

## USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, October 5, 2020

Meeting was brought to order at 7:36 pm at H. Garrick Williams Park, 43 Ritter Ave, Massapequa, NY 11758.

**Attendees:** 18

### **Officers:**

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

### **Standing Sport Committees:**

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

### **Standing Administrative Committees:**

Officials: George Erker  
Sports Medicine: John DeGorter  
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 – *Youth Vice-Chair*  
Rose – *Para Vice Chair*  
Trent Hampton

**Minutes:** Minutes from Board Meeting of August 31, 2020 was approved.

### **Budget & Finance:**

Bank Balance at Citibank as of September 30, 2020: \$36,388.91; Quickbooks balance: \$35,947.48.

Gary Westerfield reported that there is an outstanding amount of \$600 from awards distributed at the Awards Brunch. At this time, no deposits, which will now be handled via checks, have been received for memberships or sanctions. Payment for memberships and sanctions will now be through credit card only. We are still waiting for form from the bank for waiver of loan.

**Membership:** 1,585 have renewed membership as of this date (compared to 1,993 at this time last year) and there are 51 Clubs (compared to 61 at this time last year). This represents a 25% decrease overall; the National rate is a 30% decrease.

**President's Report:** Alex Cuozzo reported that the National Convention will now be virtual. Information is being provided by newsletters. Vin Lananna is up for reelection for second term. Necrology report is due by November 21, 2020. Working on rule changes.

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***Discussion/Business Items:***

***Old Business:***

*Harry Penny Health Update:* Alex Cuozzo and Richard Degnan spoke to him and noted that Harry is doing better but not where he wants to be.

*Corona Virus Impact:* USATF has created <https://www.uscenter.org/covid19> which is updated regularly.

*SafeSport, Background Checks, and Membership:* There will be an initial class with annual in-service training. Training will separate by class (officials, athletes, coaches, volunteers). The certification process has transformed from a volunteer task to a part-time job. Refer to <https://www.uscenterfor safesport.org>

*2018 Association Workshop Reimbursement:* We have received a check for the \$1,000 reimbursement. Five individuals are each entitled to a \$200 reimbursement. Submit an email to Gary Westerfield if wish reimbursement for the workshop.

*Log-in Credentials for New Association Website:* Website is easier and more detailed. One login is required for individual, club, and USATF affiliation if applicable. A three-year history is retained for members/non-members.

***New Business:***

*New Sanction Fee Schedule:* Sanctions are being reviewed to adhere to National regulations. Fee cannot be more than two-thirds of the National rate.

*Event Sanctions:* Sanctions are being refunded at 100% rate. Refer to <https://www.usatf.org/home/top-utility-nav-content/sanctions>. Local fees have already been paid to the Association.

*Harry Penny vs Suffolk County Lawsuit, LITF Subpoena:* Alex Cuozzo responded to lawyers in East Williston regarding the subpoena received last week. Specific information regarding rules were directed to USATF rule book, high school rules, and manuals.

***Committee Reports:***

***Standing Sport Committees:***

*Track & Field:* Richard Degnan reported that no Association meets are planned and there are no sites available. There is an elite meet on February 28, 2021 which requires partial sponsorship. Winter track is scheduled for 47 days; spring season runs from April 22, 2021 to June 15, 2021. St. Anthony's is hosting an event for 14 teams, 32 athletes per team with no spectators allowed. National has booked Ocean Breeze. There is a possible outside winter track meet. There will probably be no indoor meets.

*LDR:* No races.

*Race Walking:* No report

*Mountain Ultra & Trail:* None.

*Master Athletics:* Rob Lemke reported that there are no events, but there is some interest in training.

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*Youth Athletics:* Clive Walters reported that no decision has been made regarding the indoor youth championship. There have been requests regarding cross-country and indoor meets.

*Para-Athletics:* Steve Cuomo reported that there will be a Suffolk County Police Athletic League (PAL) Cross-Country/Track Field Day in Central Islip on Monday, October 12, 2020 for youths ages 10-18. Meet is scheduled for 10 am – Noon with registration at 9 am. Events include 100-yard dash, 300m, 600m, 1500m, 5k, shot put. Temperature checks will be enforced prior to entrance.

PAL is advocating for more events. However, LITF cannot support without a sanction. Since a race is classified as a social gathering, not as an athletic competition, must follow the guidance of NYS Sports Association. An event is limited to 50 participants.

***Standing Administrative Committees:***

*Officials:* George Erker reported that certification is for a four-year cycle. Deadline is December 15, 2020.

*Sports Medicine:* Jon DeGorter reported that an article has been submitted to Cici Hirsch.

*Records:* None.

*Outreach:* No report.

*Public Relations:* No report.

*Nominating:* None.

*Law and Legislation:* None.

*Membership:* Membership fee increase becomes effective on May 1, 2021.

*Coaching Education:* No report.

***Next meeting:*** Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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