

2017 Masters Track & Field Committee and Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

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USATF Executive Committee Conference Call 10 January, 2017

Attendees

Rex Harvey
Jerry Bookin-Weiner
Amanda Scotti
Christel Donley
Jerry Donley
Jim Flanik
Latashia Key
George Matthews
Bill Murray

Agenda

- Interview Lisa Rosborough, applicant for Media Chair and applicant for Organizational Advancement And Promotional Sub-Committee
- Filling the Open Committee Positions

Rex Harvey asked whether those who have held positions previously need to be interviewed. Jerry Donley said he thought that it is not necessary. Latashia Key and Jerry Bookin-Weiner preferred that they be interviewed to hear their plans for the future and to avoid any hard feelings. George Matthews suggested offering an option to interview and that it also be suggested that all proposed candidates become part of the committees. Rex Harvey agreed, although it means additional work for the executive committee, adding that the subcommittee chairs would need to submit their prospective subcommittee members to the Chair for approval and official appointment.

It was agreed that when appropriate Jerry Bookin-Weiner will set up a voting site via Survey Monkey for voting on subcommittee chairs. The votes will be anonymous.

Bill Murray reminded Rex Harvey about having a discussion about the regions setting up who votes for regional coordinators and deciding whether there should be one process for all regions or should each region have its own. Rex Harvey stated that if the regions have individual procedures, the Executive Committee must approve each of them. Then they can elect their coordinators and those regions that do not elect a coordinator will have them appointed by the Chair. Mark Cleary's West Region notes on the matter were a blueprint, amended by Rex Harvey and used by Bill Murray, for the most part, to formalize the SE Region's procedures. George Matthews did the same for the Northwest Region. George added that he thinks it would be best to have one procedure for all the regions.

Jerry Donley said that there needs to be awareness of if a quorum is required, there needs to be a provision in place for when there is no quorum. Rex Harvey said that in that case an email vote would suffice. Jerry Donley said that in some cases a quorum couldn't be gotten by email either; Rex Harvey said then the association president could appoint someone to vote. Bill Murray defined a quorum as 50% of the Association chairs plus the regional coordinator. If no quorum can be attained, an electronic vote is ok with the winner being whoever gets the most votes with no quorum required for an electronic vote.

George Matthews said that in the NW Region only three out of 8-9 Associations participate outside of the annual meeting and that some don't respond at all making, it hard to get a majority. Some regions have their masters chair appointed by the Executive Committee, and don't have a voting process.

Rex Harvey stated that he would work on the matter with Jerry Bookin-Weiner to put together a specific proposal for the selection of regional coordinators. This will be discussed further.

Lisa Rosborough Interview

Ms. Rosborough discussed her background in MTF, her pertinent education and experience.
(Resume attached to end of minutes)

Due to her announcing experience, Rex Harvey asked her to come help announce at the National Indoor meet in February; she will.

Rex Harvey expressed that Bob Weiner has done a good job as Media Chair and suggested that Ms. Rosborough apply for the position of Chair of the new Organizational Advancement & Promotion Subcommittee (OAP). Jerry Bookin-Weiner described some of the duties of the committee, including;

- Fund raising/sponsorships

- Exhibition events at major meets such as the senior nationals and Olympic trials

- Hall of Fame/other promotional type programs

Bill Murray asked if Ms. Rosborough had experience with fundraising and soliciting sponsorships. Ms. Rosborough responded that she did and referenced her resume, which provided examples. She has experience reviewing and negotiating proposals. She also cited examples of her experiences sending press releases, coordinating various media events, conducting onsite athlete and audience interviews, and writing media articles.

Jim Flanik asked about her experience as a meet announcer. She responded that last year she was the first and only woman to announce at the Texas Relays. Her duties included announcing the races, thanking the sponsors, making public service announcements, on the field athlete highlights, announcing the awards, and engaging the audience.

Latashia Key asked Ms. Rosborough which of the two positions (Media and OAP) she preferred and felt best suited her abilities and passion and served MTF needs. She responded that she preferred the Media Chair position, that she was looking for an opportunity to promote the sport. She said that the masters could be promoted better, that there is another level to be brought to the job, more aspects. She believes that with her journalism background she can elevate the job. She expressed concern that the OAP position required grant writing, with which she has no experience.

Rex Harvey pointed out that there are currently several volunteers for positions on the OAP Subcommittee to help out and that she would be able to appoint her own people (ok'd by the Executive Committee Chair) to help. Rex Harvey sees that committee as the Public Relations committee and that it would suit her experience. Ms. Rosborough stated that she would like to do more promotion of the national championships, interview athletes, and get involved in inviting locals to come out. Rex Harvey inquired whether the duties of the position would impact her job. Lisa replied that she was quite flexible.

Christel Donley asked Ms. Rosborough if she still competes, Ms. Rosborough said that she doesn't currently, but still wants to contribute to the sport by working in one of these positions. Rex Harvey said that if she wanted to compete, she would be able to.

End of Interview

In summary, Rex Harvey said the it is his preference to keep Bob Weiner as Media Chair and vote in Lisa Roseborough as the Chair of the OAP Subcommittee. He also added that currently social media falls under Media and that Sandy Triolo, who currently handles Social Media for MTF will present a report in Albuquerque. Rex also stated that if Ms. Rosborough heads up the OAP her job will be to handle PR, and that the masters exhibition events will be handled by that committee, as will fund-raising and that Jerry Bookin-Weiner will be instrumental in helping with that.

Latashia Key asked why we couldn't ask Bob to take a secondary role if Ms. Rosborough were to head up the Media Committee. She pointed out that Ms. Rosborough brings a fresh perspective, is professional, qualified and media savvy. Latashia expressed concern that we might lose Ms. Rosborough.

George Matthews said that in the past, the Media chairman was not part of Executive Committee. He also asked if Ms. Rosborough had experience with MTF, does she know the organization. Latashia responded that she does and that she works with elite T&F athletes and is very involved in the sport, that she also conducts live podcasts which are posted to various sites. Jerry Donley noted that it might be hard to put a person into a major job when they're new to MTF, that it takes time to learn about the sport.

Rex Harvey said he would like to keep Bob Weiner as Media Chair and decide between Lisa Rosborough and John Oleski for OAP Chair, that the program needs to progress.

There will be two elections set up;

Media Subcommittee Chair; Bob Weiner and Lisa Rosborough

Organizational Advancement & Promotion Subcommittee Chair; Lisa Rosborough and John Oleski

Rex Harvey asked if we should we interview Bob Weiner and John Oleski. Jerry Bookin-Weiner was concerned about negative feedback and that the process could be tainted if interviews were not conducted.

Rex Harvey said that at the next Tuesday night conference call, scheduled for January 17, 2017, 9pm EST that Weiner and Oleski will have 15-20 minutes for an interview if they choose.

Committee Appointments/Appointed by Acclimation:

- Games Committee – Jim Flanik
- Law and Legislation – David Griefinger
Appointed by Acclimation after discussion. It was felt this position needed to be filled after being empty for sometime as MTF may need someone in the position going into next year's annual meeting with new operating procedures and to help rewrite the bid contracts.
- East Region Coordinator- Mike Tavers
- Southwest Region Coordinator – Lester Mount
- All American Standards Chair - Jeff Brower
Jerry Bookin-Weiner questioned if this is something MTF should have a hand in since USATF will not allow their logo to be attached to it.
- Webmaster -Jeff Brower
- Masters History - Jeff Davison
- Senior Games Liason - Jim Flanik

Rex Harvey asked the Committee members to prepare questions for Mr. Weiner and Mr. Oleski for next weeks' interview.

Meeting ended 10:30pm EST

**USATF Masters Track and Field Committee
Application for Subcommittee Positions/Membership**

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2. Position(s) Desired:

-Media Chair

-Social Media Chair

3. Two or Three proposed SMART Goals (20 words maximum per goal).

(ctrl-click here for information on SMART goals: <http://topachievement.com/smart.html>):

I seek to strategically focus on the following SMART goals for MTF. To support each goal, I have referenced a link of my previous work and knowledge as it relates to each goal being achieved.

-SPECIFIC: Produce video interviews and write human interest stories once a month via internal/external media outlets and publications; establish YouTube channel. **See links of my previous work enclosed in my email.**

-ATTAINABLE: Increase participation and promotion of ALL masters local, national and international track meets, and special events through social media. **See previous work at https://www.facebook.com/pg/USATFSW/events/?ref=page_internal.**

-TIMELY: Starting with the National Masters Indoor Championships in March, I can conduct athlete video interviews with athletes from each age group onsite. **See links of my previous work enclosed in my email.**

4. Describe your interest and experience as relevant to the position(s) for which you are applying (maximum 150 words): ****The word count featured doesn't include the links attached.**

INTEREST: Masters 10-time All American and 2011 world champion with experience managing local Texas media, seeking to expand work on national media level.

EXPERIENCE:

Public Relations Officer, US Olympians and Paralympians Association, Southwestern, 2016 – Present
<http://www.nbcdfw.com/contact-us/community/062316Olympic-Day-2016-382534981.html>

Media Relations, USA Track and Field Olympic Training Camp, 2016

<http://www.chron.com/olympics/slideshow/U-S-Track-and-Field-Olympic-Team-open-workout-132918/photo-10682601.php>

<http://www.kbtx.com/content/sports/US-Track-and-Field-team-works-out-at-Prairie-View-AM-388716742.html>

Public Relations & Communications Chair, USATF Southwestern 2009-2016

<http://www.ktxs.com/news/abilene/2500-athletes-to-be-in-abilene-for-regional-junior-olympic-meet/12540066>

Media Relations, Texas Track and Field Hall of Fame, 2016

<http://www.wfaa.com/sports/more/jeremy-wariner-talks-about-induction-to-texas-track-field-hall-of-fame/301345800>

<http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Carl-Lewis-Track-Hall-Fame-Dallas-Fort-Worth-364748601.html>

<http://trackandfieldnews.com/index.php/category-features/2695-2016-texas-hall-of-fame-class>

<http://www.ktxs.com/sports/college-sports/two-acu-track-and-field-legends-inducted-into-hall-of-fame/12669414>

<http://www.click2houston.com/sports/carl-lewis-selected-for-texas-track-and-field-hall-of-fame>

Public Relations, Sanya Richards-Ross Track and Field Sports Clinic, 2015

<http://www.star-telegram.com/sports/other-sports/article16032182.html>

Media Coordinator, Michael Johnson Track and Field Camp, 2015

www.foxsports.com/southwest/video?vid=468438595788

Public Affairs Chief, United States Marine Corps 2008 – 2013

MEMBERSHIPS:

- University of Texas Track and Field Officials Association
- Texas Track and Field Coaches Association
- National Association of Black Journalists
- Texas Association of Broadcasters

EDUCATION:

- MBA degree in Organizational Leadership, North Central University
- BA degree in Mass Communications, Prairie View A&M University
- Professional Development Studies Public Relations Certificate, Rutgers University
- Radio Broadcasting diploma, American Broadcasting School

5. Describe how you will achieve the very important inclusion goals of the MTF Committee (maximum 75 words):

To be inclusive of all subgroups within MTF, I will support individual leadership, programs and specific initiatives by promoting their efforts in the media as well. Each subgroup has its own voice and exists separately for a reason. I believe each subgroup has something valuable to educate and inform the public on in regards to our sport.

Furthermore, there is messaging that can be created to support nationally recognized themes of health and diversity:

<https://deomi.org/SpecialObservance/index.cfm>

<https://healthfinder.gov/NHO/default.aspx>

Minutes by Amanda Scotti

USATF Executive Committee Conference Call 17 January, 2017

Attendees

Rex Harvey	Jerry Bookin-Weiner
Carroll DeWeese	Amanda Scotti
Jerry Donley	Christel Donley
Jim Flanik	Mike Travers
George Matthews	Bill Murray
Latashia Key	Lester Mount

AGENDA

1. Recap of Orientation Meeting in Indianapolis for new committee chairs
 - A. Single person contact: Karl Eagleman
 - B. Need decision on requiring USATF membership for any position
 - C. Need decision on requiring USOC/USATF SafeSport training for any position
 - D. Need decision on requiring acknowledgement of USATF Volunteer Handbook for any position
 - E. Need decision on requiring USATF background checks for any position
2. Interview with current Marketing Sub-committee Chair John Oleski PhD.; applicant for Organizational Advancement & Promotion Chair along with Lisa Rosborough, interviewed 10Jan17
3. Interview with current Media Sub-committee Chair Robert Weiner; applicant for Media Chair along with Lisa Rosborough; interviewed 10Jan17
4. Mention of possible universal Regional Coordinator election procedure which will be discussed in more detail, and with participation of the current Regional Coordinators, at a later time
5. Interview with Awards Chair applicant Rachel Guest
6. Interview with current Awards Chair Mary Trotto
7. Acclamation votes on uncontested positions
 - A. David Bickel for Rankings Sub-committee
 - B. Phil Greenwald for Team Manager

Meeting opened 9:02 EST by Rex Harvey

Per unanimous decision it was decided that the Executive Committee name will stay the "Executive Committee". Rex Harvey noted that regarding some of the subcommittee appointees that the new chairs may not start at their new positions until the existing chairs finish items they're presently working on.

Rex Harvey went over the items listed on the agenda beginning with items discussed at the Orientation meeting in Indianapolis:

Per the meeting agenda, above, the MTF single person contact is now Karl Eagleman.

After discussion, The MTF Executive Committee will now require members to:

- Be a USATF member
- Be required to complete the USOC/USATF SafeSport training
- Be required to acknowledge the USATF Volunteer Handbook
- Be required to complete a USATF background check

The purpose of the adoption of the above requirements is to protect the board from any legal issues and certain criticisms. There was some further discussion about how often the SafeSport training needs to be updated and how long the background check is good for.

Rex Harvey added that the team uniforms look good and he will write an article for the upcoming National Masters News and that he had requested that Indianapolis be timelier regarding travel reimbursements.

Interview: John Oleski, PhD for position of Organizational Advancement & Promotion Sub-Committee Chair Application attached

John Oleski opened his interview by going over the bullet points of his application.

Oleski reviewed that he has been involved in MTF since 1994 as a competitor, and 2002 in various positions with the New England Association. He spoke to his relationships with Joe Gear, Max, and Jill and sees as

his goal the providing of MTF-appropriate companies to Jill.

He stated that, "USATF makes the effort to match companies with MTF, I let Jill know of companies we are interested in." He stated that what MTF has to offer these companies is a demographic of people who are interested in lifetime fitness, and that they (the companies) would be able to use athlete's images for marketing purposes.

Oleski stated that one of his goals is to increase national participation, he aspires to 1500 entrants for Outdoor meets, 1000 for Indoor. He sees finding sponsors as an "external goal" and that he would like to improve the quality of the athlete's experiences, i.e. providing ribbons to placers. He also stated that he would like to directly solicit those on lists of targeted groups like the National Senior Games.

Rex Harvey asked if John Oleski had new ideas to implement, Oleski replied that in the past his main job was membership recruitment and referenced the 2011 film he produced about MTF as a recruitment tool. He also stated that this is an area of frustration, as our organization does not have enough control over. Christel Donley asked if there was a way to recruit potential members at the upcoming National Senior games this summer in Alabama. Oleski replied that to do so would require an updated games roster. Jim Flanik replied that that should not be a problem.

Bill Murray asked if, in his time (as Marketing Chair), had John Oleski approached businesses and entities about sponsorships and if so, what kind of feedback did he receive?

Oleski responded that he had asked for local sponsorships, nothing on a national scale. He (Oleski) felt it was better to let USATF do this, and steer potential sponsors to us.

Latashia Key asked how he planned to recruit younger athletes to the sport. Oleski said that he would like to focus on recruiting more women, that they are underrepresented presently. Key asked for specifics about how he would do this, Oleski replied that he would appoint a council to solicit women's input.

Interview: Bob Weiner for position of Media Sub-Committee Chair (Application attached)

Bob Weiner began his interview speaking to the need for a team effort. He said that a system is in place where media outlets receive meet projections, biographical information about "stars", age group records information and more based on the current year. Stated that his media committee has a good relationships with USATF who posts this information to their website.

Weiner also spoke to a deal his personal company made with (unclear) allowing for unlimited-word announcements, providing a resource for media. Weiner also spoke to his recent press award for working with interns.

Latashia Key asked that since he's been in the position of media chair for a number of years, what would he like to change or implement to try to bring exposure to the younger athletes, rather than always featuring the most elderly. Weiner responded that he sees social media as a way to reach a younger audience. He cited Sandy Triolo's social media work for MTF.

Weiner also said that the information he supplies to the press is broken down by age divisions but that, "You can't force the press to focus on the younger athletes", and requested Latashia assist him by sending him information about younger athletes.

Bob Weiner closed his interview requesting to be considered for other committees that he currently serves on, such as the doping committee. Rex Harvey stated that the subcommittee chairs will choose their own members, which will have to be OK'd by the Executive Committee Chair. In conclusion, Weiner stressed that his Whole Press Project stresses that athletes need to be encouraged to contact their hometown press. He signed off saying that if elected he promised to do better about not talking over people and talking less.

While waiting to get the next interviewee on the phone, Jerry Bookin-Weiner addressed the region heads about election procedures. Currently, a draft is being circulated with the intent that, once those who are involved are satisfied with the draft, it will be circulated and discussed. There were just a few issues left to iron out and the projection was for it to be finished this week. Mike Travers asked to see a copy of the draft, and Bookin-Weiner said that it would be forwarded to all current regional coordinators before others are brought into the discussion. At this point, Bill Murry and Mark Cleary had submitted written drafts, which Bookin-Weiner used to create a common procedure.

Interview: Rachel Guest for position of Awards Sub-Committee Chair Application attached
Rachel Guest cited her experience of being on the Awards Sub-Committee previously and how her professional experience aids in working with committee members. She feels that it is a duty of the Award Sub-Committee to take MTF in a fun and exciting direction

(???) asked Guest what she planned to do differently from what's being done now.

Guest replied that one of the first things she would like to do is take a look at how we currently communicate the stats and info required of those who are up for awards. She sees gaps in accumulating accurate information. She is concerned that deserving athletes may be overlooked. She stated that she would like to sit down with the Awards Sub-committee members and brainstorm ways to improve the current processes and discuss the best format for getting information out so that decisions can be made in a timelier manner.

Jerry Bookin-Weiner asked how she would change the process of identifying candidates. Guest replied that she wasn't sure that she would make changes right now, that the sub-committee chair should recognize the value of those on the committee and make this a committee decision. She stated she would also like to poll the masters community before implementing any changes. She would like to ensure that the athletes feel that the awards are attainable and that there is prestige attached to them. She had to leave for a class and invited anyone who had questions to email her, she would be happy to answer them.

Interview: Mary Trotto for position of Awards Sub-Committee Chair Application attached

Mary Trotto opened her interview describing some of the challenges and difficulties of gathering the data to decide the awards. She explained in part that she peruses results for first places in meets and age groups. When asked if she enlisted help, she replied that she has attempted to get help from various disciplines. Trotto named a number of members, past and present, who were on the Sub-Committee and when asked about their qualifications replied that they pretty much volunteer their help.

Trotto stated that she would like to work with John Seto of mastersrankings.com who used to provide her the #1 rankings, but that service has gone away so she now has to find the first place rankings herself, which is difficult. So now she doesn't use the rankings as award criteria as much as she used to.

Christel Donley asked how a third place in an age division with just three contenders ranks against a third place in a very populated age group. Trotto described her guidelines, which include considering age grading.

Rex Harvey asked Latashia Key if she felt that the younger athletes are awarded consistently and Key replied that another set of eyes would be very helpful. Key also stated that the awards process is currently not clearly described on the USATFmasters.org page and that it needs to be more transparent. To many, it is a mystery.

Rex Harvey asked Trotto if that sounded acceptable to her. Trotto replied that she feels that it is currently well described, and spoke about the numbers of awards presented to each age divisions. Trotto ended the interview saying that she would be happy to answer any email questions.

Post interview, Carroll DeWeese stated that our awards Sub-committee also provides media information about Awards and Rex Harvey wondered aloud whether Mary Trotto would be open to being on a Hall of Fame Sub-committee.

Other Business

Rex Harvey announced that there were some MTF Sub-Committee chair positions that have only one applicant and that he would like to go ahead and appoint the positions.

Chair of Rankings sub committee - David Bickel

Jerry Bookin-Weiner stated that Bickel is a member of John Seto's advisory committee and that replacing replacing Seto as head of rankings is important in terms of MTF's relationship with USATF as USATF hesitates paying people who head committees.

Bickel was awarded the position by Acclimation

Team Manager – Phil Greenwald

Rex Harvey stated that Greenwald is well qualified for the position based upon past work Greenwald was awarded the position by Acclimation.

Rex Harvey stated that we are slowly working slowly through subcommittee chair appointments. He verified that Survey Monkey is set up for voting on the Media Sub-Committee Chair, OAP Sub-Committee Chair and Awards Sub-Committee Chair. Jerry Bookin-Weiner was to send an email with the link to vote to everyone in attendance as soon as the conference call was completed. Voters are required to vote for each position and votes are due by Friday, 20 Jan, 2017. Carroll DeWeese inquired that as there was one person applying for two positions, what would happen if she won both. Rex Harvey stated that she would choose and the other candidate would head the other Sub-Committee.

Rex Harvey asked the voting members to carefully consider and vote for who they feel will do the best job.
Call ended 10:39pm EST

**USATF Masters Track and Field Committee
Application for Subcommittee Positions/Membership**

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2. Position Desired.

Chair, Media Subcommittee

3. Two or Three proposed SMART Goals (20 words maximum per goal).

(ctrl-click here for information on SMART goals: <http://topachievement.com/smart.html>):

The goal is to continue and expand the coverage of masters track & field on TV, radio, Internet, all print, and social media. We want to continue the reach obtained to date to world leading papers like the NY Times, USA Today, Washington Post, the wires including (AP, AFP, Reuters), and the major TV and radio networks. We also plan to broaden our new social media program and its reach via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and other platforms, now having achieved thousands of participants but with potential enormous additional national and worldwide application, as well as USATF MTF athletes.

(If goals too long, can cut off end-phrases on the sentences). Bob)

4. Describe your interest and experience as relevant to the position(s) for which you are applying (maximum 150 words):

I hereby would like to apply to continue as Chair of the Masters Media Subcommittee.

Here is a listing of all the major recent coverage over the past year and before, which we log with links both on my company website and on Jeff Brower's MTF website, so we can regularly refer athletes, organizers, and media to them:

[MASTERS TRACK & FIELD MEDIA COVERAGE](#) and <http://www.weinerpublic.com/masters.html>

Also here is the 2012 Media Subcommittee Annual Report:

[November 10, 2016 -- Media Committee 2016 Annual Report to USATF Masters Track & Field meeting, Orlando FL -- by USATF Masters Media Committee](#)

As Media Subcommittee Chair, I have developed a cooperative media committee sourcing group of MTF respected experts, as well as LOC's, that provide the best conceivable releases providing assistance to media and drawing coverage for our national and world championships and other events. We now get hundreds of media websites through each release and over 10 million potential viewers.

We have also developed relationships with USATF media staff and the major national masters track trade press editors whereby they now regularly run our releases on the USATF and track trade websites which most MTF athletes like to read. We always get great reactions to our releases, and we want to maintain this useful set of media activities.

I have served as Director of Public Relations for the White House National Drug Policy Office, the U.S. House Government Operations Committee, the House Narcotics Committee, and directed a major national political party' press briefing room at their 2016, 2012, and 2008 national conventions. I bring this credibility and experience to MTF media outreach.

I also want to expand coverage to new media platforms Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, where we have launched a social media operation now reaching thousands of people. We launched with substantial successes and these are now growing rapidly.

5. Describe **how you will achieve the very important inclusion** goals of the MTF Committee (maximum 75 words): We have wonderful participation and assistance to the media committee from leading minority members of the MTF athletes and organizers' community. Recently, Willie Banks, Nolan Shaheed last year, and Bill Collins this year, for example, were absolutely invaluable and worked closely with the media committee on media strategy, and Phil Raschker and Liz Johnson are invaluable members of the subcommittee. Given that my chairs of two congressional committees that I was public affairs director for, and a White House cabinet office, included Congressional Black Caucus leaders John Conyers, Charles Rangel, and Lee Brown, and I have worked with President Obama, Secretary Clinton, and their offices over the past eight years, and I still maintain those relationships (just this Thursday and Friday December 15 and 16, 2016) I took part in the Obama news conferences at the White House), I am probably better aware than most on the importance of working with color/race/sex blinders on participation and the need to press for and have inclusion.

Please return your application to Rex Harvey, MTF Chair at rexjh@aol.com no later than January 3, 2017 (earlier is better).

USATF Masters Executive Committee Conference Call 24Jan17

ATTENDEES

Rex Harvey	Latashia Key
Jerry Bookin-Weiner	George Mathews
Amanda Scotti	Lester Mount
Carroll DeWeese	Bill Murray
Christel Donley	Mike Travers
Jerry Donley	Bob Weiner

AGENDA

Interview applicants for the Midwest Regional Coordinator and the Anti-Doping Sub-committee Chair (Applications attached)

Anti-Doping Sub-Committee Chair Applicants

Don Bergeson, Steve Cohen, and Michael Zonder

Midwest Regional Coordinator Applicants

Don Bergeson, Steve Cohen, and Robert Thomas

Discuss and select uncontested positions

MTF Representative to the USATF Rules Committee: Graeme Shirley

MTF Liaison to Corporate Sports Organizations: Joseph Ols

Tentative timeline:

9:00 Michael Zonder

9:15 Dan Bergeson

9:35 Steve Cohen

9:55 Robert Thomas

MEETING BEGUN 9:11EST

Jerry Bookin-Weiner inquired of the regional coordinators present if there was any interest in a website template for regional championship meets. Jerry would coordinate with the national office about the template appearance and framework. He would work on it with Karl Eagleman and each regional coordinator would fill in their individual information. Bill Murray, Mike Travers and George Mathews replied that they would be interested. George Mathews also suggested a template for Regional Facebook pages too. The discussion about the FB template was shelved for discussion in Albuquerque with Sandy Triolo. Jerry will follow up with the National Office about the website template.

The Executive Committee conducted telephone interviews as follows:

Michael Zonder – Anti-Doping Sub-Committee Chair

Dan Bergeson – Anti-Doping Sub-Committee Chair and Midwest Regional Coordinator

Steve Cohen – Anti-Doping Sub-Committee Chair and Midwest Regional Coordinator

Robert Thomas – Midwest Regional Coordinator

At the conclusion of the interviews, Jerry Bookin-Weiner told the committee that the ballots would be sent by email after the conference call and that the voting would be open until noon on Friday, January 27. Rex Harvey asked the voters to cast their ballots for whomever they felt was best for the organization.

Rex Harvey stated that he wanted to appoint two positions by acclamation;

Graeme Shirley - MTF Representative to the USATF Rules Committee

Joseph Ols - MTF Liaison to Corporate Sports Organizations

Rex Harvey announced that the next call will be on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 9:00 pm EST.
Details will follow.

Conference call concluded at 10:35pm EST

USATF MTF Executive Committee Minutes 31Jan17

Recorded by Amanda Scotti, MTF Exec Comm Secretary

Attendees

Rex Harvey	Jerry Bookin-Weiner	Latashia Key
Amanda Scotti	Robert Thomas	Lisa Roseborough
Steve Cohen	Jim Flanik	Bob Weiner
Jim Flank	Mike Travers	Lester Mount
George Matthews	Christel Donley	Jerry Donley

Agenda

- Determine Chair of the Racewalking Sub-committee from three applicants; Jo Burrows, Ray Funkhouser, and Dave Talcott

- Jeff Brower is unopposed as the MTF Record Sub-committee Chair; Rex will propose that he continue

Call Begun 9:00EST

Racewalking Sub-committee Chair Interview Jo Burrows (Resume attached)

Jo Burrows opened by detailing her background and experience as a 22-year RW official, competitor and committee member at several levels. She has worked most national championships, often as the head RW official, and nearly always setting up courses. She stated that she is passionate about the sport, and is always available as a resource for anyone putting on races.

Jo Burrows went on to say that she has worked with Carroll DeWeese making sure that courses are certified and inspected, that the rules are strictly followed, and that she helps recruit judges so that there are enough should records be set.

Rex Harvey opened the interview up for questions:

- Bob Weiner said that he noticed that Racewalkers seem to be overlooked in media announcements and asked Ms. Burrows if she knew of any outstanding athletes competing at Albuquerque he should know about.
- Jo Burrows named Dave Swarts, who is currently ranked #1 in world in his age group...
- Amanda Scotti asked how they intend to market Racewalking better. - Jo Burrows responded, "just by doing it", and went on to say that she would like to appoint committee members to assist with that.
- Rex Harvey asked if she would make good use of her committee members or do all the work herself. - Ms. Burrows said that she would rely on her committee members for help and wanted an odd number of members for voting purposes.

End Interview

Interim Discussions:

The committee noted that the RW Committee concern to MTF is to put on the races for the two annual Championships. They are also responsible for putting on the various RW Championships for masters.

At present the number of registrants for the Indoor Masters Championships stood at 624 and 90+ for the WMA Indoor meet. It was discussed that the low numbers in South Korea may be due to the timing of the meet and some of the hotel policies.

Racewalking Sub-committee Chair Interview Dave Talcott (Resume attached)

Dave Talcott gave a brief background in the sport, including that he is an active and exceptional competitor. He outlined all the has done for the sport in recent years, including organizing races, processing records and rankings, maintaining results, article writing, age grading stats, serving RW Subcommittees and developing new Age Grade standards.

Rex Harvey opened the interview up for questions

- Jim Flanik asked Talcott how familiar he was with setting up courses and getting them certified. - Mr. Talcott said that he has done it several times and is an approved course certifier.

- Bob Weiner asked for suggested RW athletes to feature in the upcoming Indoor Championships. - Mr. Talcott responded that he had not yet looked at the entries so couldn't be specific at this point.
- Steve Cohen relayed that at the recent Hep. Championships there was a record sent in the RW but that it wouldn't be ratified as the proper officials were not there. He asked Mr. Talcott how that could be prevented.
- Mr. Talcott responded that that was a concern with the current administration and that he would, if chair, contact and verify the officials; which needs to be done at all major championships.
- George Matthews asked Talcott if he had competed in the recent Olympic trails? - Talcott replied that he had.
- Steve Cohen asked how participation at RW events could be increased as it's not very fair to have officials travel to an event only to have one or two participants. - Dave Talcott responded that he had definite ideas for increasing participation such as promoting the sport at the senior games with a booth. He would like to publicize the races and meets and have results posted on the USATF website. He would like to see one place for all the information. He would like to send press releases; he maintains a database with information about all the walkers and would like to provide information to athletes' hometown new outlets.
- Robert Thomas asked Dave Talcott if his competing would interfere with being chair and Mr. Talcott said no, and that he had attended the championships
- George Matthews asked him if he would be attending the annual meeting and Talcott replied that he was there this year and would be there next year as well. He added that he thinks he can improve the status of masters RW, that he sees ways that it could be much better, that he would like to appoint a committee of active people who are committed to getting things done.
- Rex Harvey asked Mr. Talcott if he had possible committee members in mind? - Talcott replied that he did and named Jo Burrows, Darlene Backland, and Max Walker, who he described as very active in and passionate about the sport.
- Bob Weiner asked Mr. Talcott if he were Chair, would he reach out to Jo Burrows, do they have a good relationship. - Mr. Talcott replied that he greatly respects her and her knowledge and that Ms. Burrows would be quite valuable.
- Rex Harvey asked Talcott for his impressions of the current RW Chair, Ray Funkhouser. - Mr. Talcott replied that he and Mr. Funkhouser are opposites and went on to say that while Funkhouser has done some good things for the sport that they have different approaches. He did not like that there were leftover RW funds at the end of the year, he felt that money should have been used to promote the sport.

Interview Ended

Racewalking Sub-committee Chair Interview Ray Funkhouser (Resume attached)

Ray Funkhouser detailed some of his background, including that he is the Current RW chair, and has been for about eight years, since the Reno Annual meeting. He has been involved in T&F since 1978, was on a national team for eight years and has competed as a submaster and as a masters Racewalker. He and his committee created the criteria for the current Grand Prix series, which has 10-12 national championships annually. The goal of creating a Grand Prix was to increase participation in the sport. His committees have also created a certificate program, which recognizes World and American best and age group winners. He works with the Open RW Committee but also has to put on several masters-only championships as some Open championship races occur at Open championship track meets, for example the national 20k championships is only for open athletes, not masters.

Mr. Funkhouser said that he works closely with outdoor championships LOC's to put together the road courses. Each course basically has to be devised anew and can be quite challenging. He also agreed that it is a challenge to get the lists of, and recruit the available correct-level judges, at events to ensure that any records will count.

Regarding increasing competition in the sport, Mr. Funkhouser said that he and his committee are recently trying to recruit new participants and trying to come up with programs and new ideas to do that. He said that the Grand Prix idea has helped some, they have seen more entries.

Rex Harvey opened the interview up for questions:

Jerry Bookin-Weiner asked what needs to be done for road outdoor championships, what do Mr. Funkhouser and his committee do. - Mr. Funkhouser said that the duties can vary by year and LOC. He said that the smoothest event was the Outdoor Championships in Olathe. He added that Jo Burrows is an asset to the

committee and attends nearly all of the Championship meets and relays information regarding set-ups. Jo Burrows handled the 2016 course set up in Grand Rapids. Mr. Funkhouser also said that although he and his committee combine to set up some courses, they would prefer a local person do it. Mr. Funkhouser added that he has personally attended approximately half of the MTF Championships.

- Jerry Donley asked Mr. Funkhouser if he was comfortable with the amount of communication between MTF and the Racewalk committee? - Mr. Funkhouser answered that it could be more, that that would be beneficial.
- Bob Weiner asked Mr. Funkhouser who were the Racewalk superstars to expect to see in ABQ. - Mr. Funkhouser said he wasn't sure but that likely the men and women's Racewalkers of the year should be there.
- Steve Cohen asked if drug testing was conducted at Racewalk races. - Mr. Funkhouser replied that at Open races where masters compete there have been masters tested, but at masters-only events there has not been any testing.
- Rex Harvey asked if Jo Burrows was currently on the Sub-committee. - Mr. Funkhouser replied that she is and has been his championships front-line person; they work extremely well together and stated that she is a valuable asset.

End of Interview

Post-Interview discussion

- George Matthews stated that it has been something of an issue that Racewalking is a sub-committee rather than a committee, it has inhibited their growth and he feels they should be separate from MTF.
- Bob Weiner asked if they are actually under MTF "jurisdiction", and Rex Harvey replied that they are a Sub-Committee of MTF but that they have their own awards, they have created their own committees, which are self-selected, and that MTF will announce their Chair
- Jim Flanik pointed out that their only responsibilities at Championships is getting the course certified, and the officials coordinated and approved.
- Mike Travers contacted Racewalker Steve Viatones who validated many of the comments expressed in the interviews. Viatones supported Ray Funkhouser as chair but did add that he (Funkhouser) waits too long to get courses certified, and then nobody is happy with it.
- Jerry Bookin-Weiner said that Funkhouser should not miss National Championships.
- Rex Harvey said it might be a good idea to ask some Racewalkers for input.
- Amanda Scotti will solicit opinions via email of Race Walkers and share them with the committee
- Jerry Bookin-Weiner suggested further discussion about this, so it was decided that the vote will be held off for a week.

Other Business

Rex Harvey then recommended Jeff Brower continue as the Records Sub-Committee Chair and Brower was appointed by acclamation'

Robert Thomas brought up an issue regarding records, where a relay record listed as an American Record was faster than a listed world record and wanted clarification on how that could be. He was told this should be handled at the Annual meeting and Rex Harvey stated that he would expect a report from Jeff Brower before the annual meeting.

There was some discussion on how to best deal with late entries to the National Indoor Meet. There are several people attempting to enter late. Per an email sent by Rex Harvey earlier in the day, the matter will be handled thusly:

"We can let someone enter late, but only as an "Exhibition" competitor and only if there is an extra lane or place in a flight that would not change the normal procedure from what it is with the already properly entered contestants. And they must supply the normal entry information and pay the normal entry fee. Further it means they can get in the meet, but that they cannot win any place (or championship medal or ribbon) or displace any properly entered person. They can, however, win equivalent medals or ribbons (which usually are the same), just as if they are a non-resident Guest Competitor which we accommodate all the time. And should they place in the top eight, they can stand on the award stand along with their corresponding award winner if they wish.

I believe that, to preserve the integrity of our entry system and competition, these procedures need to be scrupulously adhered to and will do my best to do so.”

In discussion, Jim Flanik stated that he thinks late entrants should have to pay the late fee as well and compete only as exhibition, receiving no medals. Someone argued that that might discourage people from coming

Jerry Bookin-Weiner replied If we let athletes are allowed to enter after the deadline, we are opening the meet up to those who enter just to gain team points in events where they can score, that that he had seen that happen.

Jim Flanik agreed, saying athlete will enter late to medal

Rex Harvey said that for now the decision is made but can be discussed more in Albuquerque

In Albuquerque the Exec. Committee meetings are set for

6pm Thursday night

Post-competition Friday night

And an unofficial Athlete meeting post-competition Saturday night.

The sites of the meetings are not yet certain.

Meeting over 7:18

USATF Masters Track and Field Committee
Application for Subcommittee Positions/Membership

1. Name: Dave Talcott
Email: dwtalcott@gmail.com Phone: n/a Cell Phone: 607-768-7400
Address: 566 McLean Road
City: Owego State: NY Zip Code: 13827

2. Position Desired:

- a. Chair of Race Walk Subcommittee.
- b. Member of Records Subcommittee.

3. Two or Three proposed SMART Goals (20 words maximum per goal).

(ctrl-click here for information on SMART goals: <http://topachievement.com/smart.html>):

- a. Boost participation in Race Walking at USATF events.
- b. Improve communication from committee to athletes and MTF Committee.
- c. Provide more accolades for athletes.

4. Describe your interest and experience as relevant to the position(s) for which you are applying (maximum 150 words):

I have been involved with race walking since High School in 1977. I organize two national Masters Race Walk Championships and also compete regularly (I competed in the 2016 Olympic Trials at 20k and 50k). I process the Masters Race Walk records for the USATF Records Committee and I maintain a yearly list of as many race walk results as I can find, and I provide the National Masters News with stories, data, age grading stats, and rankings for the Race Walk. I assisted John from Mastersrankings.com with information to set up his system for the race walk. I have served on the Race Walk Subcommittee in the past and I am well known among walkers, not only here but abroad. I developed new Race Walking Age Graded Tables and Brian Keaveney is presenting them to WMA for acceptance as the official tables sometime in February. I love the sport that I have spent almost 40 years participating in and wish to do my part to bolster the sport.

5. Describe how you will achieve the very important inclusion goals of the MTF Committee (maximum 75 words):

In the past the Race Walk has been 'off by itself'. By better communication between the committee and the MTF Committee this subcommittee can work on common goals that all of Masters Track and Field have. Participation, Recognition, and Involvement in the Sport.

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Attendees

Rex Harvey	Latashia Key
Amanda Scotti	Jim Flanik
George Matthews	Jerry Bookin-Weiner
Mike Travers	Jerry Donley
Bob Weiner	Christel Donley
Lester Mount	Steve Cohen
Carroll DeWeese	

Agenda

Finish the discussion of the Race Walk Sub-committee Chair selection. A sharing of any information collected.

Interview George Melichar for Chair of the Inclusion Sub-committee.

Meeting Began at 0:04

The meeting began Racewalk Subcommittee Chair discussion continued with Rex Harvey asking if any of the committee members had anything to share.

Jim Flanik reported that he had called Dave Talcott as he was concerned whether he (Talcott) would be attending the national championship meets. Jim said that he thought Talcott wasn't uncommitted in his response.

Jim Flanik said that Talcott had noted that if he couldn't make a meet that he would be sure to send someone to certify the course.

Bob Weiner said that he had spoken with Peter Blank, who recommended Talcott for the position.

Flanik replied that the first priority of the Racewalk Sub-committee Chair is to attend the national meets in case of any problems with the course.

Bill Murray, who was unable to be on the call, sent an email which was read aloud. Bill's recommendation was for Jo Burrows.

Rex Harvey said that Dave Talcott used to be the Racewalk records person, and wondered if there was a possibility of keeping Talcott there rather than having records under the Sub-committee Chair as it seems that Burrows and Talcott have had some trouble working together.

Christel Donley stated that as records are important, could there a place for each of them.

Other Business

Jerry Bookin-Weiner said that he is continuing work on the general election procedures. There is still no Chair for the West and they have not held an election. Currently, Stan Whitley and Mark Cleary have formally applied.

Rex Harvey said that next weeks Conference call with include helping Lisa Roseborough choose someone to help with running the Masters Exhibition program, formerly knows as the xxxxx. There are four candidates for the position.

Mark Cleary had submitted an 80-page report on the invitational program dating from 2000-2016; there have been about 64 events and it has cost around \$85k

Bob Weiner asked Jerry Bookin-Weiner to address issues regarding the newly revised All American Standards. Weiner wanted to know what process was used, and should be used, to establish new standards.

Rex Harvey explained, that the marks were established to help fund National Masters News.

Jerry Bookin-Weiner explained that the throw marks needed revising as since they were first established, the implement weights/sizes for different age groups have changed yet the standards currently do not reflect that.

Amanda Scotti explained past conversations with Jeff Brower, who was charged with revising the standards by the previous MTF Chair, resulted in three tiers in an attempt to satisfy those who thought the standards should be more elite as well as those for whom the standards are a motivational goal.

It was generally agreed that the marks should've been OK'd by the MTF Exec. Committee prior to publication and that the matter will be further discussed at the Friday night meeting in Albuquerque with Jeff Brower present. The matter of being able to use the USATF logo on the awards will be discussed as well.

Another item on the agenda for the Albuquerque meetings will be a Social media report by Sandy Triolo

It was noted that the WMA meet had some more late entries, but there was not yet a final tally. Rex Harvey asked Mike Travers to please follow up on the uniforms.

9:46pm Interview George Melichar for the Inclusion Sub-Committee Chair

George Melichar began the interview by reviewing his general background and his introduction to and involvement in MTF. Melichar lives in New Orleans and is an active athlete, competing in the Throws and LDR events.

New Orleans/active athlete/LDR/Throws

Former commodities trader – redirect his life/found sports/

Melichar said he felt compelled to apply for this position as he met and became friends with many athletes at his first and subsequent competitions and felt this was an opportunity to serve the sport. He couldn't find many ways to serve at his Regional level and thought this was a good fit for him.

Rex Harvey asked if committee commitments would interfere with Melichar's career, and Melichar said he didn't think it would; his job is flexible and he works primarily by computer.

Rex Harvey noted that Melichar was at the WMA meet in Perth and attended all the meetings.

George Melichar said that he very much enjoyed the games experience, but as a gay man felt a little bit left out but he certainly enjoyed being part of the MTF community.

Stephen Cohen pointed out how women were excluded in the past

Rex Harvey noted that inclusion in the sport is for those of any gender/race/ability level/ and masters age groups.

Melichar stated that he prefers the term "participant" to "winner" as we all put in the hard work and are empowered by it. He noted that the Sub-committee description has not been updated since 2005 and that there were no committee member names.

Jerry Donley said that when he was the MTF Chair a number of years ago, articles of his rarely received responses, but the time he noted that masters are "elderly, and just here to have fun", he received many reactions from readers who disagreed and thought his viewpoint was "dumb", that the sport was about winning! Donley's point was to illustrate for Melichar some of the mindsets he would face.

Steve Cohen pointed out that there is a big distinction between the Senior Games and USATF Masters.

Melichar replied that there is still some commonality between the participants.

Rex appointed George Melichar as Subcommittee Chair by acclamation. Melichar said that he would see everyone in Albuquerque.

Before adjourning, Bob Weiner said that he had just received a text from Dave Talcott, in response to an inquiry text from Weiner, that he (Talcott) will not be able to attend the meet in Albuquerque as he had a work conflict, but that he would be in Louisiana at the Outdoor Championships. He texted that he would make it a priority to attend both championships yearly if elected Sub-committee Chair.

Stephen Cohen mentioned Cheryl Bellaire, an active athlete and practicing physician had joined the Anti-Doping Sub-Committee.

Jerry Bookin-Weiner announced that Sue Hallen was the sole applicant for the position of the Throws Sub-committee chair and that he supported her. Jerry Bookin-Weiner would finish out this Indoor season before Hallen would step in.

Rex Harvey appointed Hallen by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13pm EST

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Attendees

Rex Harvey	Latashia Key
Jerry Bookin-Weiner	George Matthews
Amanda Scotti	Lester Mount
Steve Cohen	Bill Murray
Christel Donley	Lisa Roseborough
Jerry Donley	Bob Weiner

Agenda

Assist Lisa Roseborough, Chair of the Organizational Advancement and Promotion Sub-committee, choose someone to head the Exhibition Event program which falls under the OAP Sub-committee. It will be her decision to accept the Executive Committee's selection and appoint that person to her Sub-committee with that specific task.

The applicants for that position are:

Mark Cleary - 16-year head of Masters Invitational Program (MIP)

Christine Gentile - Current Treasurer of Southern California Association and MIP participant

Robert Thomas - Current MTF Games Committee Member and Midwest Regional Coordinator Appointee

Joy Upshaw - IAAF Level 5 Coach, 4-time National Team Coach, MIP participant

All but Cleary will be available for interviewing; he will be interviewed in Albuquerque at an Executive Committee meeting. The vote will be held after the final interview.

Meetings scheduled for Albuquerque are

Executive Committee Thurs. at 6PM and Friday after the competition.

Athletes Meeting Saturday after the competition.

The meetings will be held at the Track; If that changes there will be announcements made.

All Executive Committee meetings are open to anyone to observe, but not participate unless invited

Agenda items:

Thurs.

1. Interview of Mark Cleary to head Exhibition Event (EE) program.
2. Introduction of newly appointed Administrative positions.
3. Inclusion Goals.
4. Process of Sub-committee Chair's proposal of Sub-committee members.
5. Process of Sub-committee's submittal of updated duties and responsibilities.
6. Regional Records project.
7. New business.

Fri.

1. Presentation from Sandy Triolo- social media member of Media Sub-committee.
2. All American Standards process.
3. Budget for 2017.
4. Process of MTF Operating Procedures update.
5. Regional Coordinator Election procedures.
6. New Business.

Sat.

1. Daegu,
2. Baton Rouge.
3. Juarez.
4. Athlete Concerns.

9:11EST Meeting begun by Jerry Bookin-Weiner with Robert Thomas interview

Bookin-Weiner asked Thomas to explain why he was interested in the position and his plans for it.

Thomas said that he feels the program has been underutilized for the last 5-6 years, and that some of the

restrictions imposed upon it are unnecessary. He also would like to see the athletes introduced by their occupations to better connect with the fans.

Thomas stated that there is no reason for the program chair to attend the events as masters athletes are capable of travelling alone, this way more money is available for the athletes for travel expenses/incentives. It is the job of the MIP head to work on the logistics of the program, not to accompany athletes.

Thomas proposed alternating the exhibition events, finding a way to incorporate field events and alternate between men and women.

Bill Murray asked what Thomas' methods would be for finding/choosing participants.

Thomas replied that finding athletes who lived nearby the event would be one consideration, also inviting athletes from the national meets and conducting surveys with athletes would be methods he would incorporate.

Murray asked what the programs budget is. Thomas replied that he thought around \$4500-6000 and that that money should be used to offset the travel expenses of the athletes, that a fair system should be set up to do so. This is one of the program items that need to be defined.

Bob Weiner asked Thomas his plans to reach out to meet directors of large meets, such as Drake Relays. Thomas replied that one of the program's challenges has been getting participant numbers, but that it can be done... Mt. Sac is a good example, they hold masters exhibition races with no support.

Jerry Bookin-Wiener asked how Thomas would attempt to add masters exhibitions to meets that have not had them in the past. Thomas replied by contacting the meet directors/coaches; that he would utilize his contacts, it would involve reaching out. Thomas said that he would also like to quiz the athletes at our big meets to see if there is support.

Robert Thomas wanted to make one final point; he objected to Christine Gentile's Power Point presentation as he had suggested to her several months prior that she compile a proposal re ways to rectify problems in the program which was then submitted as her application. Thomas has been attempting to revamp the program for six years.

Interview Joy Upshaw 9:32EST

Jerry Bookin-Wiener asked Upshaw for her program vision and why she wanted the position. Upshaw responded that the Master Invitational Program is very important to MTF as it represents the sport. She said it shows the world masters in motion and is a great selling point. Upshaw said that she felt the exhibitions are a great experience for the people in the stands, especially the age-graded performances like the races at Mt Sac. where they used to do the staggered starts. Upshaw also believed the contestants should be introduced by their occupations; that that brings relatability to the fans. She would like to always see full lanes and mixed age groups and more events such as the hurdles and shot put.

Upshaw stated that the MIP Chair needs to have good relationships with the national office. She state that she is very experienced with the sport, and knows a lot of people at the main office and knows Vin Lanana personally.

Bill Murray asked what's harder, getting a new meet director to accept the MIP or filling the slots so that a meet director wants it back again. Upshaw responded, "Filling the field."

Murray asked how she would go about picking the right events and people. Upshaw responded by finding who is available for the date of the event and who is perhaps nearby.

Murray asked, "So you'd tell meet a meet director that you know a lot of 800m runners in that area?" Upshaw responded yes, that it's ridiculous to fly people in if there are several in the area.

Bob Weiner asked what five meets Upshaw thought would draw the most interested people. Upshaw said the Open Indoor and Outdoor Championships, the Olympic trials, Mt. Sac.

Steve Cohen asked Upshaw that if she were MIP Chair, as she is on the West coast, how she would infiltrate the East coast market, past experiences indicate that they've been resistant. He asked if she (Upshaw) had any personal contacts with any of the people who run those meets. Upshaw replied, "Not Millrose but they've had masters races in the past, but for the Open meets, Yes, I know them very well."

Upshaw went on to say the the MIP program needs to have team people in this position, rather just one person in charge, there needs to be a committee; a good working group.

Jerry Bookin-Weiner asked about the budget; how she would allocate it between support for the athletes and other functions of the program. Upshaw replied that she would not use the budget for herself to travel; that whatever committee person lives the closest to the event should be there if anyone needs to be.

In closing, Upshaw said that she really favors the age graded staggered start; it makes it a real race between the different age divisions. If the announcers are properly educated, it really engages the crowd.

Interview Christine Gentile 9:56EST

Christine Gentile said that she is Interested in chairing this program as she sees the positive that comes from it, she would like to see it expanded. Gentile would like to see it showcased at larger, Open meets, employ alternating age groups and represent more events than just running. Gentile said the programs needs more advertising and promotion and that she would like to bring in sponsors. She said that the fans love it, it promotes the sport, and the athletes enjoy it.

Gentile said that in the past the athletes have not supported the program and that she would like to reach out to the various clubs for help as the Outdoor Championships in Michigan saw 110 clubs competing, that Indoors had 86 Clubs and the Cross Country Championships had 140.

Gentile would also like to reapproach meets that have featured the MIP in the past but that have been lost. She noted that at the time of the deadline for competing at the Open Indoor meet, Feb. 18, only four masters athletes were entered.

Rex Harvey asked Lisa Roseborough whether she had any questions the MIP subcommittee would be under her supervision. Lisa understands participation issues, including location issues and said that she would like to see a MIP event at the Texas Relays. She said the program definlity needs better marketing, new masters athletes haven't heard of it.

Bob Weiner asked for names of potential events for the MIP, Gentile named the Texas Relays, the 5th Avenue Mile, Arcadia, Drake Relays who in the past featured both a men and women's 800m, and Milrose which was lost this year due to communication. Gentile also said that the Press Box at these events desepratly needs information on the masters athlites at these meets

Bill Murray asked how it would be possible to highlight field events as they typically take a lot of time to contest. Gentile responded that the meet directors and those in the press box can help, especially in the throws and pointed out that both Mt. Sac and Drake Relays get a high number of field event views.

The interview ended and Rex Harvey asked those on the call to vote for who they thought would be best for the program.

Call concluded

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Rex Harvey
Mary Rosado
Jerry Bookin-Weiner
Amanda Scotti
Latasha Key
Bill Shelton

Purpose of the meeting was to update the Master Executive Committees about issues discussed at board meetings and ask for input

Issues to address include:

- SAFESPORT requirements
- Allegations of a hostile work environment have been brought up w/in the Southern Calif. Region
- ADA/USOC aggressiveness on part of masters
- Use of USATF logo/wings on non Nike gear at WMA meets

In Greater Depth

Per Bill Shelton, It was brought up that the masters leadership was quite aggressive when addressing the USADA testing costs, Bill Shelton wanted to know the underlying issue and how he could help. He also inquired about the testing costs, but that information is available only to the treasurer and the chair of the Anti-Doping Subcommittee, who can provide it if needed.

Per Rex Harvey; USATF absorbs the costs of testing for youth, seniors and others, but not masters and the costs keep rising. One of the issues is that USADA insists on sending testers from outside local areas whereas using locals would save considerable money. MTF's preference would be to have the national office absorb masters costs for testing as they do with the others.

Re the aggression, Rex Harvey explained that the head of the MTF Anti-Doping subcommittee, Steve Cohen, is a trial lawyer and that is just his tone, there were no threats. Mary Rosado pointed out that she is head of the MLDR Anti-Doping subcommittee; there has been no aggression from her.

Another issue addressed by Bill Shelton was that MTF had asked that USADA people at MTF meets wear distinctive clothing to help promote the knowledge that testing is taking place, to make the athletes even more aware of it. Currently, USAD personnel just carry a credential, and are not very noticeable. Rex Harvey said that this issue has been addressed and that it was agreed that as long as the applicable clothing did not say USADA or Anti-Doping, it is OK to have them wear it. The shirts would say something like, "MTF or MLDR Supports Clean Sport." This could be a satisfactory resolution to the problem although it has not yet been put into practice

On another issue, Bill Shelton asked about uniforms that were being sold by MTF and purchased by athletes that might have USATF or the logo on them that are not Nike

Latashia Key said that she had the photos of the gear, that the gear does not have the wings logo or USATF on any of it and that she would supply photos. Latashia said that the gear was available for purchase to those who registered for Daegu, and that an email went out informing the athletes. There was no obligation to buy anything.

Bill Shelton brought up problems with the officials database, but stated that the national office was taking it over and the problems should be resolved. Rex Harvey said he just officiated a meet, but that some problems still remain. Bill Shelton named a few of the ongoing issues for officials including concern about the background checks and the expenses.

Rex Harvey said that all the MTF Committee and Subcommittee chairs are going to have to complete SafeSport, have a background check, read the volunteer manual, and complete the conflict of interest forms. It is up to the individual chairs to make sure their committee members all complete this; it is nonnegotiable. Mary Rosado added that the same holds true for MLDR committee members.

Rex Harvey asked about the Southern California hostile work environment situation. Bill Shelton said an allegation had been made. Mary Rosado asked if a grievance had been filed. Bill Shelton replied that he would elaborate further next phone call when there is more information.

Per Bill Shelton, there are going to be surveys conducted with the goal of understanding what is needed and appropriate for the masters athletes, he will share those surveys on the next call. He also suggested a monthly emailed newsletter to keep abreast of timely news.

Rex Harvey brought up issues that MTF is having with the national office and their lack of financial support. Bill Shelton explained that an audit is not yet completed and the books from 2016 cannot be closed until it is. Per Rex Harvey explained that this is making it quite difficult to make plans for the next year, and that people are not getting paid.

Rex Harvey also stated that as no one can travel without a travel authorization MTF is losing unnecessary money, sometimes having to wait until the last minute to purchase plane tickets, making it much more expensive. MTF is trying to spend their budget wisely but are being prevented from doing so due to this cumbersome travel authorization practice.

Bill Shelton stated that he will talk to Max and Renee about this concern and the others and asked if anyone would like to join him on the call. Rex Harvey said that he would like to be on the call, as would Mary Rosado and Jerry Bookin-Weiner. The call is to take place April 2.

USATF MTF Executive Committee Minutes 27APR17

Recorded by Amanda Scotti, MTF Exec. Comm. Secretary

Meeting began at 4:25 pm EDT

Attendees-

Rex Harvey MTF Chair

Mary Rosado MLDR Chair

Jerry Bookin-Weiner MTF Vice Chair

Amanda Scotti MTF Secretary

Bill Shelton USATF Masters Liason

Meeting Purpose per Bill Shelton;

To confirm whether meetings should be conducted every month or every other month with the national office and to decide upon what and how to present MTF and MLDR concerns.

Every other month was OK'd by the MTF Committee

Bill Shelton desired to see the best practices used by various groups (i.e. LDR, high performance, youth) used to express their needs to the national office. He inquired about the status of the survey currently being compiled by Robert Thomas and asked what concerns of MTF and MLDR members were priorities.

Jerry Bookin-Weiner stated that the two main concerns of MTF and MLDR are finances and a lack of consistent communication about MTF and MLDR to the membership from the National Office. He referenced an email monthly newsletter sent out by the national office touting accomplishments of various USATF groups in which there has been no mention of MTF/MLDR. This is an on-going concern, the most recent example being the March newsletter sent shortly after the Masters national championships and shortly before the WMA meet. He stated that the USATF monthly newsletter rarely mentions masters and that we need timely E-Blasts about the MTF championships that either have not been sent or have been sent only after the registration deadline had passed.

Bill asked what would be the best way to prioritize MTF/MLDR concerns; what constructive criticism could be given, what should the focus be on? He would like to prioritize the 'asks' and present specific requests and solutions to present to Renee Washington. He feels that nonspecific requests would not be addressed.

Rex Harvey commented that as we have our own media operation, perhaps the national office thinks that we just handle our PR ourselves. He also stated that one of the financial problems is that MTF charges surcharges to cover costs not budgeted for by the National Office but then is punished for doing it as an estimated annual amount is then deducted from the MTF budget.

Bill asked how best to proceed; wait until we have returned surveys or present concerns now. When the concerns are presented, they should address who the problem solving will serve. Is the goal to affect the most people, or solve financial concerns; and what is the best way to get satisfactory solutions?

Bill inquired whether the survey by Robert could be completed in a week or so, if it wasn't already, and then sent out. He also said that if the current survey wasn't ready yet, could one be sent out after the national meet. If a survey was not completed or was not going to be used, what topics should be primarily addressed going forward.

Rex Harvey said the surcharge issue needed to be addressed. That the problem is actually two-fold; the surcharge amount is overestimated and then subtracted from the budget but when the estimated amount is not collected by MTF, MTF is not made whole.

Jerry Bookin-Weiner said that in the budget compiled by the national office (Sara Reese) that ALL surcharges are lumped together (national as well as regional and minor championships – the latter two are intended to help promote MTF at the regional level and are not related to national budget issues). Jerry

also stated that MTF and MLDR are the ONLY group within USATF that has to fund their own drug testing, and has to collect surcharges to do so.

Bill asked how much is the surcharge estimate for the year and Rex said he believed the estimate was around \$50,000 which, per Jerry, would equate to aggregate indoor and outdoor championships meet attendance of 2000 athletes. In reality, the recent Indoor Championships had only around 600 entries.

Bill stated that we need to be very specific. Rex and Jerry stated that the National Office has not shared data about the number of MTF members and that we do not yet have our approved 2017 budget.

Bill said that assuming the data can be acquired, what is the best way to present that MTF/MLDR's revenue for USATF has increased, but MTF/MLDR are not getting a fair share of it? Bill said we need to find out the number of masters athletes and the current percentages received, this would be a good approach for getting increased money. If that doesn't work then a request to at least be made whole on the 'other stuff' should be made.

Mary Rosado stated that MLDR has the same issues as MTF; she is not able to find out the numbers of MLDR members from the national office. Mary said that the masters are shortchanged considering the amounts that they contribute. Rex added that masters are not just athletes either; they are coaches, officials, and more.

Bill stated that, **to affect change, we have to have data to support it.** We need to decide upon the best approach to affect change to get more money. Other groups (i.e. youth, elites) make the same requests; to succeed, we need to be specific. That first the number of masters must be obtained, and then find out the benefits to USATF. Assuming the benefits are less than other groups receive, we request a larger share. This would be the main point of the negotiation. The data will help frame the requests.

A Plan B would be, at least for 2017, to ask for the return of \$50,000 surcharge money.

Bill felt that the USATF mindset may have changed from a year ago and that with the overall growth of the USATF budget (a figure of \$18 million was mentioned) they may see the fairness of increasing the MTF funds.

Rex Harvey, on a different subject, wanted to know why MTF/MLDR can't simply spend their own budget for their own travel needs as they see fit. The national office causes the Masters Committees to waste money on expensive late-booked airfare as the national office Travel Authorizations are so slow in coming, meaning that the travel person in the national office cannot book flights until very close to the dates of travel. That money comes out of the Master's budgets.

Bill said that as the problem is the turnaround time, it would be fair to ask that travel authorizations need to be given in a specific time frame. If they are not done within the time frame, that the MTF/MLDR committees have the authority to approve them as long it's within the budget. Rex responded that that sounded fair and Jerry reiterated that we are just addressing the travel authorization approvals, not the expenditure OK's. When asked what would be a reasonable turnaround time for travel authorizations, Jerry suggested 48 hours. Bill suggested using very clear and concise communication when presenting this. **[NOTE: because the travel person in the national office cannot book and pay for travel without an approved travel authorization, giving MTF and MLDR Committees authority to approve does not solve the problem for those who cannot afford to front the money for their travel.]**

Re the expense reimbursements, which Mary, Rex, and Jerry stated take too long, Bill asked what the proposal should be; what would be reasonable. He asked for the amount of the current budget's travel expenses. The budgets were just recently received, so Rex thought it was about \$35,000 but it was difficult to know. He also stated that the budget compiled by Sara and approved by the Board was not realistic, yet MTF/MLDR are held to it. Jerry added that there are several outstanding issues concerning the ledgers for 2016 as well.

Rex and Mary stated that they were informed that travel now needs to be booked by the national office. This again makes for higher costs as the national office doesn't book anything in a timely manner, to save money, as they wait until a travel authorization has been given (see previous discussion).

Jerry said that there also needed to be a reasonable time frame for reimbursements for travel expenses paid out of pocket. Rex agreed adding that in the past people made their own arrangements, it saved by booking airfares early. Reimbursements, however, often were very slow. The directive stating that all travel must be booked through the national office is unreasonable and that the lengthy reimbursement turnarounds are unreasonable.

Bill stated that he wanted to understand the problems and prioritize the solutions. Rex appreciated Bill's concern in these matters. Bill represented some of the problems/solutions that need addressing:

Travel Authorizations taking too long, resulting in higher travel costs

Solution: allowing MTF/MLDR to book their own travel.

Reimbursements taking too long take too long (provide examples when presenting)

Solution: Suggest a 30-day turnaround after receipt by Finance

Timely masters-specific E-mail blasts to encourage meet entries (national and regional Coverage of Masters information in general USATF e-newsletters

Rex stated that he and Jerry would go over a list of 5-10 important topics that need addressing and hone the message to be very specific regarding requests and proposed solutions. It was decided that that the topic of better communication with the national office would be addressed in the next phone call, slated for Tuesday, May 2 at 9 pm EDT.

Rex Harvey, Bill Shelton and Jerry Bookin-Weiner are planning to take the presentation to a meeting at the national office on May 30. That way there is time to fine-tune the presentation and deliver it in person.

Bill agreed that a goal is to have a game plan, and send a brief outline ahead of time. He suggested a professional presentation limited to problems/options/action.

The Robert Thomas survey shall be put aside for the time being.

Conference call ended at 5:33 pm EDT.

USATF MTF Executive Committee Minutes 03JUL17

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Attendees

Rex Harvey, Chair
Jerry Bookin-Weiner, Vice Chair
Amanda Scotti, Secretary
Carroll DeWeese, Treasurer
Latashia Key, Active Athlete Representative
Jim Flanik, Championship Games Chair
Lisa Rosborough, Organizational Advancement/Promotions Chair
Bob Weiner, Media
Michael Travers, East Region Coordinator
Bill Murray, Southeast Region Coordinator
Robert Thomas, Midwest Region Coordinator
Lester Mount, Southwest Region Coordinator
Christel Donley, Mid America Region Coordinator
George Mathews, Northwest Region Coordinator
Mark Cleary, West Region Coordinator

Agenda

Approval of New Appointees to Liaison Functions

Baton Rouge Preparations

Games Committee Report	Overall Numbers
Schedule Posting	50th Annual Preparations
Dinner and Promotion Preparations	Press Preparations

Overview of May 30 Meeting at National Office

New Travel Protocols

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda for Baton Rouge

2017 Budget

Other Business

Meeting opened by Rex Harvey at 9:02 Eastern Time

Rex stated that he doesn't have the full list of committee representatives approved to present, so this item is postponed to the meeting in Baton Rouge.

National Championship Meet (Baton Rouge, LA) Preparations

Per Jim Flanik, there are 885 entries. Sandy Pashkin will be putting out the schedule for review the evening of July 3, and intends to have it posted by Friday, July 7; Two days early. The entry numbers include internationals. Adjustments should be sent to Sandy ASAP

Cage for weight throw: if we learn that a cage is available before the schedule is posted, that will be included and weight throws moved to the infield

Officials: the LOC has the numbers, but the quality is an unknown

Weather: shows thundershowers everyday/may mean meet delays

Games Committee: Sandy Pashkin will not be in attendance

Implements: currently missing shots and hammers are being shipped directly
A couple of hammers in the box have wire that are too long, George Mathews offered to bring spare wires, and was offered reimbursement by Rex Harvey

50th Annual Outdoor Championship Promotions Preparations

Lisa Rosborough – Would like some items to mark this Championship as being special. She spoke with Eric Engemann of the LOC regarding ideas;

Special guest speaker Olympian Khadevis Robinson at the Awards Banquet (10min). Awards Committee Co Chairs Rachel Guest and Mary Trotto will provide the agenda. A military color guard performance. Would like to know best place in the schedule to fit that. The middle might be best for attendance. Rain might be a factor.

Music at the meet. Lisa spoke with Eric Engemann about providing background music during the meet.

Lisa made inquiries about discounts for athletes and staff, such as restaurants. She will send this out to the committee and will work with Robert Thomas on this.

Lisa asked which meets exactly the committee prefer she promote. The response was meets that are still open for entry; NCCWMA in Toronto, NW Regional, and the Indoor Championships were named. Lisa will mention these meets while announcing.

Robert Thomas – Has been working with Eric Engemann re finding a commemorative item. Initially there was no budget for this, but Engemann found a laptop sleeve type bag that will be affordable. He is working with Chelsea at the National Office to add the logo, including that this is the 50th meet. No cost to MTF.

There might also be the possibility of complimentary POLAR heart rate monitors. Robert will be speaking with them this week.

Awards Dinner

As Rachel Guest and Mary Trotto were not on call, there is no news.

Comments of note: Mary uses her budget to obtain tickets for the awardees

Re tickets – for those hoping to purchase when there likely should ask Eric, it may not be possible

Lisa and Robert were asked to find out how to get tickets for those working but not competing. A note was made to arrange for that in the future, there is currently no reimbursement for tickets.

Press Preparations

Per Bob Weiner, “We’re in good shape; Eric Engemann has been very helpful”

Lists of local and national press are compiled

Credible athletes coming such as Walter Dix

Mark Cleary mentioned that there are missing Olympians on the press release

The Press draft release is out – It is 17 pages and includes a first page summary

Interviews are still to come

Lisa asked for copies of that information for announcing, and requested that some of the athletes mentioned be available during the meet

Recap of May 30, 2017 National Office Meeting between Rex Harvey (USATF MTF Chair), Jerry Bookin-Weiner (USATF MTF Vice Chair), Renee Washington (USATF COO), Max Siegel (USATF CEO) and Sara Reese (USATF CFO).

Per Jerry Bookin-Weiner, when MTF asked for a meeting, it was encouraged and those in attendance were committed and engaged. It was a good discussion about working together.

The Main topics included:

Communication –

MTF can now get E-Blasts sent directly to the athletes through the National Office. Jerry sends the text to the National Office. Regional Championships E-blasts are part of this.

The National Office process means the more lead time the better –a month is ideal.

The USATF Masters newsletter will now contain news about MTF.

Rex announced Zack Raubuck as the new MTF Liason

Finances –

The National Office will be working with MTF officers on the MTF budgets for the

future

New Travel Rules (Baton Rouge is exempt; last time)

Travel Authorization (TA) number is mandatory for any reimbursement, even for personal vehicle travel. Make authorization requests to Rex, allow at least a week for approval from Indy

Annual Meeting Expenses

Travel costs to the Annual Meeting Cannot come from subcommittee budgets. USATF allots \$4000 total for ALL MTF Annual Meeting expenses; cannot expense registration fee.

Etc.

Rex and Jerry will be meeting with the national office regularly (others may also join)

MTF Representative on the USATF Board of Directors, Bill Shelton, is very invested in promoting MTF and is working closely and coordinating closely with Rex and Jerry; He will try to make it to Baton Rouge.

Rex announced that he is setting the goal of having MTF as the #1 Team in the world. Max Siegel asked for a plan to accomplish the goal and costs associated. He said the National Office will be supportive. One possibility is offering money for medals.

Per Robert Thomas, more participation by masters at Annual meeting would mean more voting power. More topics/ideas TBD

Upcoming Baton Rouge Meetings

Scheduled meetings

Thursday evening Executive Committee after the competition, Field House

Friday evening (Athletes meeting) after the competition, Field House

Saturday evening Awards Banquet, hotel

Agenda items should be sent to Jerry, currently include:

Operational Updates

2017 Budget (Revised)

Travel protocols

Survey of members

Brainstorm ways to be #1

NCCWMA

Malaga 2018

Torun 2019

Bids for 2020 Indoor and Outdoor Championships

Bids for NCCWMA 2019

Subcommittee Reports

Other Business

Rex would like to send a masters athlete to each USATF Committee Meeting at the convention and will be asking appropriate people to represent us there.

Christel Donley asked about uniforms for NCCWMA. There will be new uniforms; distribution will take place after NCCWMA entries close. Robert Thomas offered to help Zack fill the uniform orders, as he is local and knows the system.

As of July 2, 73 Americans are signed up for NCCWMA – projecting 150.
The facility is one of the ones that will be used for 2020 WMA Championships

Phil Greenwald is going, so is the physiotherapist.

Pole Program

Per Bill Murray, the program has currently has raised just under \$5000.

We have a series of poles, he will bring them to Baton Rouge

Re rentals, there is a two-page document, drafted by an attorney re renting the poles. Cost is \$20 which grants access to all the poles. Breaking a pole will require paying for it. Baton Rouge is the first meet utilizing the program.

Carroll DeWeese asked for more promotion of the program

Mark Cleary pointed out that \$25 surcharge wasn't applied to entries June 24/25 so some packets may need to be flagged.

Meeting Adjourned by Rex Harvey at 10:17pm Eastern Time

USATF MTF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 13JUL17

Baton Rouge Hilton 8pm

Recorded by Amanda Scotti, MTF Exec Comm Secretary

AGENDA

Introductions (5 minutes)

Operational Updates from Games Committee (5-10 minutes)

Budget for 2017 (10 minutes)

Survey of Members (5 minutes)

Travel Protocols (5 minutes)

Plan to Become #1 MTF Team in the World (Brainstorming – 10 minute limit)

Revising Operating Procedures (5 minutes)

Guidelines for Regional Coordinators (5 minutes)

Team USA at NCCWMA in Toronto (5 minutes)

Plans for Team USA in Malagá in 2018 and Torun in 2019 (5 minutes)

Bids for NCCWMA 2019 and 2020 Indoors and Outdoors (5 minutes)

Inclusion Report (5 minutes)

All American Standards Report (5-10 minutes)

Media Report (5 minutes)

Organizational Advancement and Promotion Report (5 minutes)

Awards/HOF Report – focus on dinner and nominations (5 minutes)

Exhibition Events Report (5 minutes)

Attendees

Rex Harvey MTF Executive Committee Chair

Jerry Bookin-Wiener MTF Executive Committee Vice Chair

Amanda Scotti MTF Executive Committee Secretary

Carroll DeWeese MTF Executive Committee Treasurer

Latashia Key MTF Active Athlete Representative

Jerry Donley

Christel Donley

Sue Hallen

Lester Mount

Robert Thomas

Bob Weiner

Mary Trotto

Mike Travers

Rachel Guest

Bill Murray

Mark Cleary

George Matthews (on phone)/arrived 8:50

Joy Upshaw

Zack Rauback

Lisa Rosborough

Roger Vergin

Jospeh Ols

Colleen Barney

USATF Liaisons Interns Alisha Jackson and James Hill

Representatives of city of Spokane Ashley Blake and assistants

(MTF Outdoor Nationals to be held in Spokane Aug 2-5 2018)

Absent due to delayed competitions

George Melachair

Jim Flanik

Meeting Opened by Rex Harvey 8:02pm

Introductions

Operational Updates from Games Committee

Not available as Jim Flanik was still at the track

Budget for 2017

Currently not a lot of money, cuts will have to be made, but future looks more hopeful

Details will be forthcoming

Currently the Regional Coordinators will receive \$6000 less 10%

Surveys of Members

MTF's Representative to the USATF Board of Directors, Bill Shelton, would like to conduct surveys then convey the information to the National Office.

Members should expect to soon see a series of surveys containing general questions.

The surveys will be anonymous, those present were asked to encourage others to respond.

Travel Protocols

Zack Rauback and Rex Harvey detailed the procedures for requesting travel arrangements and reimbursements.

Those making travel plans must request Travel Authorization from Rex Harvey who then submits it to the Travel Dept.

TA is approved internally then given to Dorothy, who makes the travel arrangements

Dorothy will try to keep the arrangements reasonably priced

Hotels – The Travel Dept, is open to suggestions about rates and accommodations

The NO usually gets good rates by negotiating for blocks of rooms

Double Occupancy on rooms is the default, however the traveler can do single but must pay the difference

Other travel reimbursements go through Carroll DeWeese, MTF Treasurer

This last time, Baton Rouge, travellers should contact Zack Rauback re any money owing for hotel nights

If driving, traveler must fill out a reimbursement form and include mapquest information.

Reimbursement must not exceed the cost of a flight.

Per Diem – needn't attach receipts, may claim \$13 Breakfasts, Lunch and \$26 Dinner

Traveller may not claim meals for which the didn't pay. Only declare actual meals

It's OK though, for example to claim meal money due to travel delays running into meal time

UBER/taxis are OK to ask for reimbursement if have budget to do so, submit receipts

Job Related equipment, OK to ask for reimbursement, submit receipts to Carroll

NOTE- Annual meeting registration, travel and expenses cannot come from budgets.

Plan to Become #1 MTF Team in the World (Brainstorming)

Rex Harvey and Jerry Bookin-Weiner told the National Office that this was the goal of MTF and will present a 5-year plan to the National Office. Per Rex, we unfortunately, must use medal counts to determine this. Not sure at this point if total medal count is the criteria or just gold medals. Home teams have the advantage because of "garbage points", but we typically have fairly large teams, so it is doable, larger numbers by us are key

Ideas-

Medal Bounty

Joy Upshaw expressed a concern that that may change sport

There would need to be a cap on the amount available to earn

World Record Bounty

Travel Scholarships

More older athletes (especially women) and have them enter more events

Financial assistance to potential medal winners who need it (ie Oscar Peyton)

[Lottery draws](#) for financial assistance

Grants

Personal Go Fund Me accounts

Group tours (look into assistance from USATF Travel Dept.)

Jerry Bookin-Weiner closed the discussion by saying the focus is on being #1 but is also about building the best masters program in the world. To that end, we need to see more participation, and motivation for participation at the Association Level. Those with more ideas were encouraged to relay them to Rex.

Revising Operating Procedures (5 minutes)

Those present were given handout of the current procedures and asked to make suggestions

Jerry Bookin-Wiener will send out a word copy

Procedural changes have to go thru L&L

Guidelines for Regional Coordinators

Jerry Bookin-Wiener will share these with the Regional Coordinators.
The current draft will be edited/

Team USA at NCCWMA in Toronto

An email blast was sent out, at this date, 170 US registrants
The meet site York University is one of the venues for the upcoming WMA meet
Karl Eagleman sent out uniform information
Competition gear include top and bottom (there are choices) or a speedsuit, two piece warm ups, a long sleeve T and a short sleeve. This is the Rio kit and is sized for elite athletes.
Exchanges will be accepted up to Aug. 4
Additional items are available for purchase
On time Registration deadline is Monday, July 17
Registration closes Aug. 1
There is a \$50 late fee after July 17
The Hotel cut off is Wednesday
There are dorms available for \$40 per night, they have a pool

Plans for Team USA in Malagá, Spain in 2018 and Torun, Poland in 2019

Robert Thomas spoke about the preparations
For Malaga, he is waiting to hear back about hotel information
Hoping to see 500 US entrants
For Torun Robert currently has four hotels lined up. He would like feedback, the hotels there are fairly cheap
Flights would be into Warsaw, train to Torun

Bids for NCCWMA 2019 and 2020 Indoors and Outdoors

Robert Thomas Bids has reached out to several places but we are still lacking bids.t

Inclusion Report

George Melichar could not make the meeting due to weather-caused meet delay

All American Standards Report

Roger Vergin presented data and the methodology used to revamp the All American Standards. He gave the Chair a 62-page report and provided a methodology handout containing the proposed new standards, along with a comparison to the old standards, to those present.
New standards provide an enhanced number of possible qualifiers, with the stated goal of providing motivation for the sport
The Old standards were inconsistent,
The new standards employ a more scientific approach
There were few comments
The executive committee will vote on adopting the new standards at a future meeting

Media Report

Presented by Bob Wiener, he provided a 17-page summary of notable athletes for the current meet in Baton Rouge, the MTF Outdoor Championships.
Zack Rauback, Mary Trotto and Rachel Guest compiled the report helped, Mary, Rachel
TV coverage was to be coming to the meet later in the week

Organizational Advancement and Promotion Report

Joy Upshaw provided a report on the Masters Exhibiton Event held in June the USAT Open Championships in Sacramento
Men's and Women's 400m
Participant numbers were paired from 14 and 9 to 8 men and 8 women
Deadline
Participants were informed and updated by email
Zack and Lisa Rosborough
Lisa prepared and announced the participants careers and running resumes
Joy and Lisa felt that it was important to convey information about the athletes and the crowd showed appreciation

The athletes received awards on the podium and posed for photos
For future Exhibition Events, there will be variety; focus on age groups, age graded race and more.
The plan is to utilize different MTF members around the country to help keep costs down. Rex Harvey added that Drake Relays is interested in the - Drake interested in age graded races.

Awards and Hall of Fame Report – focus on dinner and nominations

Mary Trotto and Rachel Guest detailed the program for the Outdoor Champs Awards Banquet

6pm - happy hour

7pm – dinner/buffett

Award program begins with a Pyro show then Rex Harvey doing introductions and speaking about the upcoming NCCWMA meet. He will introduce Lisa who will introduce the speaker, Olympian Khad Robinso

Awards presented and the Hall of Fame inductee announded.

Organizational Advancement and Promotion Report

Lisa Rosborough presented her idea and plans in brief for upcoming promotions.

Social media has been kept up to date with Lisa's assistance

Other Business

Joel DeBow of the Atlanta Track Club (ATC) asked to have the team scores of the 2015 Outdoor Championships revised.

Athletes from the SoCal Track club competed and received points but were not US citiziens.

ATC decided not to go through the grevience process so approached the then-MTF Chair, but the rules were misinterpreted.

DeBow stated that protest rules do not apply in this case as this was a clerical error.

The Resolution was to let the Games Committee decide this or decide to bump it up to the Executive Committee

Athletes meeting was announced for Friday night at 615 pm in Field House or during lightning break in the meet if that should occur

USATF MTF Executive Committee Minutes 2Aug17

Recorded by Amanda Scotti, MTF Exec Comm Secretary

Meeting begun 4:36EDT

Attendees-

Rex Harvey MTF Exec Committee Chair

Amanda Scotti MTF Exec Committee Secretary

Jerry Bookin-Weiner MTF Exec Committee Vice Chair

Bill Shelton USATF Masters T&F Liason

Robert Thomas MTF Midwest Regional Coordinator/WMA Delegate

Topics

MTF Trainers Equipment/Availability

Rex Our trainer normally uses USATF equipment but was not able to secure equipment for the NCCWMA meet. Rex contacted Renee about the issue and it was decided that the van transporting the uniforms could also take the trainer's equipment

Robert This problem was not a cost issue, it was an availability/logistical issue. The equipment was already allocated. MTF might want to consider budgeting for a training kit just for masters. He offered to list what specifically should be in the kit

Bill Suggested that MTF should receive the same 50% discount that other teams receive

Robert For the upcoming NCCWMA meet he will check into finding a massage table

MTF Communications Restructuring

Rex We (MTF) are rethinking our organization of media and communications. Currently there is no central look and feel. MTF wants to create a solid plan incorporating traditional media and social media. The intention is to eliminate the current media committee and create a communications committee and an organized and updated media strategy.

Bill The National Office has multi-media strategies in place that might be helpful. Adams is in charge of that. Jill is the media strategies person. It could be helpful to use existing strategies.

Travel Policies and Communication

Bill Following up on the new bill paying/reimbursement rules. The positives have been that use of the USATF card reduces out-of-pocket costs and the turn-around time has been shortened on reimbursements. Complaints that come in regarding the new system need to be constructive in nature. Bill asked if Rex and Jerry could address the problem with the MTF treasurer.

Rex Replied that he would address the issue

Surveys

Bill Following up on a former conversation regarding surveying masters athletes. Data can be provided from the National Office, It would not contain names, but does supply other information helpful to achieving MTF goals. To understand what our constituency wants and to be able to prioritize needs, we should create surveys and need to decide what to ask. Examples given included Occupation and Salary Range.

Rex Asked all on the call to compile and send question ideas to Rex.

Masters Mentors

Bill Suggested that masters athletes consider mentoring some elite athletes. This could be a separate survey or a tag-on to surveys to see if there is interest or ideas.

Next Meeting Date

Bill Asked for a date for next in-Indianapolis meeting. A Wednesday mid-August date would be best for Rex and Jerry, perhaps the 23rd if it works. Robert would be in attendance at the meeting too. Conference Call Meetings will be held once per month going forward.

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Attendees

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Latashia Key, MTF Active Athlete Rep
George Mathews, NW Region Chair
Bob Weiner, Media Subcommittee Chair
Bill Murray, SE Region Chair
Mark Cleary, West Region Chair

Jerry Bookin-Weiner, Exec. Committee Vice Chair
Carroll DeWeese, Exec. Committee Treasurer
Robert Thomas, Midwest Region Chair
Jerry & Christel Donley, Mid America Region Chair
Lisa Rosborough, Organizational Advancement/Promotions
Lester Mount, SW Region Chair

Rex Harvey opened the meeting with a

Discussion of the Revised Budget

Rex Harvey stated that as of yet he had not received any emails, with the exception of Bob Wiener's, re the budget, and he asked for comments.

Bob Weiner asked for "tweaks" regarding the descriptions of print and social media, stating that, "We do much more than that". He requested that mainstream and social media stay under the overall media umbrella.

Rex Harvey stated that there will be some reorganization

Rex Harvey told the committee members that if they have overspent their proposed budgets, he would try to make that good. The current budget was less than expected but the previous proposed 2017 budget was given out in good faith.

Bill Murray stated he was out of pocket around \$225.

Rex Harvey pointed out that the National Office has said MTF will now have a contingency fund to cover legitimate cases of overspending.

Rex Harvey also stated that no one is to go directly to the National Office (Sara) themselves, inquiries need to go through Rex, Jerry or Zack (Raubuck).

Jerry Bookin-Wiener explained that there is currently a National Office backlog due to technical problems. The intention is to be caught up by the end of August.

Regarding the budget, Treasurer **Carroll DeWeese** said that we (MTF) budget more than we have available as not everyone spends their entire budget. He stated that this system works as long as we have reserves. As has been done the last eight years, we 'over budget'. This year, however, as he (Carroll) has not been provided any ledgers by the National Office at this point there is a lot of uncertainty about what we have and have spent.

Money allotted for drug testing is not visible on the budget but is covered by USATF

Rex Harvey made a motion to approve the budget and

Carroll DeWeese added the caveat that as long as each Chair is within their original budget, overages on the new budget won't be held against them. The Budget was declared approved for this year.

Operating Procedures Overhaul

Vice Chair Jerry Bookin-Weiner had provided all with an emailed copy of the revisions to the Operating Procedures prior to the call. He explained that it needn't go to Law and Legislation, but that it must be approved by the full committee at the annual meeting. This is not an amendment, which requires a 2/3 vote of the members present. As this revision is a dramatic rewrite of the old procedures, it is not being submitted as an amendment, it is a new, updated document. The last revision was done in 2007. There are still, at the time of this Conference call, still points needing to be revised, including

Page 12, which requires written ballots and three people compiling the tally... currently voting machines are used, no one has to tabulate results. **Rex Harvey** recommended a general simplified language rewrite compliant with the current voting procedures. There were no objections.

Section 9, which does not account for face-to-face meetings in addition to the FAX, phone, email, and mail systems listed; the wording should be changed.

Bob Weiner stated that the committee had previously decided to include marketing/promotions under the media chair and he proposed they stay with that. **Jerry Bookin-Weiner** explained that the communication committee will oversee media, marketing, etc. Bob Weiner then made a motion that the committee vote to stay with the status quo, the motion was seconded by Lester Mount. A verbal vote was taken and the motion was defeated 7 to 3, with 3 abstaining.

New All American Standards

There is no process for dealing with the All American Standards proposal; it was not discussed in Baton Rouge. A possibility included requesting public comment. It was suggested that the new proposed marks get looked over and then voted upon at the convention. A question was raised where this should be a committee decision or an elected members decision

George Mathews recommended that the Executive Committee vote on it. **Rex Harvey** added that it made sense to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee at the first meeting of the Annual meeting at their first meeting. He would like to see the committee agree, then present that to the body.

Bill Murray suggesting putting it up for review, **Amanda Scotti** said it could be place on the NMN website, including percentages for review.

Report on Spokane (2018 Outdoor Championships site)

At the time of this call, the report was not yet completed as Rex Harvey and Sandy Pashkin were to visit the site the following week. There were three venues being considered, and George Mathews offered his observations of each:

Eastern Washington – may have a bleacher's issue, but so far looked the most promising. They have dorms.

Spokane Falls JC – only has one long throwing area, not a good hammer cage, resurfaced track. No dorms.

Whitworth College - one long throwing area only, has dorms, logistically hard to get to, would need a robust shuttle system, lack of hotels

The site visit is to check the facilities to see which is the most suitable, the LOC has been extremely accommodating.

Robert Thomas has discussed hotel nights with the LOC, understandably they would prefer hotel rooms to dorm as it is part of their job to service the area by bringing in business.

Rex Harvey will report on the visit in a follow up call.

2020 Meet Site Bids

Rex Harvey said that he was originally thinking it would be good to have the national meet a couple of weeks before the Toronto-based WMA meet. That way foreign athletes might attend our nationals, but we should do what works best for the US athletes. The 2020 WMA dates and other conflicts are proving difficult to schedule around.

If the US MTF Championships are held early, it means having to push back region and association meets

If held at the same time as the Olympic Trials there is an officials shortage.

The JO state meet is scheduled for the end June /start of July meaning more officials problems

To hold the meet post Worlds, it is anti-climatic

An early national meet disturbs the timing of Regional meets

Jerry Donley asked what cities are currently bidding. **Rex Harvey** replied that currently there were three cities in the north that were interested in hosting the meet if held prior to Worlds:

Carthage WI

Rockport State NY

St. Lawrence NY

He added that if the national meet is held after the WMA meet, it doesn't matter as much where it's held.

George Mathews stated that the last time nationals was held after the world meet we drew 900+ athletes

Rex Harvey said that he likes the idea of the US team going to the WMA meet at full strength and believes a post world meet nationals would be preferential. It would also be beneficial to Regional meets.

There also could be an added benefit of foreign athletes staying over to compete in the US national meet.

Re the three possible northern possible cities,

Rockport appears to have the best transportation options

Rochester is in a suburb and involves a three hour drive

Annual Meeting Preparation

There has been some discord about the scheduling of the Anti doping seminars. **Mary Rosado**, LDR Exec. Committee Chair wants to do a seminar 3-5pm on Thursday, and **Steve Cohen**, MTF Anti Doping Subcommittee Chair wants his subcommittee meeting at 330 or 4-5pm on Thursday. **Steve Cohen** wants time to discuss having USADA volunteers wear easily identifiable shirts. **Rex Harvey** stated that it's a good idea to have that, it illustrates that testing is indeed, going on.

There is some very tight Thursday meeting scheduling as

The Awards Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for 3-430p

The Executive Committee meeting runs to 250p on Thursday too

The Regional Coordinators will have just a 1/2 hour between the Region Coordinator meeting and Exec Committee meeting.

Jerry Bookin-Weiner said he'd look the schedule over. It is cramped because of Max's 5pm speech

Annual Meeting Etc.

Lester Mount will bring a projector; it saves the cost of renting it from hotel

Anything committee members can provide saves dollars

USATF limits severely what the MTF committee can spend at the convention

Members are expected to pay their own transportation and registration

All subcommittee chairs will be given an opportunity to present their reports

Bob Weiner asked for 15 minutes to present video clips

There will be another Executive Committee call before the annual meeting

USATF MTF Executive Committee Minutes 25Oct17

Recorded by Amanda Scotti, MTF Exec Comm Secretary

Attendees

Rex Harvey	Exec. Comm. Chair	Mike Travers	East Region Chair
Jerry Bookin-Weiner	Exec. Comm. Vice Chair	Bill Murray	Southeast Region Chair
Amanda Scotti	Exec. Comm. Secretary	Bob Weiner	Media Subcommittee Chair
Carroll DeWeese	Exec. Comm. Treasurer	Sandy Pashkin	Exec. Comm. Chair Appointee
Latashia Key	Active Athlete Representative	Bill Shelton	USATF Board Member
J. & C. Donley	Mid America Region Co Chairs	Absent	
Robert Thomas	Midwest Region Chair	Lisa Rosborough	Organizational Advancement and Promotions Subcommittee Chair
Lester Mount	Southwest Region Chair	Jim Flanik	Championships Games Subcommittee Chair, NSGA Liason
George Mathews	Northwest Region Chair		
Mark Cleary	West Region Chair		

Agenda

Bill Shelton, USATF Board of Directors member, will provide financial matters background

Shelton stated that money coming in to USATF is currently at record levels. However, the cash flow won't be seen until after 2018. It will grow when the Nike contract money "hits the books". Jerry (Bookin-Weiner) and Rex (Harvey) have been very positively received by National Office, the level of engagement and commitment to MTF in the National Office will reap financial rewards. The National Office leadership is firmly on board with the plan to make the USA Masters team #1 in the world.

Carroll DeWeese asked if the 2018 budget stays the same as 2017's and/or would MTF need to charge surcharges in 2018 to cover expenses. Rex Harvey explained that the National Office is giving MTF \$50,000 more than in 2017 to eliminate the need for surcharges and that he asked for more than that and the National Office is trying to secure it. MTF will have more than last year. Bill added that he personally expects to see more money coming to MTF as he believes Masters will become a significant focus of USATF.

Re expenses, Bill explained that in the past several months payments have been slow due to an extensive audit because of indications of fraud. It was not due to incompetence or a cash flow issue. This slowed down the payment process but USATF was not at liberty to speak about the audit or its reasons at the time it was occurring.

Rex thanked Bill for all his work on our behalf with the National Office.
Bill signed off 9:15 ET.

Budget Request that is now at USATF National Office

Rex Harvey informed the committee that the current budget has been gone over in great detail by himself and Jerry with Bill Shelton, Max Siegel (USATF CEO) and Renee Washington (USTAF COO). He said MTF "asked high"... over \$600,000, and was told, "not this year." The funds expected from Nike are not yet on the books in cash, Nike is frontloading their assistance with "in kind" contributions. Cash will follow in future years.

The current budget submission is around \$300,000. Last year MTF received \$118,835 plus generated \$45,000 in surcharges and also had approximately \$45,000 in 'holdover' accounts. As of now (October 24, 2017) MTF has spent over \$180,000. MTF Treasurer Carroll DeWeese stated that per MTF's "normal" pattern, this would work but didn't have ledgers yet for 2017 to give definitive answers. Rex stated that he fully expects to receive \$120,000 plus the promised \$50,000 and likely an additional \$50,000 for an approximate total of \$220,000 to \$230,000. Carroll added that if this is real money and not "in kind" money, for instance, not counting uniform costs as money given to MTF, that the budget would be fine.

Rex also said that the National Office marketing division would pair with MTF regarding sponsorships, and marketing. Bill Shelton has been very instrumental in making this happen. Bill has even paid for a professionally done PowerPoint for the upcoming presentation MTF will be making to the National Office. The MTF Exec. Committee will get a chance to view it.

Rex outlined three proposed programs to increase US athlete participation at international meets.
Payment for rankings status
Program cost would be approx. \$100,000
Cap of \$1500 per athlete

Mentorships; pairing masters athletes with mentors from MTF (Exec Comm members, other athletes, coaches, etc) to encourage participation, answer questions, ease concerns, and assist in other ways.

Payment for international medals earned
Cap of \$1500 per athlete

The caps are in place to limit a participant to a maximum of \$3000, the approximate cost of an overseas competition trip. A full report and program outline will be forthcoming to the Exec. Committee.

Jerry Bookin-Weiner stated that a budget priority was funding for items that would allow lower entry fees to national and regional meets. Regional coordinators gave input about meet costs and ideas about how to fund meets without the cost burden falling on the entrants. Rex added that proposed meet assistance from the National Office at this stage is for national, not regional meets. MTF is attempting to get funding to pay the officials. Per Carroll DeWeese, the norm in the past has been to pay for officials' lodging but not travel or stipends. Mike Travers said that the last few times the indoor meet has been in Boston the LOC has paid officials.

Explanation of Women's Representative

WMA is discussing taking the Women's Representative off the WMA Council, but will retain a Women's Committee and the delegates to that Committee will be the six Regional Women's Delegates. There will be no official individual country delegates to that WMA Committee but it is desirable that they attend meetings at WMA World Championships. The item in the upcoming USATF masters newsletter addresses that in Columbus MTF will be

electing three delegates to the NCCWMA Women's Committee, who must be women, and described their duties.

State of Proposed Operating Procedures

Regarding the new communications subcommittee, which includes marketing, media, website, and social media, the goal is to be consistent in branding and messaging. The outline of the subcommittee, its members and responsibilities is currently being drafted. When asked if there were any questions or comments, Bob Weiner, current Media Subcommittee Chair, said he would like to consider his response before weighing in.

Approval of MTF Representatives to USATF Committees

Rex Harvey asked the Exec. Committee to approve the representatives who will be attending appropriate meetings at the Annual Meeting and reporting back to MTF any pertinent information. They also have the responsibility of introducing information into these meetings that MTF needs addressed.

By acclamation the following were chosen as the representatives:

- Associations – Latashia Key
- Coaching Education – Joy Upshaw
- Diversity – George Melichar
- Ethics – George Melichar
- Law and Legislation – David Griefinger
- MLDR – Ron Pate
- Officials – Jim Flanik
- Records – Jeff Brower
- Rules – Graeme Shirley
- Sports and Medicine – Cheryl Bellaire

Discussion of Annual Meeting Agenda Items

Rex asked what specific items committee members would like added to the Annual meeting agenda.

Note, each subcommittee chair will be expected to give a brief 2017 synopsis.

Bob Weiner	- Media Clips
Jerry Bookin-Weiner	- Possibly the formation of a 'Club Council', an item that was tabled last year. - The Role of coaches for masters athletes. Coaching information related to facilities use The role of coaching at nationals/accommodation
Rex Harvey	- Bill Shelton's mentorship idea; masters athletes offering mentorships to open athletes, what part of our organization would be helpful with this. Rex asked committee members to think about this and present ideas at the Annual Meeting.
Bill Murray	-The WMA rule regarding changing the dates of the 100m, 200m, and 4x100m relays. The schedule has the 100m on the 5 th -6 th , the 200m on the 7 th -9 th , but the relays aren't until the 16 th . Bill proposed moving the relay dates up. Sandy Pashkin said that would conflict with field events.

Mark Cleary

-Transportation of poles to international competitions. To this, Robert Thomas suggested that if athletes pay a stipend to have the MTF poles transported, it would save the athletes money overall.

- Re the Indoor Championships scheduling, this year the 4x800 was on day one, which didn't work well for distance runners. He asked to have indoor schedule modified as the current schedule forces athletes to make race choices and does not allow them to run all the events they would like to. Latashia Key agreed. Sandy Pashkin said to consider that it is a 3-day meet, and some days have to have double distance events. Sandy asked for suggestions by email. As the schedule is already set for 2018, this would have to apply to 2019.

- Facilities. Athletes are having trouble finding training facilities. Mark wanted to discuss having elite athletes speak at schools, with AD's etc. who have facilities to inform them that our athletes are covered by USATF insurance and should be allowed to use facilities. It was noted that contacting these facilities might also help generate meet bids.

Other Business

Per Robert Thomas; Current Bids – Outdoor: Greensboro NC (But dates may not work), Brockport State (near Rochester, NY), Carthage College (Kenosha, WI).

Indoor: Baton Rouge

Rex Harvey explained that holding the MTF 2020 Outdoor Championships prior to the WMA meet in Toronto is posing a problem. Toronto's dates are July 20-August 2. Doing that would impact regional and other meets. It might be better to hold the MTF Outdoor Championships after the WMA meet and hold it somewhere on the east coast to encourage foreign athletes to stay and compete.

It was noted by Robert Thomas that August is a big vacation month for Europeans and there are conflicts in 2020 with both the Olympic Trials and youth Nationals, both of which compete with MTF for officials before Toronto. Re the athletes, most would likely prefer to compete in a national meet after a world meet rather than the other way around so as to not risk injury at a nationals and end their world meet aspirations.

There was concern expressed by Jerry Bookin-Weiner that a later national meet might be hard to schedule as schools may need to use their own facilities by then. Bill Murray suggested we speak with the bidders and see who can accommodate the later date. Rex said that was a good plan, that would be investigated and then a vote for the meet dates would be conducted via Survey Monkey.

In closing, Rex reminded everyone that there is an Exec. Committee Meeting in Landover on Friday evening, and an athlete meeting Saturday evening, both at the host hotel. Those with budgets can use them to attend. Travel procedures were gone over one more time for clarity.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31pm ET

USATF MTF Executive Committee meeting

November 30, 2017, 12pm

Attendees:

Rex Harvey, Chair

Jerry Bookin-Weiner, Vice Chair

Carroll DeWeese, Treasurer

Amanda Scotti, Secretary

Jim Flanik, Games Subcommittee Chair

Mike Travers, East Regional Coordinator

Christel Donley, MidAmerica Regional Co-Coordinator

Jerry Donley, MidAmerica Regional Co-Coordinator

Robert Thomas, Midwest Regional Coordinator

George Mathews, Northwest Regional Coordinator

Bill Murray, Southeast Regional Coordinator

Lester Mount, Southwest Regional Coordinator

Mark Cleary, West Regional Coordinator

Sandy Pashkin, Chair appointee to Executive Committee

Latashia Key, Active Athlete Representative

David Griefinger, L&L Committee Representative

Bill Shelton, USATF Board Member

Plus numerous Observers

Meeting begun at 12pm by Chair Rex Harvey

The MTF Law and Legislation representative David Griefinger attended the meeting and explained to those present the rules governing the selection of the 20 Active Athlete representatives. Lengthy discussion ensued and Griefinger had to clarify the rules several times. The vote by the vetted active athletes for the twenty representatives will be held at the MTF Committee General Session #1 Friday, December 1.

Bill Shelton, MTF's representative to the USATF Board of Directors attended the meeting, was introduced by the Chair and described his role and highlighted what he's done this past year to assist MTF in attaining their goals.

The World #1 Program was introduced and outlined by the Chair. A Power Point presentation, funded by Shelton, was shown and illustrated the proposed attendance incentive and reward program being put into place for athletes competing in the Malaga, Spain 2018 WMA meet.

The possibility of moving the 4x100m to earlier in the WMA meet schedule or instead moving the 100m to later in the schedule was discussed. The idea being that those who run sprints and want to also run on relays have to stay

at the meet for two weeks, difficult for many. Sandy Pashkin gave background on the difficulty of scheduling around the various sprints and the plural stadiums and asked for submissions of alternative ideas. She suggested that to achieve the goal of having the 100m closer to the 4x100 relay that the relay could be moved up, or the 100m held later.

The Chair talked about the agenda for the Committee meeting and there was some questions and discussion on some of the items.

The Chair emphasized that there was a lot of work to do and that we would have to work quickly to get it all taken care of.

Meeting ran past 2:50 but discussion continued as room was not scheduled.

**USATF Masters Executive Committee Meeting
2DEC17 Columbus, OH 415pm**

PRESENT

Rex Harvey – MTF Exec. Committee Chair
Jerry Bookin-Weiner – MTF Exec. Committee Vice Chair
Amanda Scotti - MTF Exec. Committee Secretary
Carroll DeWeese – MTF Exec. Committee Treasurer
Latashia Key – MTF Active Athlete Rep
Bill Murray – MTF SE Region Coordinator
Christel Donley, Jerry Donley – MTF Mid America Region Coordinators
Lester Mount – MTF Southwest Region Coordinator
Robert Thomas – MTF Midwest Region Coordinator
George Mathews – MTF Northwest Region Coordinator
Mark Cleary – MTF West Region Coordinator
Sandy Pashkin – MTF Exec. Committee Member at Large
Jim Flanik – MTF Games Subcommittee
Bill Shelton – USATF Board of Directors

Also Present

Joseph Ols – MTF Corporate Liaison
Jeff Brower – MTF Records Subcommittee Chair
George Melichar – MTF Inclusion Subcommittee Chair
Sandy Triolo – MTF Communications Task Force Chair
Sue Hallen – Throws Subcommittee Chair
Bob Weiner
Marilyn Mitchell
Tina Klein
Jim Pearce
Ruth Welding
Jill Vollweil
Dwayne Gosa

New Business

Hall of Fame Marilyn Mitchell said that there is missing Hall of Fame information due to oversight of the subcommittee. She asked for a special HOF induction class as some worthy people have been left out of consideration. She also asked for a task force to consider athletes for induction who are listed on a disc created some time ago.

George Mathews stated that it is difficult for athletes to compile old information about themselves to submit for HOF consideration. When asked if she would go over the information, Marilyn said she would prefer not to. Jeff Brower said he would do it. Sue Hallen and Sandy Triolo volunteered to help.

Rex Harvey said that this is part of the function of the HOF committee. He also stated that he has been presented with evidence that the Subcommittee Chair is not incorporating provided information into the current HOF selection process.

Christel Donley stated that the current HOF chair has stated she will not seek out nominations, yet that is one of the committee functions.

Rex Harvey noted that the MTF newly adopted and approved Operating Procedures allow for removal of Subcommittee Chairs if they are not doing their job. Rules are found on page 17 of the Operating Procedures and allow for removal via appropriate channels and with a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee. A decision was made to offer the HOF Subcommittee Chair volunteers to assist. If there is no follow through the procedure to remove the chair may be initiated.

Associations The Region Coordinators were tasked with finding out who their Association Masters Chairs and their Association Presidents are and provide their contact information.

Subcommittees The MTF Exec. Comm. Chair asked each Subcommittee Chair to provide lists of their members and their contact information after this Annual Meeting, Formal appointments to Subcommittees are to be made by the MTF Chair.

MTF Organizational Chart It was questioned whether the MTF Organizational Chart should be maintained on the USATFmaster.org site or the USATF.org site. It was determined that updates should go through Jeff Brower for posting on the USATFmasters.org site.

Rex Harvey noted that Board of Directors member Bill Shelton is up for reelection next year and MTF needs to support his reelection bid. George Mathews asked if the Region Chairs should be communicating to MTF what they need from Bill.

Bill Sheton's points that he wanted to make to the committee overall include:

Focus

1- Speak cohesively and as a group

He discourages direct conversation with the national office

MTF should perform as a constituency, not individually

2- MTF marketing and media should be coordinated with the National Office

3- Race concerns

Feels the issue was dismissed when brought up

Shouldn't be dismissed as it does exist in the sport and should be dealt with and discussed

Correction: The \$2000 given to fund the Pole Vault program came from Lester Mount's club, not his Association.

Mentorships/Exec. Committee Replacements Rex Harvey stated that it is part of the duties of Exec. Committee members is to mentor their replacements.

Extended Explanations of earlier Topics

World #1 - Robert Thomas asked if, to encourage participation in both National and World meets that the (up to) \$1500 incentive money be divided, giving a smaller amount to a world meet attendee who did not go to the national meet? The committee did not see the concern, and would prefer getting more top-tier athletes to the world meet.

Inclusion Sub-Committee Chair, asked what we could do to inform athletes that not all countries are safe for all athletes, could some sort of instructions and safety warnings be put out? Sandy Pashkin replied that that exists and will forward it to the committee.

Succession We as a committee need to recruit.

MLDR – MTF needs to find a way to get the MLDR athletes involved and attending WMA championships.

Athlete WMA Funding Bob Weiner suggested we repeat the program for 'First Timers' to WMA. It was suggested that we try having a section on our website that lists athlete's Go Fund Me campaigns. Robert Thomas suggested a raffle, however Bill Shelton pointed out that there may be legal ramifications as we are a not-for-profit entity.

Motion to Adjourn at 5:50pm

Seconded

Passed

USATF MTF/MLDR Joint Meeting 2DEC17 Columbus, OH 2:00pm

Meeting Opened at 2:14pm by Rex Harvey, Rex explained the WMA delegates division and how MLDR would retain their two delegates. Discussion followed and Sandy Pashkin explained that WMA sees our USA contingent as one sport (MTF) not as two (MTF and MLDR). Request was put forth to come up with ways to encourage more MLDR participation in WMA Championships.

Phil Greenwald gave a report on the WMA Indoor meet in Daegu and the medal counts. There was an issue in the M85 Shot Put involving Ray Feick, and although the athletes exchanged medals among themselves, the official results reflect the incorrect information. Greenwald also stressed the need for declarations as a high no-show rate requires heat sheet rewrites.

Greenwald also gave a report on the NCCWMA meet, medal counts and provided uniforms.

Sandy Pashkin noted that the upcoming 2018 WMA Outdoor championship meet in Malaga, Spain will have Cross Country and a Road 10k. The meet dates are September 4-16. Pashkin also reviewed some WMA award changes, and the event categories. Mary Trotto will be coordinating the Awards and each region may submit one member for each category. Nominees must have competed in the WMA world or regional championships within the past year and must be a member of the region's affiliate.

A motion was made to adopt the changes.
A voice vote was taken, the motion passed.

Lloyd Hansen MLDR Vice Chair handed out cards detailing the 10 events included in the MLDR Grand Prix. There will be a year-end banquet to hand out the awards. The program hands out \$100,000 in prize money. 2017 saw record attendance at the Grand Prix events.

Bob Weiner noted that former MTF Chair Gary Snyder intends to run for WMA President. He moved that the meeting endorse Gary's candidacy. The motion was seconded.
Discussion: Robert Thomas stated that he had asked for information from Gary but it was never supplied.
A voice vote was taken, there was no opposition.

Marilyn Mitchell spoke about the site for the next NCCWMA in 2019 in Toronto. There will be four tracks, two of which are being resurfaced. Declarations will be mandatory to avoid reseeding
Housing was discussed and it was stated that breakfast will be included in the rate.
The daily schedule is not yet solidified, the registration will open after the schedule is finished.

George Melichar presented a diversity talk and asked for input and suggestions for his subcommittee. He said he is posting information on USATFmasters.org and on Facebook.

Rachel Guest reviewed MTF Award winners.

**USATF Masters TF General Meeting
1DEC17 Columbus, OH 8am**

Meeting began at 8:15am with a Roll Call (attached). A quorum was present.

A discussion was held regarding the makeup of the Committee, with special reference to the number of Active Athlete members of the Committee. David Griefinger, MTF Law and Legislation Subcommittee Chair, detailed the proper procedures to choose the 20 Active Athlete voting members. He was joined by Bill Roe, Chair of the USATF Organizational Service Committee.

Chair Rex Harvey made a motion to accept the 43 Active Athletes with vetted applications. The motion was seconded, and passed.

An amendment was proposed by Steve Cohen to count each of the vetted Active Athletes as a half vote. The motion was seconded, discussed, and withdrawn.

A vote by ballot was taken to select the 20 Active Athlete Delegates from the list of 43. A five-way tie between five people for the 19th and 20th positions was decided by a series of coin flips.

1. Joy Upshaw
2. Christel Donley
3. Mary Trotto
4. Latashia Key
5. Ivan Black
6. Sandy Triolo
7. Rachel Guest
8. George Mathews
9. Ron Pate
10. Steve Cohen
11. Marilyn Mitchell
12. Tim Edwards
13. Mark Cleary
14. Madelyn Bost
15. Ruth Welding
16. Cheryl Bellaire
17. Mary Harzlett
18. Jeff Brower
19. Sue Hallen
20. Mary Robinson

Alternates

George Melichar

Mary Robinson

Chair Rex Harvey appointed the five (5) At Large Delegates:

John Oleski
George Melichar
David Friedman
Jim Flanik
Phil Wright

A vote by ballot was taken to elect the 2018 Active Athlete Representative after each candidate was given two minutes to speak.

Results, with totals:

Latashia Key 34
Mary Trotto 9
Cheryl Bellaire 5
Jill Vollweiler 3
Ron Pate 2

A motion was made to destroy the ballots, which was seconded and passed.

WMA Women's Delegates

Marilyn Mitchell stated that five women's delegates were needed for WMA women's committees. The terms will be four years and three years to avoid everyone terming out at the same time. The duties include attending WMA meetings to represent the interests of women.

Candidates –

Elizabeth Teague, Sandy Triolo, Mary Trotto, Tina Klein, Jill Vollweiler, Jo Burrows

A vote by ballot was taken, with the following results: Tina Klein, Elizabeth Teague, Jill Vollweiler, Jo Burrows, and Mary Trotto being selected (number of votes in that order).

A motion to destroy the ballots was made, seconded and passed.

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Chair Rex Harvey made a motion to use the following Rules of debate (2/3 approval required)

Identify yourself

A two-minute maximum to present

The original speaker may speak again only after others finished speaking

For and Against arguments will alternate

The debate time is limited to 20 minutes on any motion

The time limit can be extended with a 2/3 vote

The motion was seconded and passed

Chair Rex Harvey made a motion to accept the last year's minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chair Rex Harvey made an announcement that a decision was made to give MLDR two WMA delegates for the time being although the number of LDR athletes at recent WMA events does not support that allocation.

Graeme Shirley noted a new rule that for American records to be ratified the athlete must be a USATF member. This puts US MTF in alignment with WMA requirements.

The meeting recessed at 10:50 am.

USATF Masters General Committee Meeting

1DEC17 Columbus, OH 2pm

2:06 pm Meeting called to order
Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Championship Sites Bid Presentations:

Baton Rouge, LA, bidding for the Indoor 2020 meet

Dates to be March 13-15, 2020.

Eric Engemann will again be the LOC Chair as he was for the 2017 Outdoor Championships.

Officials Meals will be provided.

The outdoor facility will be available for warm ups on the 12th and during the meet.

3 hotels are offering special rates with the Crowne Plaza as the headquarters hotel.

Shuttles to/from the hotels will be provided; new shuttle company.

Showers available Sunday post-competition.

Discussion

Drug testing facilities: assurances were made that adequate facilities will be provided.

A need for gender-neutral restrooms was expressed, and possibly child-friendly spectator areas.

It was noted that at the 2017 Outdoor meet the packet pick up process was inconvenient and not well organized.

It was also noted that at the 2017 Outdoor meet the security was extreme, but that was due to specific situations in the city at the time.

A motion was made to accept Baton Rouge as the 2020 Indoor site

Seconded, and Passed.

Buffalo NY, 2020 Outdoor

Presented by Perry Jenkins

The Buffalo area is close to Toronto allowing athletes to stay longer after or arrive prior to the world championships in Toronto. Possible sites would include the University at Buffalo, plus three updated HS facilities to host the meet.

Discussions

Ruth Welding pointed out that HS facilities often are not adequate for masters (i.e.; throws and steeple). The present body expressed interest in holding the Championships one week post world meet rather than two weeks.

It was pointed out that Buffalo had no time to prepare a full presentation as the other site in the Niagara Association withdrew at the last minute because they were unable to secure a facility post-WMA. It was suggested that we have the proposed sites visited by the Games Committee.

Greensboro NC, Outdoor 2020

Hill Carrow presenting

The meet site would be Irwin Belk Track at North Carolina AT&T University.

The track is scheduled to be resurfaced in 2019.

Showers are available post meet.

A warm up track is scheduled to be constructed; at this time it is unclear whether it will or will not impact the throws area.

Discussion

Discussions about the throws areas; will they be adequate for masters simultaneous events

The USA Masters Games were recently held at the same venue; reportedly, by those in the meeting who attended the meet, the facility was OK, appropriate and well kept. It was a well-run meet; there was plenty of shade.

It was suggested that a site be decided upon with contingencies. If, after a site inspection it is decided that the chosen site is inadequate, the runner-up site will win the bid. The Chair suggested putting off a vote until the 2018 Annual meeting so that the potential sites can be vetted.

Sandy Pashkin made a motion to decide definitively on a post-WMA meet date for the USATF Masters Outdoor Championships.

Seconded

Discussion

Against the motion, Ivan Black and Mark Cleary spoke against the motion saying that the athletes would prefer to compete first in the national meet before competing at worlds.

Members speaking for the motion stated that it was too hard on the officials because the July JO's and Olympic Trials would mean the officials are working four straight weeks and then again at the WMA meet. Jim Flanik stated that the officials are treated better at masters meets and would prefer to work those meets.

The motion to hold the meet post-WMA was defeated by show of hands with a substantial margin opposing, indicating a strong preference for the national meet to precede WMA.

A motion was made to allow the Niagara Association to Bid (Buffalo/Rochester) now that the meet date was changed. Phil Greenwald spoke for the motion, saying that Rochester could now host the meet, and that they have a good facility and are close to Toronto.

The motion was seconded and passed

Chair Rex Harvey stated that the meet venue decision should be postponed until after site inspections are completed. The decision could be made at upcoming Exec. Committee Meeting to be held in Landover, MD in March.

A motion was made to collect proper bids, do site inspections, and let the Executive Committee decide after providing the MTF Committee with the gathered information and collecting comments. The motion amended to say that post due diligence, the Executive Committee make a recommendation to the MTF Committee which would then vote electronically.

The amendment was accepted, seconded, and the amended motion passed.

A motion was made to recess which was seconded and passed

USATF Masters MTF General Session 3
2DEC17 Columbus, OH 11:30am

Meeting began at 11:33 am with a Roll Call. A quorum was present.

Media report by Bob Weiner, Including video of 2017 coverage.

Rex Harvey, Chair, made motion to have previous meeting agenda modified, which was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report, Carol DeWeese

Asked that outstanding expenses be submitted by end of next week (December 9).

Budget for 2018 guaranteed at over \$200,000, specifics still being worked on with National Office.

Athletes needn't pay surcharge/saving \$25 each on national meet entries. The National Office has allocated \$50,000 to cover the expenses that previously were covered from surcharge revenues.

International team uniforms do not come out of the MTF budget.

World #1 money would also not come from this budget

A motion was made to empower the Executive Committee approve the final budget, which was seconded and passed.

Chair Rex Harvey detailed that MTF originally asked for \$325,000 and received a budget that was double last year's budget. Harvey explained that the National Office is supportive of MTF and thanked MTF's representative to the board, Bill Shelton for all his assistance with this.

11:57 USATF President Vin Lananna stepped into the meeting to speak. He challenged the group to help figure where masters fit in with the USATF team.

12:11 USATF MTF World #1 presentation was shown so that Vin Lananna could see it.

12:28 The group representing the city of Spokane, WA and the upcoming 2018 Outdoor National meet addressed the meeting. Information included:

- Meet dates are July 26-29, meet to be held in Cheeney WA (15 minutes from Spokane)
- Jim Estes is meet director
- Host hotel has a rate of \$129 which includes breakfast and transportation, there are additional area hotels
- Transportation will be included for both officials and athletes
- The MTF Games committee had already visited and OK'd the venue
- There is a warm up indoor facility and shower facilities
- Asked for assistance with recruiting officials as the meet conflicts with JO's

12:31 Renee Washington and Max Siegel from the National Office spoke and expressed desire for unity within the organization and all that has been accomplished for MTF by Chair Rex Harvey and Vice Chair Jerry Bookin-Weiner in 2017.

They would like a clear picture of what MTF wants going forward and they will try very hard to accommodate MTF's needs. They intend to put forth marketing and sponsorship programs to help fund and promote MTF. They acknowledged the help of Bill Shelton.

12:51 Communications Task Force Presentation

The intent of this task force is to combine MTF media, marketing, social media, and website into one cohesive Communications Subcommittee.

Sandy Triolo gave a Power Point presentation highlighting the need for consistent branding and effective marketing. She also described her current role in MTF social media.

Bob Weiner made a presentation of his vision for the future of MTF communications.

Chair Rex described new Communications Subcommittee proposal detailed in the new Operating Procedures

Parliamentarian described the need for a waiver of the 30-day notice requirement to approve the MTF Operating Procedures changes at this meeting.

Motion made and seconded to waive 30-day notice.

A voice vote taken, and the motion passed

A motion was made to accept the new MTF Operating Procedures.

Seconded

There were no arguments against adopting. Jerry Bookin-Weiner noted a few minor changes to the Operating Procedures that was distributed prior to the meeting.

Amendments

Bob Weiner made a motion to allow up to three at-large Executive Committee appointees rather than the one currently allowed. Seconded, Voice Vote, passed.

Marilyn Mitchell made a motion, which was seconded, that the Operating Procedures take effect at the end of the annual meeting. After discussion it was decided to have them take effect at the conclusion of the meeting at which they were adopted.

Voice vote taken, motion passed.

Rex Harvey asked for an amendment that, in conflict with what the New Operating Procedures, allows MLDR two of the five WMA representatives.

Seconded, Voice Vote taken, motion passed

Jerry Bookin-Weiner moved to amend the name "Anti-Doping and Medical Subcommittee" (Page 21 #9) to The Anti Doping and Substance Abuse Subcommittee.

Seconded, Voice vote taken, motion passed

Sandy Pashkin made a motion to accept the new MTF Operating Procedures as amended

Seconded, Voice Vote, /Passed

MTF Records

MTF Records Subcommittee Chair Jeff Brower detailed ratification process changes

Records will now be ratified several times throughout the year rather than waiting until the Annual Meeting.

Discussions included:

Graeme Shirley read from the rules manual that some of the MTF records ratifications might not adhere to the USATF rules, pointing out that some older records do not have proper certifications.

A motion was made to approve George Mathews' 2009 weight throw record that was previously rejected.

The motion was seconded.

In ensuing discussion, Sandy Pashkin noted that this US record would be farther than the existing World Record and that the mark in question would not be approved as a World Record.

A show of hands vote was taken, For approval – 22, Against approval – 20

The motion to accept the performance as a record passed.

Graeme Shirley stated that MTF specific rules from the overall rules committee will be posted. Most of the new rules are for IAAF compliance. Shirley asked for MTF approval to remove the 'feet in the air' rule re hurdles and high jump.

A motion was made to remove the rule.

Seconded and passed

2017 USATF East Region Masters Report

The Indoor East Regional once again returned to the Career & Technical High School in beautiful downtown Providence. This years meet featured one AR from Lisa Mikkelsen, Holliston, MA in the W50 400m. Age graded awards worth \$600 were spread out over 4 athletes. Turnout for this meet was excellent with approx. 195 entries.

Track awardees: Manny Garcia, Deering, NH (\$150)
Jan Holmquist, Burlington, MA (\$150)
Field awardees: David Montieth, Ridgefield, CT (\$150)
Oneitheia Lewis, Oakland Gardens, NY(\$150)

The Jim Chamberas Award for Meet's Outstanding Thrower went to Oneitheia Lewis.

The 2018 Indoor Regional will be also be held in Providence.

The East Region Outdoor meet was held at Howard Community College in Columbia, MD. Jerry Bookin-Weiner was the meet director. This version of the outdoor Regional attracted 165 athletes from the Mid Atlantic states. The southeast Regional was held the same weekend only 200 miles away in Richmond, VA and likely kept numbers down slightly.

Howard CC and Jerry have hosted this meet many times over the years. It was a well run meet with many positive comments from the athletes.

The 2018 Outdoor Regional will be hosted by USATF-New England for 1st time since the Springfield College hosted meets more then 10 years ago. College of the Holy Cross is the tentative venue with dates TBD.

The 2017 East Region throws Pentathlon was held in Chelmsford, MA with 20 strong folks attending. W35 thrower Julie Williams-Tinkham walked away with an AR for her efforts. The Twilight Throwers hosted this event and did a fine job, as always.

This fall, the East Region purchased a full complement of branded signage to be displayed at all our Regionals. These signs will help to set our Regional meets apart from the many masters meets that are offered. These signs use the USATF logo, approved colors and fonts to make an important statement.

Submitted by Mike Travers, East Region Coordinator

MTF Mid America Region Report

By Christel and Jerry Donley, Region Chairs

Region Associations:

Colorado, Dakotas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, Nebraska, Ozark

Starting with the attendance at the National convention in Orlando, 2016, only Craig Yotter from Minnesota, LaDonna Gooden of Missouri Valley and 3 members from the Colorado Association attended. This is nothing new, usually, only the same people from the same region attended.

Our regular connection and communications are with: Larry Staton, Missouri Valley (Shocker Track Club, Wichita) Craig Yotter, Minnesota, who gave a comprehensive report of all the meets he organized, and Colorado. Colorado Masters Track and Field Club is highly organized and extremely lucky to have great certified officials as well.

The Shockers Track Club is equally busy and at the time of this post, has one more meet coming, Sept 30th, in Wichita. We are trying to support them with a small amount of money from our Mid America budget.

Craig Yotter, Minnesota, reported a number of meets in that Association in 2017: January 7, February 5 and 25 and March 4 indoor; Outdoor included June 20 and 27, July 11 and 18 and August 1, using high school facilities. Its indoor championship was held March 12 at the University of Minnesota. Its outdoor championship was held June 12, 2017 at Hamline University. Craig was been consistent in posting Minnesota's schedule and results.

All meets, that we are aware of, include Youth and Open athletes. This has proven to be the only way to meet the financial obligations, and provide competition for current and future Masters.

Mid America held the Indoor meet at the Air Force Academy in Feb. 2017, and will have the same on Feb. 18, 2018 , hopefully no "military action" will take place, which would mean that the facility can cancel within hours.

Our Mid America Outdoor meet was a "nightmare" with a venue change on short notice; trying to find a new place that would accommodate a 2-day meet, was nearly impossible. Somehow, Jim Weed and our faithful club members made it possible. We found Pueblo.

Ken O'Neil and Ray Brown were instrumental to get us two venues; CSU Pueblo for throwing events, and Dutch Clark Stadium for all other events. Needless to say, the attendance was down, and the cost was not! It became a one-day meet , with officials working both the two venues. Yet, it was a team effort and those who attended were very complimentary!

Unfortunately, Jerry and I were on our way to California for a family funeral – and ended up in a major car crash.... BUT, we were grateful for all the people who stepped up, including officials coming a long way. Call it: "A Labor of Love" (for the sport).

Jerry and I attended an Indoor meet in Wichita and in Iowa, just a confirmation that meet directors (Larry Staton and Jim Walczyk) are very involved in that part of our region. We tried to contact Nebraska and the other Associations, they do not have a Masters Rep. per say, so, no we received no response.

We will still try and put on meets the best we can, and hope for a better attendance at the National Convention in Columbus, Ohio in December.

We had a visit from Vin Lananna at our last Colorado Assoc, meeting, which was very pleasant and informative.

Respectfully submitted: Jerry and Christel Donley

In addition: I am still the meet director (25 yrs) for the Pasadena Senior Games, and, though it is not in our region, we have a lot of Masters Athletes from not only the California region, but other states as well. Simply another chance for Masters Athletes to compete.

REPORT OF
MIDWEST REGION MASTERS
(through June 30, 2017)

This will be my final report as the USATF Midwest Region Coordinator. For the past 8 years, I have attempted to provide the best, non-conflicted, Region and Association Track and Field Masters Championship competitions. In addition, after authorizing an Outdoor Midwest Region Throws Championship event in Wisconsin in a previous year, in 2017 the first, and I hope not the last, Midwest Region Masters Indoor Throws Championships at Lewis University was authorized and held. This new Midwest Region Indoor Throws Championship was the request of Meet Director, Tim Cederblond, with the assistance of Sue Hallen and Ruth Welding.

For the past several years the Midwest Region Masters Indoor Track and Field Championships were hosted by Jeff Watry in conjunction with the National Masters Indoor Heptathlon Championships at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. For some inexplicable reason, the number of entries in both competitions was disappointing (Masters: 9 Women and 38 Men) during 2017. As a result, special assistance was given to Jeff from the Midwest Masters budget. Regardless, the most notable results were the Harry Brown's (85-89 age group) double in the 200 M Dash and the 60 M Dash (10.94 seconds /7.02 91.04% age graded) and David Swarts' 7:08.46 -1600 Meter Race Walk, breaking the National Record by 4.53 seconds (the Record could not be certified due to the lack of Race Walk officials).

Although Jeff Watry has indicated his desire to continue sponsoring and acting as Meet Director of the Masters Midwest Region Indoor Meet, it is my understanding that my Successor intends to hold the Midwest Masters Region Indoor Meet at a new location. Regardless, it is my understanding that Midwest Masters athletes will continue to have an Indoor Meet at Carthage College in conjunction with the National Heptathlon meet in 2018, since Jeff indicated to me he will continue to host a Masters Meet in conjunction with the Multi-Event Championships.

I am pleased that for the ninth consecutive year, with no other bids or requests, the Midwest Region Masters Outdoor Championship Track and Field Championship Meet was held at Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin. With the lack of any clubs or other potential sponsors, I took full responsibility for preparing the Entry Information, contracting for the facility and Meet Management, and working with my Co-Meet Director, Shawn Thieltz, the Track and Cross-Country coach at Carroll University. Without the assistance of the individuals I brought with me to Carroll University on June 25, 2017 and the timeless effort of Shawn and his student-athletes, this Meet would have been difficult to hold efficiently. Additional special thanks must be given to Jay Preston of the Wisconsin USATF Association. Not only did Jay guarantee a super group of USATF officials, he brought the full range of Wisconsin owned implements to the Meet and, with the help of Stan Druckery, supplied special Masters hurdles.

Although there were 88 registered entries which resulted in an additional \$445 in funds raised for future Midwest Masters Drug Testing, 63 men and 15 women competed in the full range of Track and Field events. With a revised Meet Schedule, I believe all the events were held as scheduled with numerous very pleased Masters athletes. In 2017, entries were down approximately 10 percent due to Highland games and other unavoidable conflicts. Thanks for the second year to Elizabeth Rudolph for her wonderful rendition of the National Anthem.

As in past years, I included a questionnaire/survey to be completed by entering athletes. This survey was returned by a remarkable 62.5% of the entrants. The principal responses of this questionnaire were as follows:

1. 96% plus of the responses indicated that the athletes preferred the Midwest Region Masters Outdoor Championships continue to be held at Carroll University.
2. Our athletes feel that their reason for competing is great people they hang out with, camaraderie, health reasons, the love of competition, memories of high school track, the availability of pole vault facilities, simple personal enjoyment, breaking personal records, preparing for National Championships, and overcoming injuries.
3. Most competitors have never attended an USATF Annual Meeting giving the following reasons:
 - Not aware of or familiar with the Annual Meeting
 - Lack of time
 - Don't like meetings
 - Recent USATF Member
 - Cost, distance, time constraints
 - Scheduling problems, time of year
 - Not interested
 - Not retired
 - Attends local Association Meeting
 - Waste of time, not important
 - Not focused on disabled or blind athletes
 - Other priorities
4. Most competitors have never held, nor are they interested, in holding a Sanctioned Masters Competition. Some athletes indicated they would be interested in holding a Meet at Carroll University. Some athletes indicated they would "help" putting on a Meet. Some athletes answered this question by indicating they would assist if a Meet was close to Chicago, Louisville, or Minnesota with suggestions of Benedictine University, Northwestern University, Hamline University, Concordia College, and Carthage College.

5. A great majority of the responders have been to a National Championship event and only a few responders indicated the need for financial assistance. One athlete indicated that provisions should be made for "service dogs."
6. A majority of those answering indicated they would like a clinic included with the Midwest Region Masters Outdoor Meet with the following subject matters to be covered:
 - Training in General
 - Nutrition and age-related issues
 - Sprints
 - Jumps
 - Middle distance events
 - Lifting for "older" athletes, strength training
 - Throws/weight events
 - Training without facilities
 - Obtaining financial assistance
 - Injury prevention and recovery
 - RaceWalk
 - Coaching blind athletes

Several of those subjects were the subject matter of previous clinics or my idea of inviting one or more professionals to give clinics or rotate to events and work one on one with the athletes.

7. Almost no Masters athletes object to drug testing, but a few negative responses were:
 - Too expensive with few positive results
 - Invasion of privacy (and "body invasion")
 - Cost outweighs catching an old athlete
 - Concerned that medication being used may have banned substances (failure to have knowledge of use of the right to apply for a TUE)
 - Only record breakers should be tested
 - Doesn't think "average" athletes would use illegal drugs - only test those who break National records
 - Innocent until proven guilty???
 - Must be a better use of funds
 - WADA website confusing - only a doctor can understand USADA website
 - Overkill for 95% of competitors
 - Who "freakin" cares, if it hasn't killed them yet, it probably will!
8. Suggestions from athletes with my (comments):
 - "Good as is" / "Continue as is"

- Better time management (time required for field events vs. running events)
 - "Great job"
 - Encourage more participation
 - "Thanks for all you do for Masters track and field" - from athlete outside the Midwest Region
 - Don't schedule Competing Association Championship the same weekend as the Region Championships
 - Better advertising of event (probably a USATF "blast" would help)
 - Use more officials (really a baseless suggestion)
 - Consider special website and online registration (can be done through MeetManagement Company)
 - Take pictures of all the officials and athletes together and at each event (did video one year but never considered this suggestion)
9. The most gratifying remarks, although many similar statements were made to me in person at the Meet on June 25th, are the following:
- "I appreciate all the work by you people. Thank you."
 - "Mr. Cohen - I appreciate your efforts ... Your Meets are always well run ... Carroll U - GREAT FACILITY"

I want to take this final opportunity to thank all of the Midwest Region Association Chairs who attended our Midwest Region meeting in 2016 in Orlando and expressed their confidence in my efforts. It is encouraging that most Region Chairs have attempted to avoid Region Meet conflicts. Hopefully, similar actions will be taken in the future giving our Region athletes the maximum number of weekends to compete. Also, it should be considered that back to back Meets are difficult for our older athletes. Good luck to my Successor and all Midwest Association Master Chairs.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Midwest Region Masters Athletes for the past eight (8) years.



Stephen B. Cohen

2017 Northwest Region Annual Report

October 26, 2017

Our region has been without a regional coordinator and regional championships for several years. On July 29th we held the 2017 Northwest Region Outdoor Masters Track & Field Championships at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. This meet also was the Pacific Northwest Masters T&F Championships as well as the Seattle Masters Classic which has been held for over 25 years. Medals were awarded for both the Northwest region and the Pacific Northwest Association athletes with outside of association athletes not displacing Pacific Northwest athletes for association medals.

Over 100 athletes from mostly Washington and Oregon with a fair number of athletes coming from other parts of the Northwest Region, Canada and California. One athlete traveled from New Hampshire for the meet

Northwest region record data base from 2013 has been updated. 16 meet records were broken and several performances by athletes from outside the region exceeded some of our region records.

The region's 2017 budget of \$5,500 was exceeded putting on this meet and conducting regional coordinator representing the region as a member of the Masters Track & Field Executive Committee.

In 2018 we plan on trying to reach out to help associations within our region to at least put on Association Masters Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

We have tried to organize an indoor championship meet the University of Washington for 2018 but there are no dates available this coming year we will try and see if a date may be available in 2019. There are very few indoor track facilities within our region of 8 associations and 7 states that have indoor facilities that fit our major population core which is the I-5 north/south corridor in Washington and Oregon. We will endeavor to find indoor facilities to for this type of competition.

We are planning on conducting the 2018 Outdoor Northwest Region Championships at the new refurbished track at West Seattle, Washington Stadium on July 21st, the weekend before the 2018 USATF National Masters Outdoor Tack & Field Championships being held at Eastern Washington University from July 26-29.

**George Mathews
Northwest Region Coordinator**

2017 SOUTH EAST REGION ANNUAL REPORT

September 9, 2017

The Indoor SE Region Championship was held in Winston-Salem, NC., at JDL Fast Track on January 22. The participation numbers were slightly lower this year with 170 athletes (190 athletes in 2016), signed up to compete. The date was moved up one month to accommodate the USATF National Championships. This may have contributed to lower numbers.

The SE Region Outdoor Championship was moved at the last minute to Richmond Virginia. The meet was held on June 24th at the University of Richmond with 90 athletes competing. It would not have been possible without the help of the Virginia Association and its masters chair, Ross McDonald. Thank You!

The SE Region 2017 budget was \$5,500 and the expenses to date are \$3,908.69. There is a carryover of surcharges from previous years of \$3,027.67 leaving a balance of \$4,618.98 as of 9/8/17.

SE Region records are still a work in progress and have not been finalized as of this date.

The 2018 SE Region Championships:

Indoor: January 21, JDL Fast Track, Winston-Salem, NC.

Outdoor: June 2-3, Site TBD, Birmingham, AL

Bill Murray
SE Region Coordinator

Southwest Region 2017

The indoor championships were held at the University of Houston on January 13. The outdoor championships were held at Rice University on June 24th, meets were hosted by the Gulf Assoc. with William Collins the meet manager for both meets. The associations saw an increase in the number of athletes competing in their masters championships this year.

The region is made up of the following associations and their masters chairs are:

Arkansas Louis Sasser IV 479-970-0700

Border Steven Purchase 708-250-1202

Gulf Bill Collins 713-491-3248

Oklahoma Matthias Wickes 918-814-3278

South Texas Debbie Romero 512-999-3596

Southern Alfonso Olive 225-614-8801

Southwestern Lester Mount 214-766-2854

West Texas Chris Lonngren 806-791-1774

Lester Mount Southwest Region

2017 Masters West Region Report

All of the 8 Associations within the West Region held Masters Track & Field Championships except Central California.

The Southern California Masters Championships were held May 20th at West LA College. The Meet was a success even though our original site, Cerritos College fell through, and we only had four weeks to promote the SCA Championships. They have a Mondo track, which is only a year old. Ten Meet Records were set on the track, and five in the field. The Meet Records for the Southern California Association Masters T&F Championships and for the West Region Championships are included at the end of this report.

Arizona hosted their Championships on May 20th at Mesa Community College, combined Open & Masters Divisions.

The Nevada Association held their Championships on May 27th at UNLV, and combined Open & Masters as well.

The Pacific Association held their Masters Championships at the College of San Mateo, on June 4th, combining Open & Masters athletes. The Meet was well-attended, it had approximately 150 athletes.

The New Mexico Association 2017 was an Open, Masters, & Youth Track & Field Championships. It also served as the New Mexico Games, and was held on June 24, 2017, at Milne Stadium, Albuquerque, New Mexico. They had 28 masters athletes compete ranging from age 35 to 82.

San Diego/Imperial held their Championships in conjunction with the Chuck McMahon Meet, on June 25th at UC San Diego. Looking at the results the Meet appeared a bit smaller this year.

The Hawaii Association held their Championships on July 8th. They combine Youth, Open, & Masters and this Meet is primarily a Youth Meet. They typically get ten to fifteen Masters athletes competing at this Meet, a rather small turnout.

The 2017 USATF Masters West Region Track & Field Championships were held on June 17th & 18th, at West LA College. This Venue again yielded several Records with great competition. Seven Records were set in the track, and five in the field. Willie Gault ran 11.77 for the M-55 100M, into a 2.7 head wind. The Facility was so well received by the athletes that we plan to hold next years West Region Championships there once again.

Next year, we would like to give prize money to the Top Three Male & Female Age-Graded Performances. This should add some extra incentive, and excitement to the already great competition.

I plan to visit one of the smaller Association Masters Championships each year, to assist with planning and Meet operations.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Cleary/Masters West Region Coordinator

2017 SCA Association Records:

9 New Men's Records

6 New Women's Records

New Men's Records:

- M-40 Perry McBride 400 Hurdles 56.20
- M-45 Darren Cox 3K Steeplechase 10:45.40
- M-50 Rob Arsenalt 10,000M 35:23.34
- M-55 John Araujo 10,000M 42:52.54
- M-55 Tim McIntyre PV 4.15
- M-70 Larry Hart HT 57.60; WT 20.41; SW 10.21
- M-85 Gunnar Linde 2K Steeple 13:58.87

New Women's Records:

- W-30 Chloe Anderson 5,000 21:09.56
- W-35 Natalia Gaerlan LJ 4.94
- W-50 Venus Jewett 400M 1:10.43
- W-55 Linda Hillebrand 400M 1:11.92
- W-60 Debbie Lee 1500M 5:46.69
- W-75 Kathy Bergen 200M 38.43

2017 West Region New Meet Records:

New Men's Records:

- M-30 Ryudo Tsukizaki Mile 4:50.22
- M-40 Perry McBride 400H 53.99
- M-55 Willie Gault 100M 11.77 -2.7
- M-70 Larry Hart HT 58.62; WT 20.94; SW 11.89

New Women's Records:

- W-30 Chloe Anderson Mile 5:46.84
- W-35 Jessica Dickran PV 2.65
- W-50 Andrea Collier 300H 54.12
- W-60 Debbie Lee Mile 6:15.01
- W-65 Brenda Matthews 80H 18.63; LJ 3.61