

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, March 4, 2024

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

Attendees: 13

Officers:

President: Alex Cuzzo
Vice President: Robert Lemke - *Excused*
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: Robert Lemke
Youth Athletics: Leigh Pollet
Para-Athletics: Steven Cuomo - *Absent*
Para-Athletics: Francis Anzaldi

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker
Sports Medicine: Jon DeGorter
Sports Medicine: Elizabeth O'Donnell - *Absent*
Records: Joe Meyer - *Absent*
Outreach: Ronald Nardo
Public Relations: Lori Mangual
Nominating: Liz Barney - *Absent*
Membership: Larry Campbell - *Absent*
Coaching Education: Michael Frazer - *Absent*
Communications: Erin Cassano
Bd Member At-Large: Keith Guilfoyle

Club Representatives:

Invited Guests:

Glen Wolther

Minutes: Minutes from the Board Meeting of January 29, 2024 were approved as amended.

Budget & Finance: Gary Westerfield reported that the Bank Balance at Citibank as of February 29, 2024 is \$60,532.74; the balance as of March 4, 2024 is \$53,883.98. There are outstanding expenses for the St. Anthony's meet, officials' fees, and awards for Grand Prix payouts. A check for \$4,500 was received from USATF for hosting the Race Walk Mixed Medley Relay. Payments for LDR proceeds and USATF Grow to Impact Grant are expected.

Membership: As of March 4, 2024, there were 747 individuals registered as USATF members and there were 54 clubs and organizations as compared to 783 individuals and 49 clubs as of this date last year.

Discussion/Business Items:

President's Report:

Condolences to Rob Lemke and his family for the loss of a brother.

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Old Business:

2024 Awards Brunch Review: 120 individuals attended the Awards Brunch on February 25, 2024 at Hofstra University. Awards looked great and everyone had a good time. A suggestion was made that speeches by award recipients be limited to two minutes.

USATF Conflict of Interest Disclosure: All committee representatives must sign and return forms by March 8, 2024.

SafeSport: Notice is provided one month prior to date of expiration. Please complete refresher, or core, course prior to that date.

Reminder: Take care of any outstanding committee business at your earliest convenience to avoid any possible delays.

2023 Association Accreditation Report: Alex Cuozzo reported that the submission has been completed, but National again requested information regarding championships and assets which had previously been submitted.

New Business:

Spring Newsletter (May): Submit any articles as soon as possible.

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Richard Degnan reported that the February 24, 2024 winter indoor meet at St. Anthony's High School went well. Summer meets are planned for every Wednesday from the last week in June through July (except July 3). Potential venues are West Babylon HS, Division HS, Hauppauge HS, and Port Washington HS. There is a Throws Meet planned for April 7, 2024 at Commack HS. Syosset HS also wants to host a throws meet, but no date is scheduled. The Empire State Games will not take place this year.

LDR: Alex Cuozzo reported that the 2024 Grand Prix series is in the process of being finalized with 21 races scheduled of which 11 are sanctioned to date. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2024.

Race Walking: Gary Westerfield reported that the Maria Michta-Coffey Race Walk invitational will take place on March 23, 2024 at Sachem North HS and an open division has been added. A Race Walk Judges Clinic will be held on zoom on March 10, 2024. A cash award was received for hosting the Race Walk Mixed Medley Relay.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: Ron Nardo reported that the USATF National 50k Championship will be held at Heckscher State Park on March 10, 2024.

Master Athletics: Masters Indoor Championships Invitational will be held at Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex on March 17, 2024(?).

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Youth: Leigh Pollet reported that he received an email from Robin Beamon regarding the Non-Disclosure Agreement. The Youth Association Championship will take place on Sunday, June 16, 2024. The Junior Olympic Regionals will take place for 4-5 days starting on June 27, 2024 in New Jersey. Possible hammer cage venues are Commack, St. Anthony's, Stony Brook, and Syosset.

Para-Athletics: No report.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker reported that officials for the February 24, 2024 meet went well. Signed Form W-9 were collected at that meet. Rose Mangogna received one of two technical grants to attend a meet. No official was requested for the USATF National 50k for this Sunday.

There was a discussion regarding electronic measuring. Initial cost is approximately \$7,500 with additional expenses for tripod and device to sync iPad to timing software. Training will be required for calibration. Records would have to be referenced on paper, as well, to see results versus electronic measuring.

Sports Medicine: Jon DeGorter will provide article for the Newsletter.

Records: No report.

Outreach: Ron Nardo reported that a RJT event will take place at Merrick Avenue JHS for CYO at Sacred Heart. Ron Nardo, Alex Cuzzo, and Lori Mangual will assist as officials for a Hofstra event on April 19, 2024.

Public Relations/Communications/Marketing: Lori Mangual reported that Rich Degnan requested an article regarding the Awards Brunch.

Nominating: No report.

Law and Legislation: Keith Guilfoyle will have to adjust the rule regarding electronic voting (originally entered two years ago) to show email announcement for annual meeting and voting.

Membership: No report.

Coaching Education: Alex Cuzzo had to provide more information regarding his Level III throws program. The monthly Progress Reports (February-June) must include information regarding zoom meetings, online exercises, classes, and presentations. The Final Report is due in September.

Other Activities:

Website: Alex Cuzzo requested that Gary Westerfeld write a blurb for the Race Walk page.

Next meeting: Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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