



Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

- Alex Cuozzo, Ron Nardo, Harold Axelrod, Greg Nold, Pam Lee, Fred Haslett, Trent Hampton, Erin Cassano

Discussion:

1. Alex discussed the National USATF hack. It is unclear on if/how it is going to impact daily functions of our organization.
2. Erin takes over the role as the Grand Prix Scorer
3. Recap of the Massapequa Park Mile Race on 10/01
  - a. Race was not successful according to a source at Massapequa Road Runners
    - i. 77 women finishers and 86 men finishers
  - b. Alex said the race went well for USATF-LI. We raffled off another 10 entries.
  - c. Fred said that there were more participants this year than last year, yet there was 1 less porta potty. This year there was only 1 porta potty.
4. The AutisMile Race is this week - 10/15
  - a. Fred said that age groups are only in 5 year increments up until 60. Then it switches to 10 year age groups
  - b. Alex says that Grand Prix Standards are exclusively 5 year age groups and will investigate
5. The New Hyde Park-Mineola 8k will be on 10/22
  - a. Harold said that there are about 120 people registered so far and that he was hoping to have more registered participants by now.
  - b. They are hoping for at least 200 participants. Last year they had 159 total.
  - c. Over 3000 flyers have been handed out, Facebook and Whatsapp posts have been made, including on Terry's Facebook group page. Harold would like to see additional advertising, such as mass emails to USATF-LI members.
  - d. Harold brings up that they are struggling to get crowds and says that this race has been around for years, it's a part of the Grand Prix, and they are honoring Terry this year, which they expect to bring more people.
  - e. Alex thinks that the East Meadow and East Islip races being on the same day might be contributing to low registration thus far.
  - f. Alex also brings up that there are 1/3 less adult USATF-LI members post-pandemic, which has affected everyone
6. Overview of USATF-LI Member Numbers and Grand Prix Standings
  - a. Alex shares spreadsheet showing that numbers have been down since the pandemic
  - b. Overall lack of team scoring
  - c. Ron brings up that much prize money goes unclaimed in both the team and individual categories



- d. Harold says that money doesn't incentivize everyone, especially people who don't think they are fast enough to win
- 7. Open, Masters, & Youth Cross Country Championships on 11/12
  - a. Open & Masters will be an 8k
  - b. Youth races are 5k, 4k, 3k, & 2k
- 8. Complaint from a race director
  - a. Pam says that she was at a race this past weekend and the race director was mad that flyers for the New Hyde Park-Mineola 8k were being handed out.
  - b. Pam explained that this is common practice and the race director said she would have been okay with it, should someone had asked her first
- 9. USATF-LI Raffles for Entries to Future Races
  - a. Long Beach 10k entries will be raffled at the AutisMile
  - b. St. Brigid 5k entries will be raffled at the New Hyde Park-Mineola 8k
- 10. Outreach
  - a. Harold said that the Run, Jump, Throw Program at his school, Searingtown Elementary School in Albertson, was awesome.
  - b. He said Ron, et. al, did an amazing job and that they are looking forward to having them back in the spring