

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, May 8, 2023



Meeting was brought to order at 7:35 pm via zoom.

Attendees: 14

Officers:

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

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Richard Degnan
Track & Field: Leigh Pollet - *Absent*
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 -
Sports Medicine: John DeGorter
Records: Joe Meyer - *Absent*
Outreach: Ronald Nardo
Public Relations: Lori Mangual
Nominating: Liz Henry
Membership: Larry Campbell - *Absent*
Coaching Education: Michael Frazer
Communications: Erin Cassano
Bd Member At-Large: *Open*

Club Representatives:

Invited Guests:

Minutes: Minutes from the Board Meeting of April 3, 2023 were approved.

Budget & Finance:

Gary Westerfield reported that the Bank Balance at Citibank as of April 30, 2023 is \$55,675; QuickBooks balance as of May 8, 2023 is \$57,730.

Membership: 893 individuals have renewed membership and there are 53 clubs compared to 985 individuals and 41 clubs at this time in 2022.

Discussion/Business Items:

President's Introductory Remarks:

USATF is cracking down on Safe Sport and background checks, especially if there is contact with youth (under 18 years of age).

Old Business:

Health Updates: Harry Penny – no report.

USATF Associations Store: Link <https://shopusatfassociations.com> is up and running. USATF-LI merchandise is available.

USATF Grow to Impact Grant 2023: Alex Cuzzo will attend zoom meeting tomorrow.

USATF Association Website Updates: Few submissions have been received to date. Send any updates to Alex Cuzzo by email.

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Spring Newsletter: Spring Newsletter is expected to be sent by May 30, 2023. Need contributions.

New Business:

USATF Association Accreditation Standards and Timeline for 2023: Requires specified number of certified officials (currently, 30; last year 31) and championships.

Association Membership Flyers (Coaching, Masters, Officials, Youth): Ready-made artwork that can be customized by Committee and event.

Insurance): Two new companies have entered the sports market (Frazer Insurance and EverSports & Entertainment) and are advertised as alternatives. USATF have advertised that events can be sanctioned without USATF insurance.

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Rich Degnan reported that June 12, 2023 date at St. Anthony's HS for the Meet of Championships is not available. Looking at Commack HS. Dates and locations for summer meets are dependent on school budget votes. Hoping for two meets in June and four in July.

LDR: Alex Cuozzo reported that the 2023 Grand Prix series has completed three out of 20 events on the race schedule. The Visiting Nurse 5k is this Saturday, May 13, 2023. The next LDR meeting is May 15, 2023 which will discuss the rest of the summer program, cross-country, and the National Cow Harbor 10k in September.

Race Walking: Gary Westerfield reported that, beginning with the Olympics in Paris, France, the men's 50k will be dropped as a result of not having a comparable women's 50k. It is expected to be replaced by a mixed race walk relay consisting of two 10k legs and two 12k legs by one male and one female selected from the 20k division.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: Ron Nardo reported that the GLIRC 50k/25k Greenbelt Trail Run will take place on May 13, 2023. This year, there will be a four-person relay option. U18 Mountain Running Cup will take place on May 27, 2023 in France and the International MUT Championship is scheduled for June 6, 2023 in Austria.

Master Athletics: Trent Hampton reported that there will be a national master's event in Connecticut at the end of May.

Youth: Memorial Day event on May 29, 2023 will include a youth component. The Youth Championship is scheduled for June 18, 2023 at Amityville HS.

Para-Athletics: No report.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: four officials are needed for the Memorial Day meet. Gary Westerfield will obtain the exact number of certified officials from National.

Sports Medicine: Article to be posted on website.

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Records: No report.

Outreach: Ron Nardo reported that Ron Nardo, Alex Cuzzo, and Lori Mangual assisted as officials for a Hofstra meet at Kellenberg HS. An outreach program for 120 5th graders at Searingtown Elementary School, Herricks School District took place on April 28, 2023. Ron Nardo, Lori Mangual and Pamela Lee assisted with three stations: agility ladder, broad jump, and turbojav. Lori Mangual reported that a RJT program is scheduled for BOCES at Forest County Park, Wantagh at 10:30 am on June 15, 2023.

Communications/Marketing: Erin Cassano reminded everyone that articles are needed for the newsletter.

Nominating: No report.

Law and Legislation: No report.

Membership: No report.

Coaching Education: Michael Frazer reported that there are two coaching grant program opportunities available. 1) USATF Emerging Female Coaching Grant: Grant available to cover registration (tuition), room and board, or travel costs for minority female coaches applying for Level 1, 2 or 3 coaching courses. 2) USATF National Championship Mentorship Grant: Grants available toward travel reimbursement to 2023 USATF Outdoor Championships in Eugene, OR. Opportunity for a Level 2 coach to shadow a USATF master coach throughout preliminary rounds and finals of a chosen event.

Other Activities:

Newsletter: Issue scheduled for May.

Other: If the Sands organization builds a casino in Uniondale, will the track at Michel Field be updated? Coaches have been approached. This would require a significant investment.

Next meeting: Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

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