

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, November 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 - *Excused*
Secretary: Pamela Lee

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Richard Degnan -*Excused*
Track & Field: Leigh Pollet
MUT: Ronald Nardo
Masters Athletics: Trent Hampton
Youth Athletics: Debra Milano-Granito - *Absent*
Para-Athletics: Steven Cuomo - *Absent*
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
Communications: Erin Cassano
Bd Member At-Large: *Open*

Club Representatives:

Invited Guests:

Minutes: Minutes from the Board Meeting of October 2, 2023 were approved as amended.

Budget & Finance: Gary Westerfield submitted information: Bank Balance at Citibank as of October 31, 2023 is \$41,772 which includes a reimbursement of \$4,500 from USATF for hosting a Race Walk Mixed Relay event. The jackets for officials have arrived and we are waiting for the invoice. The bank balance at this time last year was \$40,054.

Membership: 1,405 individuals are USATF members and there are 57 clubs and organizations as of the end of the November 1, 2022 – October 31, 2023 calendar year compared to 1,513 individuals and 49 clubs and organizations at this time for 2021/2022. Currently, there are 1,414 members.

Discussion/Business Items:

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Old Business:

USATF National Convention: Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2023 to December 3, 2023 in Orlando, FL. Nine delegates will represent the Long Island Association and, Maria Michta-Coffey is the athlete delegate. Each delegate will be responsible for covering at least one committee. Meeting schedule is available online. This year is a rules year.

USATF-LI Newsletter: Articles are needed for a December 2023 issue. Please submit articles to Alex Cuzzo and Erin Cassano.

New Business:

Tax Filing: The 2022 Form 990 has been filed with the IRS and New York State.

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Richard Degnan (through Leigh Pollet) reported that winter indoor meets at St. Anthony's High School are planned for Sunday, January 14, 2024 (same times as 2023) and Saturday, February 2, 2024 at 9 am. A New Year's Eve Clinic is scheduled at St. Anthony's from 2-4 pm.

LDR: Alex Cuzzo reported that the 2023 Grand Prix series continues with the following events: November 19 – Long Beach 10k Championship (Team Race); November 25 – St. Brigit 5k. The Cross-Country Association Championships will take place at Bethpage State Park on November 12, 2023. Open/Master individuals can register online; youth who want to compete for future events must register on athletic.net by midnight on November 10, 2023. Erin Cassano will update grand prix points on the database, but Brendan Dagan will have to upload the results to the website. The next meeting will be November 13, 2023. Alex Cuzzo will update the 2024 GP application which will be presented at the December meeting.

Race Walking: New Olympic Committee Marathon Mixed Relay (42k) is scheduled for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: Ron Nardo reported that the 2023 USATF 24 Hour Championships will take place in Goodyear, AZ on November 18-19, 2023. SRC presents "A Backyard Ultra" at Blydenburgh County Park in Hauppauge, NY on December 9-10, 2023 8 am – 8 pm. Each participant must complete 4.167 miles every hour on the hour, but will be required to drop out if they cannot complete the distance in that timeperiod. The final competitor to be able to complete a full loop will be declared the winner. DNF individuals will receive a milestone sticker for completing 4 laps (Beyond a Half Marathon), 7 laps (Beyond a Marathon), 9 laps in 8 am – 5 PM period (Chasing the Sun), 12 laps (50 miles), or 24 laps (100 miles).

Master Athletics: Rob Lemke reported that the 2023 USATF Club Cross-Country Championship will take place on December 9, 2023 in Tallahassee, FL. There will be a 4-day event in Chicago on March 21-24, 2024. Registration opens in December.

Youth: Expected to participate in the Cross-Country Association Championship on November 12, 2023.

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Para-Athletics: Frank Anzaldi reported that the Para Pan American Games will take place on November 17, 2023. Brianna Salinaro from Massapequa will compete in 100m – T35. New Jersey-based Move United would like to promote a LI-road event; possibly, a tri-state meet on Memorial Day weekend.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker reported that 13 officials are available for the November 12, 2023 Cross-Country Championships. There will be five races contested. Report-time is 8 am. One additional official is needed for the NE Conference at CW Post College.

Sports Medicine: No report.

Records: No report.

Outreach: Ron Nardo reported that he, Pamela Lee, Trent Hampton, and Liz O'Donnell ran a RJT event for 85 third graders at Seasingtown Elementary School on October 5, 2023. A thank you poster from the third-graders was presented to Ron Nardo and Alex Cuzzo at the NHP-Mineola 8k. A spring RJT event is anticipated for the spring.

Public Relations/Communications/Marketing: Lori Mangual submitted an article for the Newsletter.

Nominating: No report.

Law and Legislation: No report.

Membership: No report.

Coaching Education: An application to host a USATF Level II class at Hofstra University in 2024 or 2025 has been submitted.

Other Activities:

Website: Alex Cuzzo has updated.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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