

## USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, June 10, 2024

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 - *Excused*  
MUT: Ronald Nardo  
Masters Athletics: Robert Lemke  
Youth Athletics: Leigh Pollet - *Absent*  
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 - *Excused*  
Membership: Larry Campbell - *Absent*  
Coaching Education: Michael Frazer - *Excused*  
Communications: Erin Cassano  
Bd Member At-Large: Keith Guilfoyle

### **Club Representatives:**

### **Invited Guests:**

**Minutes:** Minutes from the Board Meeting of May 6, 2024 were approved.

**Budget & Finance:** Gary Westerfield reported (by email) that the Bank Balance at Citibank as of May 31, 2024 is \$59,694.00; the balance as of June 10, 2024 is \$61,909.25.

**Membership:** There are 995 individuals registered as USATF members and there are 55 clubs and organizations as compared to 998 individuals and 54 clubs as of this date last year.

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

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

In order to maintain minimum requirements for accreditation, indoor/outdoor youth, open, and master meets must be scheduled.

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**Old Business:**

*Spring Newsletter (June):* Thanks to all who contributed to this issue.

*Grow to Impact, July Zoom Meeting:* Proposal includes improvement in membership and numbers of officials.

*Officials, new equipment:* Laser measurer takes a picture of every attempt and is time-stamped. Ordered a portable wireless for starter (\$149 at P.C. Richards). Also, need a steel tape. With experience, process will go faster. There is an official certification for electronic recording.

*New Youth Ribbons:* First to eighth place ribbons have arrived.

**New Business:**

*USATF Group Exemption Ending, IRS Approval Letter:* Waiting for clarification on exemptions.

*National Youth Town Hall Meeting:* Zoom meeting on June 12, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

*Association Annual Convention:* Tentatively scheduled for September 20, 2024, but date conflicts with Cow Harbor weekend dates.

*Cow Harbor 10k race:* Scheduled for September 21, 2024, with set-up meeting on the day prior. Need names of officials for Cow Harbor asap as individuals must be 3-step qualified and pre-approved. Elite athletes must be housed in a hotel, and not in homes as previously was done for this race. Northport will not be bidding for national status in the future due to World Athletics requirements.

**Committee Reports:**

**Standing Sport Committees:**

*Track & Field:* Open/Masters Championships will take place on July 10, 2024 at West Babylon HS. Meets on July 17 and 24 are pending.

*LDR:* Alex Cuzzo reported that the upcoming 2024 Grand Prix races are the Lt. Murphy Half-Marathon (June 22), Massapequa Firecracker 5k (June 23), Police Appreciation 5k (June 27), Independence Day 4-Miler (July 4), Watermelon 5k (July 14), Thunder 5k Run (July 21), and NHP 8k (September 8). Erin Cassano has completed all of the Grand Prix team scoring.

*Race Walking:* No report.

*Mountain Ultra & Trail:* Ron Nardo reported that after 18 years, Long Island will no longer host the USATF 50k championships.

*Master Athletics:* Rob Lemke reported that Masters Outdoor Championships will take place at the West Babylon HS meet.

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*Youth:* Alex Cuzzo reported that the Youth Association Championship will take place at Division HS in Levittown at 8:00 am on Sunday, June 16, 2024. There will be no events for PV, steeplechase, or hammer. Set-up help is needed. Race numbers will be provided by USATF. 177 athletics have registered as of this date. Debra Milano-Granito's name is listed as Youth Director for USATF-LI. This needs to be updated.

*Para-Athletics:* Frank Anzaldi reported that 99 athletes from 8 different states participated at the recent tri-state meet. On the national level, athletes are gearing up for the 2028 Para-Olympics. Certified officials will be needed.

***Standing Administrative Committees:***

*Officials:* George Erker reported that 9 officials have signed up for the Youth meet on June 16, 2024. He will canvas for July 10 meet. National has developed a flyer for officials to expand the officials' pool.

*Sports Medicine:* Jon DeGorter reported that he submitted an article for the newsletter. He will be at the TOBAY Tri in August.

*Records:* About 10 records need to be updated.

*Outreach:* Ron Nardo reported that a RJT event took place at Searingtown Elementary School in Albertson (104 participants) on May 17, 2024. Future RJT events that are scheduled: Bayview Avenue School, Freeport (400 participants) on June 5, 2024, Nassau BOCES, Wantagh on June 14, 2024, and Chinese Cultural Day Camp on July 17, 2024.

*Public Relations:* Lori Mangual expressed a big thank you to Erin Cassano for her effort on the Spring Newsletter.

*Nominating:* No report.

*Law and Legislation:* By-laws need to be amended for nominations and online balloting. Announcement for the Annual Meeting needs to take place 30 days prior to the meeting date.

*Membership:* No report.

*Coaching Education:* No report.

*Communication/Marketing:* Erin Cassano has requested contributions for the upcoming Winter Newsletter issue.

***Other Activities:***

*Website:* Alex Cuzzo did some updating recently. The Newsletter and O/M Championship event flyer were uploaded.

*Other:* Announcement for the Annual Meeting is scheduled to be distributed on August 20, 2024; following Foundation Camp.

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*Next meeting:* Monday, August 26, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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