

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, June 5, 2023

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

Attendees: 9

Officers:

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

Standing Sport Committees:

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

Standing Administrative Committees:

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

Club Representatives:

Invited Guests:

Minutes: Minutes from the Board Meeting of May 8, 2023 were approved as amended.

Budget & Finance: No report.

Membership: 998 individuals have renewed membership and there are 54 clubs compared to 1,101 individuals and 43 clubs at this time in 2022.

Discussion/Business Items:

President's Introductory Remarks:

Remembering Harry N. Penny September 1, 1959 – June 3, 2023

Old Business:

Harry Penny: Coach Penny passed in his sleep on June 3, 2023 at the age of 63 years, after succumbing to injuries sustained in the accident that occurred in 2016. There will be a wake on June 8, 2023 at the Frederick J. Chapey & Sons Funeral Home, Islip. USATF-LI has ordered a standing basket. Board members reflected on his outstanding career.

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USATF Associations Store: Link <https://shopusatfassociations.com>. USATF-LI merchandise can be customized and the Association will receive a portion of proceeds from sales.

USATF Grow to Impact Grant 2023: The one-hour zoom meeting discussed the progress of membership goals.

USATF Association Marketing Kit Flyers: Flyers can be utilized for correspondence.

Spring Newsletter: Distribution of the Newsletter has been delayed so that it can include the passing of Harry Penny and the dates of the summer meets.

New Business:

2023 USATF National Youth Outdoor Championships: Event will take place on June 28, 2023-July 1, 2023 in Geneva, OH.

Harry Penny Arrangements: Link <https://chapeyfamily.com/tribute/details/5335/Harry-Penny/condolences.html#content-start> for services and tribute wall:

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Wednesday dates and locations for summer meets are as follows: June 28 – Levittown Division; July 12 O/M – Commack (not confirmed); July 19 – Hauppauge (not confirmed); July 26 – Port Washington. Alex Cuozzo will apply for sanctions for the summer meets on June 6, 2023. Empire State Classic is scheduled for July 29, 2023 at SUNY Cortland. We would like to field full men's and women's teams. There is a 3-person limit per event per team. Hotel rooms have been reserved.

LDR: Alex Cuozzo reported that the 2023 Grand Prix series continues with the following events: June 15 – Police Appreciation Run; June 24 – Lt. Murphy Half Marathon; June 25 – Massapequa Firecracker 5k; July 4 – Bellmore Independence Day 4-Mile.

Race Walking: Race walk events will take place at the Youth Association Championships on June 18, 2023 and at all summer meets.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: Ron Nardo reported that Team USA won four medals (Gold-Men; Silver-Women; 2 individual silver) at the 2023 International U18 Mountain Running Cup on May 25-27, 2023 in Annecy, France. The 2023 World Mountain and Trail Running Championships is scheduled for June 6-10, 2023 in Innsbruck-Stubai, Austria.

Master Athletics: Rob Lemke reported that the 2023 USATF Masters Outdoor Championships will take place in Greensboro, NC on July 20-23, 2023. Registration is open for the 2023 USATF Masters 12k Championships on September 17, 2023 in Highlands, NJ. The 2023 USATF Masters 5k Cross Country Championships is scheduled for October 7, 2023 in Boca Raton, FL.

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Youth: The 2023 Youth Championship and Junior Olympic Qualifier is scheduled for June 18, 2023 at Hauppauge HS. Online preregistration through athletic.net is required in order to advance to the Junior Olympic Region 1 Meet.

Para-Athletics: Steve Cuomo reported that the Memorial Day meet was successful. The 2023 USATF 10k Championships (Cow Harbor) in Northport on September 23, 2023 will include a class for para-athletes (upright ambulatory individuals only).

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker confirmed that six officials are confirmed for the June 18, 2023 Youth Championships. Eight additional officials are needed for this event. He will send out a notice of availability for preliminary dates for summer meets.

Sports Medicine: Article sent.

Records: No report.

Outreach: Ron Nardo reported that he and Lori Mangual ran a RJT program on May 12, 2023 for 62 participants of the Hempstead PAL. Ron Nardo, Lori Mangual, Alex Cuzzo, and Pamela Lee assisted with three stations (agility ladder, broad jump, and turbojav) and relays at the RJT program for BOCES at Forest City Community Park, Wantagh on June 15, 2023.

Communications/Marketing: No report.

Nominating: No report.

Law and Legislation: No report.

Membership: No report.

Coaching Education: No report.

Other Activities:

USATF-LI Annual Convention: Scheduled for Friday, September 29, 2023 at Hofstra University. Voting will take place for delegates to the National Meeting in Orlando, FL.

Next meeting: Monday, August 28, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

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