

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, December 9, 2024

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

Attendees: 11

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: Liz Barney - *Excused*
Para-Athletics: Steven Cuomo
Para-Athletics: Francis Anzaldi - *Absent*

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker - *Excused*
Sports Medicine: Jon DeGorter - *Excused*
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
Communications: Erin Cassano - *Excused*
Bd Member At-Large: Keith Guilfoyle

Club Representatives:

Fred Haslett

Invited Guests:

Rose Mangogna
Sue Michta

Minutes: Minutes from the Board Meeting of November 4, 2024 will be reviewed at the January meeting.

Budget & Finance: Gary Westerfield reported (via email) that the Bank Balance at Citibank as of November 30, 2024 is \$50,142; the balance as of December 9, 2024 is \$38,711.

Membership: There are 1,287 individuals registered as USATF members and there are 57 clubs and organizations to date. There were 1,430 individuals as of this date last year. The decline in membership is mostly in the youth category.

Discussion/Business Items:

President's Report:

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Old Business:

USATF National Convention, Orlando, FL, December 5, 2024 – December 8, 2024 review:

Alex Cuozzo reported that the meeting was a nice affair, weather was chilly, and Curt Claussen was elected National President by 56.8%.

Associations: Attending his first Annual Meeting, Michael Frazer, reported that the session was informative. This may be the last in-person Annual Meeting, although other options may be forthcoming. Rob Lemke attended the Association workshop on finance. There seems some confusion regarding the 501(c) status of Associations. Further documentation is necessary.

Track & Field: Women's – Pamela Lee reported that a new chair and vice chair were elected. Also attended US Women's Track Coaches Focus Group. This stand-alone organization is offering scholarships for Levels 1, 2, and 3 Education and for mentors of female U20 (ages 16-19) athletes. Information can be found at new website: USWOMENSTCA.COM.

LDR: Women's – Lori Mangual reported that a new chair was elected. Paris Olympics and upcoming races were discussed.

Race Walk: Sue Michta reported that new chairs were elected. Organizational and revamping procedures for voting were tabled. The Committee is trying to set up a revised rating system based on points leading up to the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles to gain more respect for officials.

Master Athletics: Rob Lemke reported that new chairs were elected. The eastern region has not hosted a regional masters outdoor meet and such an event could be staged in early June. A possible location is Farmingdale College.

Para-Athletics: Steven Cuomo reported that there was an announcement to combine para-athletics into National.

Officials: Rose Mangogna reported that officials are required to be certified for the quadrennial term leading up to the Los Angeles Olympics. Officials' awards were given to Sue Michta for U20 Race Walk and to Rose Mangogna for Masters.

USATF Para-Athletics. It has been announced that Para-Athletics officially will combine with the National Team. Organizing and producing athletes in this category is important.

Association Winter Newsletter: To be issued in two weeks. Send articles and photos to Erin Cassano as soon as possible.

Safe Sport. Review credentials for renewal.

New Business:

Assistance for Officials Working World/National Masters Championships: Rose Mangogna and Sue Michta have been selected to officiate at the World Masters Indoor Championships in Gainesville, FL in March 2025 and at other National events. Please submit receipts for travel and meal expenses for reimbursement consideration.

2025 RGPS Application: To be sent out next week.

2025 USATF-LI Awards Brunch: To be held on February 16, 2025. However, date is dependent on a possible meet to be held on that date.

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Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Sanction has been completed for the New Year's Eve Clinic. USATF-LI O/M Indoor Championships is scheduled for March 1, 2025 at St. Anthony's HS.

LDR: Alex Cuozzo reported that the Grand Prix Road Series ended yesterday with the Santa 5k which was well-attended with about 650 finishers. Final standings will be completed in about a week. Approximately one-half of the prize money will be allocated. The balance will go to USATF-LI. Application for the 2025 GPRS is going forward. USATF Grow to Impact Grants may continue in the future. The current grant period existed for three years. Elitefeats has been chosen to administer funds from the new sponsor to various running clubs. The next LDR meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2024.

Race Walking: A one-mile race walk is scheduled for the January 19, 2024 USATF-LI Youth Championships.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: Ron Nardo reported that Sayville RC is hosting A Backyard Ultra on December 14-15, 2024. Each participant must complete a loop of 4.167 miles once every hour on the hour for 24 hours and is eliminated if cannot complete the loop in one hour. Everyone is DNF until last participant is remaining.

Master Athletics: Looking for good participation at the January 1, 2025 indoor meet. Rob Lemke reported that the World Masters Indoor Championships will take place on March 23-25, 2025 in Gainesville, FL.

Youth: The USATF-LI Youth Championships is scheduled for January 1, 2025. Apply through Elitefeats. The first event will start at 12:00 pm. Since the 1500m RW is the high school distance, the one-mile RW will be removed as an event from the flyer and replaced by the 1500m distance.

Para-Athletics: Steve Cuomo reported that there are 128 categories for para-athletes. For administration ease, most events will list only ambulatory and wheelchair categories. Para-athletes must declare their entry as open or a para-category.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: Please check credentials and renew memberships. Officials may renew for four years and receive a small cost reduction.

Sports Medicine: A new article by Jon DeGorter is available on the website.

Records: Rob Lemke will send updates to Alex Cuozzo.

Outreach: No report.

Public Relations: Lori Mangual reported that she has submitted an article for the Newsletter.

Nominating: No report.

Law and Legislation: No report.

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Membership: No report.

Coaching Education: No report.

Communication/Marketing: Please submit articles for the Newsletter to Alex Cuzzo or Erin Cassano.

Other Activities:

Website: No report.

Next meeting: Monday, January 6, 2025 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

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