Montana Association USATF
2025 Annual Meeting

The meeting was conducted both in person and via Zoom. Zoom invites were sent to all persons that expressed an interest in attending the meeting. The Zoom participants dropped off early as it was technically difficult and then Zoom truncated the translation.

Board Members in Attendance: Bill Brist, Sara Brist, Greg Mohl, Diane Cummins, Bill Ballinger, Carol Cress, Chad Coley, Keli Dennehy, Liza Dennehy, Alan Cress, Mike Perry, Dave Skelton

Call to order at 12:22

2024 Annual Meeting Minutes – Motion by Dave Skelton seconded by Bill Brist The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

President's report (Greg Mohl)

The Montana Association will be fully accredited in 2025. For next year keeping our officials numbers up will be critical to continued accreditation.

The Montana Association Applied for and received a grow to impact grant in 2024 (Requested $5000 and got $3000 to build membership). Our current membership is 5 less than last year but only 30 from the all-time high membership.

Dave Skelton continued in his role as Regional Representative for the NW region (Pacific NW, Oregon, Inland NW, Snake River, Montana, and Utah) assists me with accreditation related activities and helps Associations in our region with their interactions with other Associations and the National Office. May need to transition out but will finish the year.

Vice President report – (Alan Cress) no report.

Secretary Report– (Greg and Chad Coley)

the independent 501-C3 is all set up and proceeding as requested. Otherwise, business duties as needed were accomplished.

Treasurer – (Bill Brist)

The Treasurers report consists of two items as usual (a year to date and a last fiscal year). Looking first at the 2024 fiscal year, in 2024 the Montana Association recorded a net gain of $5,000, We are on track to do the same for 2025.

The funds on hand will be considered when discussing appropriations under new business.

A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Sara Brist and seconded by Liza Dennehy. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Committee reports:

- Masters / Men's Track
  - World Indoor championships in Florida had 577 US attendees, fantastic showing from the US
  - Working on nominating Bob Sagar Hall of Fame recognition for his career
  - Interest in hosting regional championships (would need to be MSU or UM)

- Women's Track
  - Nothing to report

- Law and legal
  - We are up to date on bylaws
  - Annual report was filed as required

- Education
  - Both online and in-class education will be offered in 2026
  - Level 2 is a week long, in person only and run $500
  - Level 1 is $210

- Race Walk
  - Nothing to report

- LDR - Big Sky State Games hold all LDR Championships
  - Added 5k/10k for youth division
  - A lot of opportunities with LDR or MUT championship? State is big, so it's difficult to schedule an event

- Communications Report
  - Website is currently up to date , Sara, Greg and Dave currently are handling it.

- Membership and Sanctions
  - 1110 members last year, 1175 this year (1208 is the high mark)
  - 34 sanctions last year, 45 this year, 48 is the target
  - 25 valid clubs, pending for 26
  - Club fees remain at $35
  - Membership drive at BTC All-comers was successful

- Officials
  - Need to get the word out that people need to retake the rules review
  - 16-17 current, but several that haven't submitted a test
    - Expecting a big push in the winter
  - Email will soon be going out
  - Continue to drive interest and finding people
  - Celebration - Liza Dennehy National Official's Award 2025

- Youth
  - Transition to Bill has gone well
  - Nov 8 will be the USATF MT XC Championships

    - Need to get the awards ordered and the open and masters awards (which are independently handled)
    - The 2024 Association Championships are had 12 teams with 170 athletes
    - We need to assign the locations for the 2025 Association Meets.

- Marketing
    - The Membership drive last 2-3 years at BTC All-comers has been helpful in recruiting new members
    - Jesse's presentation of awards at the event is a good promotion
    - Indoor Championships strategy for members
    - New Venue at MSU will be significant for USATF as well
    - New tent and backdrop may be a great thing to introduce

Old business:

GTI Grant Utilization

- In 2024 we received GTI funding with the intent of continuing the new clubs among marketing initiatives.

New Business:

The Montana Annual meeting was announced via email to memberships, with elections planned, nominations were requested but none received. Nominations from the floor were similarly requested. Each position was considered in turn with nominations solicited from the floor. Hearing none,

Officers (all positions to fill)

- President - Greg Mohl elected unanimously (sara / liza second)
- VP - Alan Cress - elected unanimously (Bill / Dave)
- Secretary - Chad Coley - elected unanimously (Mike / Liza)
- Treasurer - Bill Brist - elected unanimously (Sara / Dave)

By our By-Laws, the committee chairs serve as appointed by the President unless there is reason to elect them by the memberships of specific sports committees (youth and LDR in particular). By practice the Montana Association President has selected committee chairs with input from the floor at the Annual meeting.

Youth committee may meet if requested in advance of the annual meeting to conduct business and elect their chair. Without any business to conduct the youth meeting was not held. Youth and LDR chair positions were considered along with the slate of officer candidates.

Chairs appointed by the president

- Youth Chair - Bill Ballinger - elected unanimously (Greg / Dianne)
- Officials Chair - Mike Perry
- Communications – Sara Brist
- Education – Diane Cummins
- Law and Legal – Bill Brist
- LDR – Sara Brist
- Masters – Alan Cress
- Memberships – Greg Mohl

- Sanctions – Liza Dennehy
- Mens track – Alan Cress
- Womens track – Keli Dennehy
- Racewalk - open
- Tech – Liza Dennehy
- Marketing - open
- SafeSport - Mike Perry
- Clubs – Dave Skelton
- XC – Jesse Zentz
- Sargent at Arms – Carol Cress

Appropriations:

After discussion regarding programs and what would be of most benefit to the Association it was decided that we increase appropriations in 2025 in several areas.

Executive -	$ 120 (PO Box rental)
Annual Meeting/Assoc Workshop	$ TBD (Delegate Registration fees; Room; Airfare)
Communications –	$ 250 (To accommodate increase focus on social media)
Education	$ 1000 (to attract more LVL 1 coaches and new members)
Club Grants	$ 1000 (Club building resources)
Law and Legal	-----
LDR	$ 200 (medals for Champions)
Masters	$ 1000 (medals and postage for Champions)
Memberships and Sanctions	-----
Mens Track	$ ---- included in Masters
Officials	$ 2000 (certifying fee and background check)
	$ 2000 Trial for 2026 – funds for head officials at Assoc Champ
Race Walk	-----
Women's Track	----- included in Masters
Youth	$ 5500
	$ 1000 (awards and advertising)
	$1500 Championship hosting (three events)
	$ 3000 medals
Marketing	$ 1000 (BTC all comers and other as requested)
Trial	$2000 Allocation for o

TBD on the Associations Workshop and Annual Meeting Stipend.

The USATF Annual Meeting once again returns to Orlando. Review of financial status after appropriations process indicates we could spend up to $24,000 on Association representatives to the Annual Meeting.

The estimated amount of the stipend is expected to be in the $1500 range as before. We should be able to send a full delegation if we want with it being a hybrid meeting there is an option to attend from Zoom but registration is still required.

Board members and if available athlete representative will coordinate with the President in the setting of the delegation. We need to make sure our delegation consists of at least 1/3 athletes or actively engaged athletes. Those requesting funding need to submit their receipts to Bill for reimbursement. As Greg and Dave both have responsibility at the Associations level, they will seek

to approximately split their funding between the Montana Association and the Associations Committee.

Motion to advance the appropriations as recommended was made by Greg and seconded by Chad. Motion carried unanimous by voice vote.

Annual Meeting delegates and Associations Workshop Representative.

The Montana Association currently has an accreditation minimum of 3 delegates at the Annual meeting. but we can have up to 13 delegates based on our membership being over 1000.

- Orlando,
    - Would like to send a full delegation
- In person is smaller with a zoom option
    - $350 in person, $150 at home
    - Fewer in-person meetings
- Greg is required to go for Associations
- Mike Perry is required for Officials
- Optional attendees
    - Keli & Liza – consider for in person
    - Dave – consider for zoom
    - Sara & Bill - zoom or in person TBD
    - Dianne - maybe via zoom
    - Bill Ballanger - in person
    - Mike Perry - in person
    - Alan - zoom, TBD in person
    - Chad - would like to attend in person, zoom possible
- 2026 - “Normal” year in Indianapolis

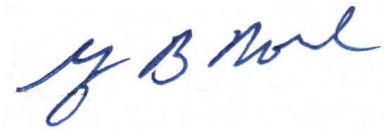
Additional new business:

- Education
    - Propose setting aside educational reimbursement for coaches that want to obtain level 1 or level 2 certification
- Officials for meets (added into appropriations)
    - Potential to put money toward officials (head for events) for going to USATF meets?
- Hosting of USATF Meets
    - Growth grants will likely halt this year
    - Association T&F:
        - 2026 Meet - Helena up, but the track is in rough shape
            - Possible Butte.
            - Possible Bozeman
        - 2027 Meet - Missoula
        - 2028 Meet - Bozeman
    - Regional T&F:
        - 2026: Idaho this year, MT next year
        - 2027: Regional Meet in MT, likely Bozeman?
    - Developmental Meets:
        - Joliet considering hosting in Red Lodge
        - Something in the Western part of the state?

    - Hosting at UM/MSU is becoming a possibility
- BTC is in the process of expansion
    - MUT / Trail
    - Pole Vault
    - Community Laps

Motion to adjourn was made at 3:09 PM by Alan Cress seconded by Bill Brist. By voice and without objection motion to adjourn is carried.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Secretary



Gregory B. Mohl
President, Montana Association USATF