

## USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, January 29, 2024

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

**Attendees:** 15

### **Officers:**

President: Alex Cuzzo  
Vice President: Robert Lemke  
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  
Para-Athletics: Francis Anzaldi - *Absent*

### **Standing Administrative Committees:**

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

### **Club Representatives:**

### **Invited Guests:**

**Minutes:** Minutes from the Board Meeting of January 1, 2024 were approved.

**Budget & Finance:** Gary Westerfield reported that the Bank Balance at Citibank as of January 29, 2024 is \$63,901.27. There are outstanding expenses for the St. Anthony's meet, Grand Prix payouts, and, as of this date, the invoice for officials' jackets has not been received.

**Membership:** As of January 29, 2024, there were 601 individuals registered as USATF members and there were 50 clubs and organizations as compared to 606 individuals and 44 clubs as of this date last year.

### **Discussion/Business Items:**

#### **President's Report:**

Alex Cuzzo reported that the National Office is reviewing credentials for administration and council members. Please be aware of deadlines for SafeSport refresher courses.

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***Old Business:***

*2024 USATF Grow to Impact Grant:* Alex Cuzzo submitted the application on January 15, 2024. No response from the National office expected until the first zoom meeting. A suggestion was made to sponsor younger USATF-LI coaches to Level II or III coaching training and to encourage to become officials.

*2024 Awards Brunch:* Scheduled for Sunday, February 25, 2024 at Hofstra University. Invitations have been sent to award winners. Need criteria for new awards. Athlete of the Year is to be awarded to Miles Lewis who is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the world.

*2024 Donation:* All Round Foods and Glen Wolther have contributed a generous donation of \$20,000 to USATF-LI.

*2023 Association Accreditation Report:* Alex Cuzzo reported that the deadline for submission is January 31, 2024.

***New Business:***

*2023 LDR Cash Awards:* To be presented at the Awards Brunch to individuals in attendance and mailed to all others.

*1099 Forms:* Any individual (example: official, meet management) who provides services to USATF-LI, receives payment, and earns greater than \$600 for calendar year 2024 must submit an IRS W-9 form. Forms will be available at the USATF-LI meet at St. Anthony's HS on February 24, 2024.

***Committee Reports:***

***Standing Sport Committees:***

*Track & Field:* Richard Degan reported that the upcoming winter indoor meet is planned for Saturday, February 24, 2024 (Open/Master) at St. Anthony's High School. Possible venues for summer meets are West Babylon HS, Division HS (first meet), Hauppauge HS, and Port Washington HS (possible location for youth meet on Father's Day). There is a Throws Meet planned on April 7, 2024 at Commack HS. The Youth Championship is scheduled for Icahn Stadium on June 26, 2024. The Meet of Champions may take place at St. Anthony's HS (Commack HS's venue is not available). The Empire State Games may not take place this year.

*LDR:* Alex Cuzzo reported that the 2024 Grand Prix series is in the process of being finalized. There are approximately 20 races to date. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 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. Distances of 1500 meters, 3000 meters, and 5000 meters will be contested. The 5000 meters race will serve to qualify individuals for Penn Relays.

*Mountain Ultra & Trail:* Ron Nardo reported that the USATF 100 Mile National Championship will take place on February 16, 2024 in Henderson, NV and the USATF National 50k Championship will be held at Heckscher State Park on March 10, 2024.

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*Master Athletics:* Rob Lemke reported that master athletes are preparing for USATF-LI's O/M meet on February 24, 2024 and a mass email announcement will be sent out shortly. Rob Lemke has also sent the names of possible record holders to the Records Committee.

*Youth:* Leigh Pollet has been drafted to chair the youth committee.

*Para-Athletics:* Steve Cuomo reported that a meet and greet is scheduled for March in Oakdale. The Memorial Day event will take place on May 27, 2024 at Amityville HS. The Father's Day event scheduled for June 16, 2024 may take place at Amityville HS. Chloe Romano has been appointed as Secretary for the Para -Athletic Committee. Rolling Thunder has reimbursed individuals for Level I coaches training.

***Standing Administrative Committees:***

*Officials:* George Erker reported that 13 officials have registered for the February 24, 2024 meet.

*Sports Medicine:* No report.

*Records:* No report.

*Outreach:* Ron Nardo reported that a RunJumpThrow event will take place at Searingtown Elementary School in Herricks in March. Pamela Lee sent a proposal for a RunJumpThrow session to Cantiague Elementary School in Jericho.

*Public Relations/Communications/Marketing:* Erin Cassano is currently updating the Awards Brunch Program.

*Nominating:* No report.

*Law and Legislation:* Keith Guilfoyle, JD has accepted the position to chair this Committee and looks forward to serving on the Board.

*Membership:* No report.

*Coaching Education:* No information has been received regarding a Level II class at Hofstra University. Alex Cuzzo added Rich Degnan and Michael Frazier to his Level III throws committee. There is interest in his athlete, Nattaly Lindo, who ranks 13<sup>th</sup> in the US and 3<sup>rd</sup> in New York State in the weight throws class.

***Other Activities:***

*Website:* Alex Cuzzo reported that restoring pictures on the website is challenging. Many provider links have been severed.

***Next meeting:*** Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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