

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, March 6, 2023

Meeting was brought to order at 7:30 pm via zoom.

Attendees: 12

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 : Ronald Nardo
Masters Athletics: Trent Hampton
Youth Athletics: Debra Milano-Granito
Para-Athletics: Steven Cuomo - *Absent*
Para-Athletics: Francis Anzaldi

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker - *Excused*
Sports Medicine: John DeGorter - *Excused*
Records: Joe Meyer - *Absent*
Outreach: Ronald Nardo
Public Relations: Lori Mangual
Nominating: Liz Henry - *Absent*
Membership: Larry Campbell - *Absent*
Coaching Education: Michael Frazer - *Absent*
Communications: Erin Cassano
Bd Member At-Large: *Open*

Club Representatives:

Invited Guests:

Minutes: Minutes from the Board Meeting of January 30, 2023 will be tabled until the April Board Meeting. Issue regarding termination of the Office Manager position will be reworded.

Budget & Finance:

Gary Westerfield reported that the Bank Balance at Citibank as of February 27, 2023 is \$49,099.42; Quickbooks balance as of March 6, 2023 is \$54,814.63. There is an outstanding expense for the St. Anthony's meet rental fee. A donation of \$5,000 from the Simon's Foundation has been deposited.

Membership: 783 individuals have renewed membership and there are 49 clubs compared to 837 individuals and 38 clubs at this time in 2022. Some of the decline in membership is due to Nike and New Balance sponsored meets that did not require USATF membership.

Discussion/Business Items:

President's Introductory Remarks:

Spring track starts. Think about timing, dates, and location.

Brendan and Jen Dagan had a baby boy, Isaiah, on Friday night. A motion to send official congratulations was seconded and passed.

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Old Business:

Health Updates: Harry Penny is in the hospital. Pending law suit is on the Suffolk County agenda.

USATF Association Awards Brunch Review: Alex Cuzzo reported that he has received many emails regarding the Awards Brunch. Ned Daly set up a link for photos taken.

USATF Grow to Impact Grant 2023 Application Sent, Pending Approval: No response as of this date.

USATF Association Website Updates: Alex Cuzzo reported that the website has been updated, except for photos.

USATF Association Accreditation Report 2022 Preliminary Findings: Alex Cuzzo reported that the review is still pending.

New Business:

USATF Association Group Exemption Transition Plan: Zoom meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2023. .

Newsletter Future Contributions: Newsletter will now come under the Public Relations Committee.

Communications/Marketing Chair: The Communication and Marketing Officer will now be part of the Public Relations Committee .that will be in charge of the newsletter. Erin Cassano has accepted the position of chair. She was involved in track and field in high school, attended the Coast Guard Academy, and coaches at Wantagh High School.

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Rich Degan congratulated the numerous winners at the state meet.

LDR: Alex Cuzzo reported that the 2023 Grand Prix series begins with the King's Park 15k scheduled for March 12, 2023; followed by the Patchogue 5k on April 1, 2023. The status of the Long Beach races is still pending. The Thunder Run 5k has been rescheduled twice. The cross-country youth meet will take place in November. Looking at dates in October for other cross-country events. The next LDR meeting is March 13, 2023.

Race Walking: Gary Westerfield reported that Maria Michta-Coffey placed second at the USATF Indoor 3000m Championships on February 16, 2023 in Albuquerque, NM. The 30k National Championship will take place at the end of October. A possible 20k event was to be set up for April, but will not take place because approval could not be agreed upon with the Town of Islip.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: Ron Nardo has been appointed as the chair. The National 50k is scheduled for March 12, 2023 at Heckscher State Park.

Master Athletics: Rob Lemke reported that Roxanne Brockner placed first in the Women's 60m dash (8:59 age 55-59) at the USATF Indoor Championships in Albuquerque, NM on February 18, 2023. Kathryn Martin set an American record (21:44 age 70-74) at the USATF Masters 5k Championships on February 25, 2023 in Atlanta,

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GA. Both athletes will compete at the USATF Masters Indoor Championships on March 10-12 in Louisville, KY.

Youth: Debra Milano-Granito reported that the youth championship will take place in Hauppauge. A possible spring meet may take place before Memorial Day.

Para-Athletics: Frank Anzaldi reported there will be certified para course as 50-70 officials are needed for the LA Olympics.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: Gary Westerfield reported that individuals have the opportunity to move up and advance their official's status. Sue Michta applied to clerk at the indoor meet in Albuquerque, NM and was accepted.

Sports Medicine: No report.

Outreach: Ron Nardo reported that the Girl Scouts Outreach program is scheduled for March 23, 2023 and Fred Haslett has a group of 118 5th graders scheduled for Friday, April 28, 2023.

Public Relations: Lori Mangual reported that she and Liz Henry received many favorable comments regarding the Awards Brunch.

Nominating: No report.

Law and Legislation: No report.

Membership: No report.

Coaching Education: No report.

Other Activities:

Newsletter: The Spring Issue is targeted for the 3rd week of May. Send articles to Alex Cuzzo.

Next meeting: Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

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