

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, November 2, 2020

Meeting was brought to order at 7:32 pm via zoom.

Attendees: 14

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 - *Absent*
MUT: *Open*
Youth Athletics: Clive Walters
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:

Invited Guests:

Debra Milano-Granito – *Youth Vice-Chair*
Bob Hersh
Trent Hampton

Minutes: Minutes from Board Meeting of October 5, 2020 were approved as amended.

Budget & Finance:

Bank Balance at Citibank as of October 30, 2020: \$31,403.08; Quickbooks balance: \$28,606.25.

Gary Westerfield reported that there are outstanding checks from four individuals for awards distributed at the Awards Brunch. He will check with Citibank to determine the timeframe upon which checks are no longer valid. At this time, no income has been received. \$41.50 is owed after sanction refunds.

Alex Cuozzo reported that refunds are still owed for sanction fees for 15 races. Fees in the amount of \$1,960 for 16 races have already been refunded.

Membership: 1,569 have renewed membership as of this date (compared to 2,004 at this time last year) and there are 52 Clubs (compared to 61 at this time last year). This represents a 25% decrease overall. The 1,569 figure represents 796 youth and 773 adult memberships. 432 are multi-year memberships.

President's Report: Alex Cuozzo reported that expiration dates should be reviewed for background checks. Refresher courses for Safe Sport will be in effect for next year.

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Discussion/Business Items:

Old Business:

Harry Penny Health Update: Alex Cuzzo reported that Harry Penny's pending lawsuit is moving forward.

Covid Task Force: USATF has created <https://www.uscenter.org/covid19> which is updated regularly.

North Babylon cross-country coach questioned why cross-country meets are not being held. We are bound by local government restrictions. The Catholic High Schools did complete their season which went well. Participants were capped at 50. There was a period of 45 minutes between races. Masks were required at the finish line. Elitefeats Company is timing 10 races. NYS Parks and Nassau and Suffolk Counties are not approving any races.

SafeSport, Background Checks, and Membership: Refer to <https://www.uscenterfor safesport.org>.

Event Sanctions: Sanctions are being refunded at 100% rate. Refer to <https://www.usat.org/home/top-utility-nav-content/sanctions>. Local fees in the amount of \$1,960 have already been paid to the Association.

Log-in Credentials for New Association Website: Required for Alex Cuzzo, Brendan Dagan, and Joe Meyer.

New Business:

USATF National Virtual Convention on Zoom: Registration Fee is \$110/person for the four-day event. There will be a reduced presence at this meeting. Bob and Louise Hersh have signed up to attend covering law and legislation and rules committees. Gary Westerfield may attend to cover race walk and officials committees. To date, Vin Lananna is the only candidate nominated for President.

2019 USATF-LI Accreditation: Fully accredited for 2019.

Reducing Monthly Expenses: The largest expenses are salary and payroll taxes for Cici Hirsch. Her salary was covered by PPE which is now completed. It was suggested that she be furloughed every other month.

Grand Prix entries of \$4,600 for 2020 have been deferred to 2021.

Rent to GLIRC for office space is \$600/month; \$141 for phone and internet services. It was decided to move out of the GLIRC office as of November 30, 2020. Alex Cuzzo will notify GLIRC. There was a motion to cancel the phone and internet services and set up an account with google voice. Motion was carried. Alex Cuzzo will set up a google account tomorrow.

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Richard Degan reported that no meets planned at Suffolk Community College and 38 meets scheduled at St. Anthony's High School. There is a LI Elite meet scheduled for the last Saturday in February 2021. He suggested that Nassau and Suffolk cross-country meets could be held, if normal status returns, and track meets could be held for lesser number of participants.

LDR: No events scheduled. A meeting may be held in December if scheduling happens.

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Race Walking: Gary Westerfield reported that the race walk chair has registered for the annual meeting.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: None.

Master Athletics: Rob Lemke reported that the 2021 Indoor Meet scheduled to be held at The Armory has been rescheduled to 2022.

Youth Athletics: Clive Walters reported that the Rule 300 waiver to crossover to NYC.

Para-Athletics: The Suffolk County Police Athletic League (PAL) Cross-Country/Track Field Day in Central Islip took place on Monday, October 12, 2020.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker reported that there is a checklist for re-certification. Please refer to attachments sent by George Erker. No fee is required if certified last year.

Deadline to commit to officiate at national scholastics meet on March 11, 2021 to March 14, 2021 is December 31, 2020.

Sports Medicine: None.

Records: None.

Outreach: Nothing to report.

Public Relations: No report.

Nominating: None.

Law and Legislation: None.

Membership: None.

Coaching Education: No report.

Terry Bisogno is in a rehab in Huntington. Alex Cuzzo, Ron Nardo, and Lori Mangual visited him in the hospital. USATF-LI will send him a get-well card.

Next meeting: Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

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