

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, August 31, 2020

Meeting was brought to order at 7:30 pm at H. Garrick Williams Park, 43 Ritter Ave, Massapequa, NY 11758.

Attendees: 11

Officers:

President: Alex Cuzzo
Vice President: Robert Lemke
Vice President: Brendan Dagan
Treasurer: Gary Westerfield
Secretary: Pamela Lee

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Richard Degan
Track & Field: Dwayne Johnson - *Absent*
MUT: *Open*
Youth Athletics: Clive Walters - *Absent*
Para-Athletics: Steven Cuomo - *Absent*

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker
Sports Medicine: John DeGorter - *Absent*
Records: Joe Meyer - *Absent*
Outreach: Ronald Nardo
Public Relations: Lori Mangual
Nominating: Bridget McCann - *Absent*
Membership: Larry Campbell - *Absent*
Coaching Education: Michael Frazer

Club Representatives:

Jen Dagan - *Elitefeats*

Invited Guests:

Debra Milano-Granito - *Absent*

Minutes: Minutes from prior Board Meetings were deferred.

Budget & Finance:

Bank Balance at Citibank as of August 31, 2020: \$37,561.

Gary Westerfield presented cash flows for the period March 15, 2020 through August 31, 2020 and for the annual period September 1 through August 31 for the years 2012 through 2020. Our current income is positive due to a \$20,000 donation and \$4,900 loan from the Payroll Protection Program. We do not expect revenue until next June when the Junior Olympics take place. Five outstanding checks in the amount of \$600 were distributed at the Awards Brunch.

GLIRC is raising the office rental fee to \$600/month. Need to research storage facility, internet, and phone costs. Notebooks should be scanned and archived by year. Google doc is an option.

Membership: 1,475 have renewed membership as of this date (compared to 1,974 at this time last year) and there are 49 Clubs (compared to 57 at this time last year).

Richard Degan suggested that, since some high schools are forming clubs, we need a flyer to state USATF requirements.

Brendan Degan reported that a "Back To Running 5k" race at Flushing Meadow Park took place. There was social distancing at the staggered start. Registration by mail only. Park restricted set-up, race, and post-race times.

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It is possible that cross-country events can take place if run over multiple days. Port-o-potties cannot be utilized. Arrangements would be needed to open and clean restrooms.

Nassau County will reassess sports events when school opens. Other counties are starting September 21, 2020. There will be no championship races. Events will be limited in number of participants and spectators.

Low impact races may be held at Eisenhower Park. NYC Parks are not accepting any applications. Need people, as well as politicians, to support racing.

President's Report: Alex Cuzzo will now serve as the Association SafeSport Coordinator whose function is to distribute information to all.

Discussion/Business Items:

Old Business:

Harry Penny Health Update: Richard Degnan visited him and noted that Harry is optimistic and getting some feeling back.

Corona Virus Impact: Alex Cuzzo remarked on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. A Covid-19 committee has formed to set protocols for setting up high level meets. The Olympics may be cancelled next year if no vaccine is available by January 2021.

SafeSport, Background Checks, and Membership: An Association SafeSport Coordinator has been appointed to make sure information surrounding the requirements of SafeSport is sent out. A 90-minute SafeSport refresher course will be required annually. Refer to <https://www.uscenterforsafesport.org>.

The fee for background checks has increased from \$16/2 years to \$22/2 years. Currently, the Association reimburses this fee to anyone who requests a reimbursement as a Goodwill gesture. Gary Westerfield made a motion to cease this reimbursement policy. The motion was tabled until the October Board Meeting.

2018 Association Workshop Reimbursement: To date, 38 emails have been sent in regards to this matter. Documentation must be resent by Thursday to obtain the \$1,000 reimbursement.

Log-in Credentials for New Association Website: USATF Connect. Use old user name and membership number. If you do not remember your password, ask for temporary one to change. System allows extra permissions, can breakdown certifications. If membership expires, renew membership. Otherwise, past history will be lost.

New Business:

Covid-19 Update: USATF has created <https://www.usatf.org/covid19> which is updated on a regular basis.

Motion to delay annual Association elections was approved by 35 and 2 against.

Event Sanctions: Sanctions are being refunded at 100% rate. Refer to <https://www.usatf.org/home/top-utility-nav-content/sanctions>. Gary Westerfield has received one request.

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USATF-Connect Membership Portal Webinar, Association Website Revisions, and E-blasts: Update by October 1, 2020.

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Richard Degnan reported that no Association meets are planned. Empire State Meet requires \$2,500 entry contribution to stage upstate meet.

LDR: Alex Cuozzo reported all events have been cancelled. Snowflake 4-miler was the only race run. Sacred Heart will run as a virtual race.

Race Walking: Gary Westerfield reported that there are no events. The national event had been scheduled for October 1, but no foreign entries were permitted.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: None.

Master Athletics: Rob Lemke reported that there are no events.

Youth Athletics: None.

Para-Athletics: None.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker reported that there are currently 31 officials. Recertification is online. Membership fee is reduced to \$35/year if renew for 4 years.

Gary Westerfield must validate the national \$20/official at the end of each year.

Sports Medicine: None.

Records: A record was submitted for an 800m virtual track event.

Outreach: No report.

Public Relations: No report.

Nominating: None.

Law and Legislation: None.

Membership: None.

Coaching Education: Michael Frazer reported that the state has extended first aid requirement by one year, but is not waived for new coaches.

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Next meeting: Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

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