

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, January 30, 2023

Meeting was brought to order at 7:36 pm via zoom.

Attendees: 15

Officers:

President: Alex Cuzzo
Vice President: Robert Lemke
Vice President: Jason Ramirez - *Absent*
Treasurer: Gary Westerfield
Secretary: Pamela Lee

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Richard Degnan
Track & Field: Leigh Pollet
MUT: *Open*
Masters Athletics: Trent Hampton
Youth Athletics: Debra Milano-Granito
Para-Athletics: Steven Cuomo
Para-Athletics: Francis Anzaldi

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker
Sports Medicine: John DeGorter - *Absent*
Records: Joe Meyer - *Absent*
Outreach: Ronald Nardo
Public Relations: Lori Mangual
Nominating: Liz Henry
Membership: Larry Campbell - *Absent*
Coaching Education: Michael Frazer - *Absent*
Communications: Cici Hirsch - *Absent*
Bd Member At-Large: Bob Hersh - *In Memoriam*

Club Representatives:

Invited Guests:

Glen Wolther

Minutes: Minutes from the Board Meeting of January 6, 2023 were approved.

Budget & Finance:

Gary Westerfield reported that the Bank Balance at Citibank as of January 30, 2023 is \$43,387.36. Expenses for St. Anthony's meet and officials have been paid. A donation of \$20,000 has been received from All Round Foods. A donation from the Simon's Foundation was sent to the PO Box and is expected soon.

Membership: 606 individuals have renewed membership and there are 44 clubs compared to 593 individuals and 35 clubs at this time in 2022.

Discussion/Business Items:

Introductory Remarks:

Board Member Bob Hersh passed away on January 18, 2023. Vin Lananna, Max Siegel, Duffy Mahony, Willie Banks, Curt Claussen, and many local USATF members attended a memorial on January 20, 2023 at Temple Beth Shalom. Gary Westerfield attended Shiva at the home of Louise Sobin-Hersh. The home was filled with track and field momentos from Bob's lifetime service to the sport. It was decided to establish a memorial award

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in Bob's honor to help perpetuate his contributions to the world of track and field. Louise Sobin-Hersh is to be the first recipient which will be presented to her at the Awards Brunch.

GLIRC Board Member, Tracey Epstein, sent some remarks about the passing of Todd Rowley at age 52 on January 29, 2023. Todd was the USATF-LI 2010 Masters Male LDR Athlete of the Year.

Old Business:

Health Updates: Harry Penny – None.

USATF Association Awards Brunch: Alex Cuozzo reported that the Awards Brunch will take place at the Hofstra University Club on Sunday, February 12, 2023. 65 attendees have responded. Award winners should be invited. Please submit any photos for big screen tv profile to Alex. Certificates have been printed and program will be printed next week. Ned Daly will serve as the photographer.

USATF Grow to Impact Grant 2023 Application: Alex Cuozzo reported that the application for the 2023 grant has been submitted this morning. The proposal includes a training buddy program. We need a list of certified coaches to act as advisors for the program. The premise of the grant is to show real value to new members. A new grant may be extended next year.

USATF Association Accreditation Report 2022: Alex Cuozzo completed the report yesterday. Information pertaining to sanctions has not been carried over so will have to be updated to maintain historic data.

New Business:

Campaign Manager Marketing Tool: Appears to be a strong program as templates can be edited and specific individuals (current or prior members) can be targeted through valid email addresses.

New Webmaster: Alex Cuozzo has assumed the role of webmaster.

Status of Office Manager: The Office Manager, Cici Hirsch, is currently being paid 5 hours/day. Duties were reevaluated. There was a motion to terminate the Office Manager position since the job no longer exists as previously defined. Motion was passed: 9-yes; 2 abstentions. A discussion followed. There was a motion to provide a 2-week severance pay. Motion was passed. Alex Cuozzo will inform Cici Hirsch via email that termination of her position will be effective today and a 2-week severance pay will be provided.

Association Office Update Form: Completed in October. Updated executive information last week and submitted to Robin Beamon.

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Rich Degan reported that events can be added to the indoor meet at St. Anthony's High School, scheduled for February 25, 2023 (Open//Masters Championship). Anyone age 14 and older, up to masters, will compete as an open athlete. The event will take place prior to the elite high school athletes' meet.

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LDR: Alex Cuzzo reported that the 2023 Grand Prix series currently consists of 20 races of which 12 are team events. The first team and championship race is the King's Park 15k scheduled for March 12, 2023. 2022 team awards have been paid out already and individual awards will be distributed at the Awards Brunch. The next LDR meeting is February 15, 2023.

Race Walking: Gary Westerfield reported that Maria Michta-Coffey placed second at the 2023 USATF 35k Race Walk Championship in Santee, CA on January 15, 2023. She will compete at the USATF Women's 1 Mile Race Walk at the Millrose Games on February 11, 2023 and the USATF Indoor 3000m Championships on February 16, 2023 in Albuquerque, NM.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: The National 50k is scheduled for March 12, 2023 at Heckscher State Park. The 2022 Athlete of the Year will be awarded to Ryan Clifford.

Master Athletics: Rob Lemke reported that Kathryn Martin scored a 94% age grading at the USATF Cross-Country 6k Championships (27.15.0) on January 21, 2023 in Richmond, VA.

Youth: Debra Milano-Granito reported that the youth indoor meet was a success. A youth clinic is scheduled for July in Amityville or Hauppauge.

Para-Athletics: Steve Cuomo reported that the Memorial Day meet will take place on May 29, 2023 at Amityville High School. The Youth Association meet will take place at Hauppauge High School. Paperwork is needed for the Thunder Run event which is scheduled for July 9, 2023.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Ecker reported that the officials at the January 15, 2023 indoor meet was great. 11 officials are scheduled for February 25, 2023. Award winners have been chosen for 2022. Sheryl Hall has been named as Official of the Year.

Sports Medicine: No report.

Outreach: Ron Nardo reported that the Girl Scouts Outreach program is scheduled for March 23, 2023.

Public Relations: Lori Mangual reported that she has contacted News12 regarding the February 25, 2023 indoor meet, but, to date, has no response.

Nominating: No report.

Law and Legislation: No report.

Membership: No report.

Coaching Education: No report.

Other Activities: None.

Next meeting: Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

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Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Lee, Secretary, USATF-Long Island