

CMT&FOA Minutes



**Thursday, October 13, 2016
Shrewsbury High School
7:00 P.M.**

1. Approval of March 2016 Minutes

2. Financial Update - Peter Zona

See attached report

****Anyone needing CMT&FOA officiating apparel contact Pete**** You must wear the red officiating shirt and khaki pants (shorts when appropriate) at meets you officiate. It is our uniform. You may also wear a CMT&FOA jacket or hat as appropriate and needed.

3. Nominating Committee

Nominated Officers

President – Chris Woods

Vice-President – Dave Boisvert

Secretary – Sara Lamey

Treasurer – Pete Zona

Executive Board Members – Rick Hebert, Chris Wilbur, Dave Wilbur, Charlie Butterfield

a. Presidential Recommendation of Membership Chairman – Charlie Butterfield

4. Current Dues/Paying Members Update – Charlie Butterfield

A list was circulated at the meeting.

We currently have 63 members in good standing.

Dues for this year is \$73.

Dues for 2017-2018 is \$75

CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO CMT&FOA

and mailed to

Charlie Butterfield

168 Kenwood Dr

It is the recommendation of our President that you follow this process for your membership annually:

- 1. One the 2nd or 3rd week of July, take the concussion course. Print out the certificate and keep it in a clear plastic sheet with you at meets as proof that you have taken the course if asked. THERE IS NO NEED TO SUBMIT CERTIFICATE NUMBER TO CHARLIE OR CHRIS!!!**
- 2. Also in July, complete the background check in your Arbiter account. There is a \$10 fee for this. WE do not have access to your log in or passwords!! You should retain these as a part of your personal records!!**
- 3. Dues should be paid by the end of August!! This will ensure that you are ready for XC and Track seasons. Officials who are not dues paying members SHOULD not be working Central MA meets, including dual meets.**

By completing the background check through Arbiter you are eligible to officiate in Massachusetts. Some local municipalities are now requesting officials fill out a town CORI. You should not fill out additional CORIs to officiate, the background check through Arbiter was mandated to prevent this. Charlie is looking into the matter further.

- 5. Meeting Date Change for 2016-2017 – Proposal to have the Winter Meeting on Thursday, December 8. **Rationale:** To coincide with the beginning of the Winter season. This was moved and passed! A separate amendment was discussed to move the date of the Winter meeting to the first Thursday. This was not seconded.**
- 6. Fall Dates – Pete McCauliff pmccauliff@lunenburgonline.com**
 - a. Central MA Meets**
 - October 22nd – Bay State Invitational, Gardner Golf Course**
 - November 12th – Central MA Qualifier, Gardner Golf Course**
 - November 19th – All-State Meet, Gardner Golf Course**
- 7. Review of NFHS 2017 T&F/X-C Rules Changes**

There are some rules revisions to make note of.

 1. A participant will not be disqualified for assisting an injured or impaired competitor when there is no other help available. (important for XC)
 2. ALL field events – NO warm-ups will take place without an official present.
- 8. Becoming a USAT&F Official – Dave Wilbur**

The USAT&FOA is requesting new members. There is a separate test necessary. You **do not** have to be a USAT&F official to maintain your membership with CMT&FOA.
- 9. Photographer/Reporter Release Form – Discussion**

After an injury to a photographer who was permitted to stand at the end of the 55m dash at ALL States last Winter (which has resulted in a lawsuit whereby the photographer is suing everyone including the athlete!), the MSTCA, MIAA and the District E committee have developed a Photographer/Reporter Release Form. IF you notice a reporter or photographer in an area where they are unsafe or interfering with the safety of our competitors YOU must tell them to leave the area. If they refuse, put the event “on hold” to have assistance from Meet management/AD/Coach or the Police officer present at the meet (DISTRICTS, STATES) to remove the individual from the Area.

10. Other

Fitchburg State University is looking for officials for Saturday, April 1st and Saturday, April 15th. Please contact Jim Jellison if you are interested in working either one of those days. jjellison@fitchburgstate.edu

11. Next Meeting – TBD, 7:00 P.M., Shrewsbury High School

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Web Site: <http://www.mstca.org/CMTFOA/index.html>

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Lamey, 10/14/16