

Exec Comm Meeting  
October 16, 2024

Attendees:

Jerry Bookin-Weiner  
Mike Travers  
Rachel Guest  
Robert Thomas  
Colleen Barney  
Perry Jenkins  
George Mathews  
Sandy Pashkin  
Euleen Josiah-Turner  
John Seto  
Sue Hallen  
Tina Klein  
John Bahakel  
Jo Burrows  
Carroll Deweese  
Phil Pillin  
Marty Johnson  
Mark Cleary  
Cheryl Bellaire  
Sandy Triolo  
Roman Marenin  
Jeff Davison  
Moirra Davenport  
Mark Williams  
Chris Pasko  
Damon Blakemore  
Jim Pearce

Meeting Called to Order at 9:03 pm ET

Indianapolis Staff Changes – Jerry Bookin-Weiner

- Met one new member who will work with LDR during meeting earlier in the day
- Deah Long been MTF main contact since Zack Raubuck and Elizabeth Yeadon have left. Continues to get up to speed

MTF Personnel Changes – Jerry Bookin-Weiner

- Marty Johnson – taking over for Bill Murray as Games Committee Chair
- Rachel Guest – taking over for Amanda Scotti as Secretary

Nominating Subcommittee Report – Jim Pearce

- Individuals already identified and accepted as candidates are: Robert Thomas (Chair), Colleen Barney (Vice Chair), Rachel Guest (Secretary), Mike Travers (Treasurer)
- Notice sent out to athletes to advise accepting nominations. Responses include:
  - Chris Rinaldi – interested in Vice Chair. Was advised will need to be nominated by the floor
  - Judge Peter Wirs – currently no real involvement with MTF. Did not specify a position interested in. Encouraging to get involved in committees, other roles to gain knowledge and experience with MTF
- After all nominations are collected and report by committee, each candidate will have up to 5 minutes to speak. Any unopposed candidates can be elected immediately by acclamation.
- Opposed candidates will be voted on next day by 39 active athletes and other delegates at the Annual Meeting. Email will be sent in the morning and 1 hour will be given to place votes.

Question: Sue Hallen what is the procedure for active athletes?

A – Jerry Bookin-Weiner advised will post form in November for individuals to fill out in advance. Can also collect when at the annual meeting before the Committee convenes. Rachel and Colleen will work on forms to ensure eligible.

Reimbursements – Mike Travers

- Apology to everyone for the delay in reimbursements
- Jerry Bookin-Weiner, Robert Thomas, Chris Pasko, and Mike working on getting all payments sent. All have been submitted and waiting on processing by USATF Finance
- Everyone has been timely at submitting expenses
- Mike has been encouraged to bring this issue to Mike Conley and Rose Monday (the candidates for USATF President) so they are aware and can work on how will handle if elected.
- Zack Raubuck leaving set everything back due to his contacts and business knowledge and ability to move things along

Questions: Damon Blakemore disappointing for the organization that we are working to grow to continue to have delays.

A – Jerry Bookin-Weiner: was advised it is a cashflow issue

A – Chris Pasko: security for Peru was \$2 mill and did not help the cashflow Issues. Also adding in the Olympics, it has not helped.

Travel Authorizations – Jerry Bookin-Weiner

- If putting on a region meet and have people that will get reimbursed for travel, need to send into to Jerry or successor to get a TA in advance; otherwise they cannot be paid.

2025 Outdoor Championships Update – Robert Thomas

- Site visit (Sandy Pashkin and Marty Johnson) scheduled for Huntsville, AL in November.
  - Have resurfaced track and currently working on throws areas

- Spire Institute in Ohio has not responded to requests to see if interested in hosting
- 2027 bids: Ames, IA for outdoor and Gainesville for Indoor

Questions: Cheryl Bellaire when is the last time anyone spoke with Penn?

A – Robert Thomas said it has been a while. Requested if contact info can be sent over and will follow up.

#### Operating Procedures Proposed Changes – Colleen Barney

- Current procedures needed general cleanup
- Actively engaged athletes (active athletes) – verbiage not in line with USATF. 39 people should be people that are knowledgeable and actively competing in the sport
- Officers and duties – chair to make the decision and the executive committee approves.
  - Team Manager
  - Regional coordinators
- Add to Executive Committee
  - Racewalk Chair
  - Anti-Doping Chair
- All nominees up for vote
  - Officers get 5 minutes to speak with 5 minutes for questions
  - Active Athlete Representative candidates get 1 minute with 1 minute for questions
- If vacancy occurs in any officer position
  - Chair, vice chair to assume position
  - All others the chair selects successor and the executive committee approves
- Sub Committees
  - Positions currently end at the end of the Annual Meeting. Proposed to extend until the end of indoor nationals the next year (approximately three months)

#### Rule Change Proposals – Sandy Pashkin

- Woman's Decathlon for records
  - Only in the men's order
- Steeple Barrier
  - New height to be included with 36 and 33
- New hurdle specifications go into effect January 1, 2026 for spacing W70+ and M80+
- Hammer throw handle specifications to bring in line with WMA
- Doping violations – proposal that those who have a doping violation be deemed ineligible to set records
- Penalty lane – road racewalk to be WMA compliant

#### Anti-Doping Update – Cheryl Bellaire

- Continue to put info out in NMN
- Work with WMA/USATF MTF

- Webinar w/USADA
- Athletes who are sanctioned and continue to compete, call USADA hotline
  - Had 2 positive tests in Sacramento, 1 in Chicago and 1 refusal

Indoor Nationals 2025 Update – Robert Thomas, Colleen Barney, Jerry Bookin-Weiner

- Website for nationals should be up next week
- Can start registering once the new membership year starts on November 1
- Will continue to be through Simply Register
- Hotels are cheaper for nationals than worlds
- 140 applied for officials and need to confirm since same weekend as the open national championships

WMA 2025 Indoor Update – Jerry Bookin-Weiner

- At approx. US 100 entries to date
- Marty Johnson confirmed officials have been selected for WMA

Exhibition Events 2025 Update – Jerry Bookin-Weiner

- None for Indoor nationals due to conflict with dates of Masters Indoor Championships
- LA Grand Prix – June 8, 2025
- NY Grand Prix – June 29, 2025
- Outdoor Nationals- Eugene
- Drake Relays

NCCMA 2025 Update – no update at this time

2025 MTF Budget Update – No info yet. Waiting on spreadsheet to confirm numbers

Annual Meeting Schedule – Jerry Bookin-Weiner

- Schedule sent via email
- Meetings still to schedule: Regional Coordinators, Awards Sub Committee, Throws Subcommittee

Open Discussion:

- Sandy Triolo – wanted clarification on Senior Games and dates that conflict
- Jerry Bookin Weiner – confirmed no changes were made to the WMA Indoor schedule as communicated on social media. It was the 400m advancement table that was changed from 6 to 8.
- Mark Cleary – Iowa will bid for 2027, what about 2025? Jerry Bookin-Weiner confirmed they are hosting the National Senior Games and therefore they will not bid for 2025

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm