

MTFOA NEWS

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To the MTFOA Membership:

This revised format of the *MTFOA News* is the result of necessity. Our Secretary, John Buckley, developed vision problems on Saturday evening, September 20th. He is currently under doctor's orders to rest, and will be seeing a specialist. Please keep John's health in your thoughts.

The decision was made by me on Sunday to "hit the keyboards and run the presses" and get you the needed info...thanks for your patience!

Jeff Stone
President-MTFOA

**The Annual Meeting
of
The Massachusetts Track & Field Officials Association
will be held on
Thursday, October 2, 2003
at 7:30 pm
at the
Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center
at Roxbury Community College
1350 Tremont Street
Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120**

**Nomination of Officers for 2003-04
Committee Reports
Revised Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center—
Parking Pattern- Parking Passes will be available!
Dues for 2003-04 are now due!
MRFOA Commissioner's Meet Schedule will be available!
Update your e-mail addresses!
Get MTFOA uniforms from Bob Muldoon!**

Changes of Assignments:

The MTFOA Executive Board has made some administrative changes in the managing of the Association:

Dues will now be collected by the Treasurer, Don Kirkland. Please see him at the October meeting, or send a check of \$45.00, made out to MTFOA, to Don c/o Box 372, Derry, NH 03038 (603-432-5555). Dues must be paid by the October meeting to be registered with the MIAA for officiating purposes. (dkirkland@gza.com)

Rule Books will now be available from Equipment Manager Bob Muldoon. He will see to distribution of rule books when they are available. (High School rule changes are included in this mailing). Please contact Bob c/o 40 Weston St., Braintree, MA 02184 (781-848-1726). (bmuldoon@beld.net)

The administration of the Exam for New Members and the Orientation of New Members will now be handled by the Commissioner, Mike Meagher. Contact Mike if you know someone who wants to become a member. Mike's address is 14 Starr Ave., Andover, MA 01810 (878-975-3735).

Secretary John Buckley will continue to be the Association's go-to person, handling all correspondence and minutes of meetings, the MTFOA Newsletter, the MTFOA directory, MTFOA by-laws and monitoring the Web Page (www.mtfoa.com). He is also responsible for keeping the Association's History & Archives. Contact John at 14 Stagecoach Rd., Hingham, MA 02043 (781-749-1308). (throwfar99@hotmail.com)

Jay Harmon has volunteered to collect information for the Web Page. Any notes of bits of information can be forwarded to Jay c/o 94 West Plain Ave., Wayland, MA 01778 (508-653-7010). (harmonja@rcn.com)

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Thursday, December 4, 2003

Thursday, March 4, 2004 **All meetings at the Reggie Lewis Center.**

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Cancellation Notification:

Weather conditions and forecasts of snow could possibly affect MTFOA meetings held at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center in Boston. If the weather warrants cancellation of our regularly-scheduled meetings, a decision will be made by 1:00 PM.

Cancellation of classes at Roxbury Community College will automatically cancel our meeting. If the weather looks threatening, please do the following:

Call the Reggie Lewis Center (617-541-3535)

Turn to WHDH- TV Channel 7- The station will have specific info labeled MTFOA.

Turn to our web page- www.mtfoa.com

Check you e-mail for a blast message (make sure we have your e-mail address).

Watch any TV station for "Roxbury Community College" class cancellation.

Call one of the MTFOA officers

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

To the MTFOA Membership:

It's hard to believe that I assumed the Presidency of the MTFOA three years ago, and that my tenure will end at the October, 2003 meeting.

It has been my pleasure to serve the membership with pride and enthusiasm. Any leader can be successful only with a dedicated leadership and the support of a strong group of officers. I want to thank my Vice Presidents, Bob Glennon and Ed Hichborn, Secretary John Buckley, Treasurer Don Kirkland and the MTFOA Executive Board for their guidance, knowledge and concern for the Association. These folks are the hidden heroes of our group.

I feel proud of the accomplishments made during my term. We have updated our by-laws, insurance policies and membership rosters. Over one-third of our members can now be reached via e-mail. Our web page (www.mtfoa.com) will be an improved source of communication, and we have established postponement policy in place for regular meetings. Purchases of lynx timing equipment, protective tenting and remote starting equipment have allowed our Association to move our officiating into the "computer age". Kudos to Equipment Manager Bob Muldoon!

The work of Commissioner Mike Meagher and Negotiator Rich Hickey goes unheralded, but these gentlemen perform countless hours of service to the membership—allowing the MTFOA membership to work a variety of track meets and maintain our high standard of track officiating in Massachusetts and New England. Our relationship with the Mass. State & Field Coaches Association has never been better, thanks to MSTCA Executive Director and MTFOA member Frank Mooney. Our annual Banquet has increased in attendance and enjoyment. Plan on attending the Banquet in March, 2004.

I encourage the membership to get involved. Invite a colleague to join our Association, volunteer for a leadership position, offer help to the officers and be an active member of MTFOA!

I have enjoyed my tenure as your President. I return to the sidelines, sometimes as an official, sometimes as an Athletic Trainer, but always as a proud member of our Association.

Best of luck to Ed Hichborn and his officers as he starts his term as your new MTFOA President.

Sincerely,

Jeff Stone
MTFOA President

MTFOA/USATF Members:

Applications have been mailed for USATF Indoor Championships, Junior Outdoor Championships and 2004 US Olympic Track & Field Trials. If you did not receive an application, please contact Linda Melzer, Chair-USATF National Officials Committee, 253 Caswell Drive, Gahanna, OH 43230.