

## USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, December 7, 2020

Meeting was brought to order at 7:25pm via zoom.

**Attendees:** 15

### **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  
Records: Joe Meyer - *Absent*  
Outreach: Ronald Nardo  
Public Relations: Lori Mangual  
Nominating: Bridget McCann - *Absent*  
Membership: Larry Campbell - *Absent*  
Coaching Education: Michael Frazer - *Absent*  
Communications: Cici Hirsch

### **Club Representatives:**

### **Invited Guests:**

Bob Hersh  
Trent Hampton  
Glen Wolter

**Minutes:** Minutes from Board Meeting of November 2, 2020 were approved.

### **Budget & Finance:**

Bank Balance at Citibank as of November 30, 2020: \$29,185.82.

**Membership:** 1,649 have renewed membership as of this date (compared to 2,080 at this time last year) and there are 52 Clubs (compared to 80 at this time last year). This represents a 25% decrease in individual and a 10% decrease in club memberships. The 1,649 figure represents 845 youth and 800 adult memberships and 4 officials.

**President's Report:** Alex Cuozzo reported that USATF is the only high-end entity without a Safe Sport law suit.

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

### **Old Business:**

**Harry Penny Health Update:** Rich Degnan reported that Harry Penny was in good spirits when he saw him last week.

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*Terry Bisogno Health Update:* Alex Cuozzo reported that Terry Bisogno is recovering at home after his stay in the hospital and rehabilitation facility. A card was sent to him by LITF and a thank you card was received.

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

No events can be hosted. No one is allowed on college campuses. Next activity may not occur until possibly June.

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

In the future, there will be core training and three in-service courses for Safe Sport annually on an Olympic schedule. Individuals should check their status on USATF Connect.

*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 \$1,500 have already been paid to the Association in the first quarter of 2020 and will have to be repaid. Any deposits coming from USATF will be net of these sanction amounts.

*Reducing Monthly Expenses:* Successfully moved out of the space rented in the GLIRC office. Internet and phone have been moved as well. This represents a saving of \$700/month. There is no income from LDR administration fees and no races are expected until a vaccine for Covid-19 is in force.

***New Business:***

*USATF National Virtual Convention on Zoom:* Bob Hersh reported that there were many technical difficulties in attending meetings. Six items were voted upon of which three were passed regarding additional board members, and athletes high performance representation. The process was chaotic and voting sometimes occurred prior to discussion of the topics. Voting required two-thirds vote which was not received for by-law changes, president elected by delegates as chairperson of the board, and term limits for law & legislation.

There were numerous virtual meetings for subcommittees, but the National Board did not appear to want to accept any decisions made by those committees.

***2020 USATF-LI Accreditation:***

*PPP Loan Forgiveness:* Alex Cuozzo signed Chase form to forgive loan in the amount of \$4,900. Gary Westerfield had also sent documentation to Chase regarding the loan.

***Committee Reports:***

***Standing Sport Committees:***

*Track & Field:* Rich Degnan reported that Catholic High Schools held outdoor, but no indoor, track meets. Rich Degnan's opinion is that public school meets will probably be rescheduled for the spring as schools will not allow other schools on their property. George Erker reported that there were two meets at St. Anthony's High School and two others in Plainview and Westbury.

*LDR:* 2020 administration fees have been deferred until 2021. Glen Wolther's opinion is that all events will be on hold for now. Trent Hampton has participated in a few events.

*Race Walking:* Gary Westerfield reported that he attended several meetings (race walking, course measuring, youth, para-athletics) at the annual meeting.

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*Mountain Ultra & Trail:* Alex Cuozzo reported that at the annual meeting, the National 50k was still scheduled for March 2021 at Caumsett State Park with Eisenhower Park as an alternate site.

*Master Athletics:* Rob Lemke reported that he voted for the executive board at the annual meeting. 2021 indoor meet scheduled to be held at The Armory has been rescheduled to 2022. No information is available for national and international meets.

*Youth Athletics:* Clive Walters reported that a record discrepancy for 2021 will be sent to Cici Hirsch. Alex Cuozzo reported that youth coaches need to obtain credentials. To date, only Clive Walters and Alex Cuozzo have valid USATF Level 3 coaching licenses.

*Para-Athletics:* None.

***Standing Administrative Committees:***

*Officials:* George Erker reported that there is a nine-point checklist for the re-certification process. Refer to the National Officials Dashboard at [www.noc.mach2k.net](http://www.noc.mach2k.net) for electronic version of tests. Tests are based on 2020 Rule Book which is available online. After test is submitted, results are forwarded to the Officials Chair. Further information regarding application fees will then be available. In addition, both USATF membership and background screening are required. There is a discount in four-year USATF membership fees for officials. Please note that membership and background check fees have increased and include applicable processing fees. Also, Alex Cuozzo reported that documentation of citizenship is required and the Association President will have to approve all background checks.

*Sports Medicine:* Dr. Jon DeGorter reported that he has submitted articles about injury prevention to Cici Hirsch for newsletter and website and is working with healthcare officials regarding races. USATF is looking to certify healthcare officials for national meets.

*Records:* Updated through last indoor meet. Alex Cuozzo will update all records on USATF Connect.

*Outreach:* Nothing to report.

*Public Relations:* Nothing to report except, as previously reported, that a card and gift card were sent to Terry Bisogno and a thank you was received.

*Nominating:* None.

*Law and Legislation:* Bob Hersh reported that the vote on term limits at the annual meeting was consistent with term limits of other committees.

*Membership:* None.

*Coaching Education:* Alex Cuozzo reported that any additional information should be uploaded on USATF Connect.

***Other Activities:***

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*Website:* Cici Hirsch reported that all major pages and records appear on the Association website. Past pdf files need to be transferred over. Cici Hirsch needs access to Flipsnack.com. Alex Cuzzo reported that the Tech Team can access all information as administrator, coach, and official. Also, date of birth documentation is located on the national website.

Cici Hirsch also reported that phone calls should be forwarded to her home office during normal office hours. Gary Westerfield should wait for next invoice to see if there are any adjustments before paying phone bill.

*Newsletter:* Cici Hirsch reported that the Newsletter is on the Association website and Facebook. She has set up a ticket with National in order to be able to email the Newsletter to members.

***Next meeting:*** Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm.

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