LA Grand Prix. Age group update is M/W 60-74.

Other masters races may be held that are outside this official event. Deadline is also coming up for this one.

> 400m at the NY Grand Prix in June; age group is M/W45-54; application deadline is June 1

> 200m in Eugene at the outdoor nationals; age group is M/W55-64; application deadline is June 5

Because of the athletes info lock-down, Lee Bridges resigned as MEE Chair – Jerry and

Robert are stepping in to handle.

**Regional Championships Updates** (Regional Coordinators, Jerry Bookin-Weiner)

Two Region meets do not yet have websites up, others have issues. Must be sure that the website does not exclude foreign athletes.

**Executive Committee Meeting in Greensboro** (Jerry Bookin-Weiner)

Thursday or Friday? Thursday is likely lighter day. So, meeting is scheduled for Thursday then.