

## USATF MTF Executive Committee Minutes 27AUG17

Recorded by Amanda Scotti, MTF Exec. Comm. Secretary

### Attendees

Rex Harvey, Exec. Committee Chair  
Amanda Scotti, Exec. Committee Secretary  
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